

**Transportation Advisory Board
Summary Notes
Monday, January 12, 2009**

Members Present: Chairperson Tim B. Collins; Thomas Frank; Eric Gakstatter; David Newell

Members Absent: Susan Hopkins, Joyce Jackson

Staff: Gene Green, Public Works Director

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Collins called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

2. Street Maintenance

Gene Green reviewed with the board some of the street maintenance issues from the recent snow and ice storm and flood event. Some streets had become packed with snow and were difficult to clear. Tree limbs had fallen because of the ice. City Hall was closed part of the time because of the snow and ice and part of the time due to a structural problem in the building as well. Some staff had been called in to just answer phones and get the information to the Operations crews who were out maintaining the streets. The EOC was not instituted; the snow routes were constantly being maintained. Gene was answering calls along with Kirsten during part of the City Hall closure. Kirsten kept the website updated with information regarding street conditions and how to report incidents and get information. A snow route map was posted on the web showing street closures and the main routes that are plowed first. Streets were plowed and sanded. There are four plows and there was some trouble with the tire chains and more had to be purchased. Crews from the Operations Divisions (Streets, Sewer, Storm and Water), were on 12 hour shifts and they worked over 700 overtime hours during the storm. FEMA asked for information about storm damage and the structural problem with the building was included in that estimate. Power was out in some places. There were some drivers out on the road that shouldn't have been. There were calls regarding elderly people who couldn't get out and get food and city staff found neighbors to help them out.

During the rain and flood event, I-205 was blocked from the water running off from I-205 onto the ramps, washing out parts of those areas and running onto the bridge as well. The city was watching continuously those houses and locations that had flooded in the 1996 flood event. Sand and sandbags was available to residents in four different locations. A map of locations and information was posted on the web.

Board members recommended putting up detour signage at streets that were closed, with more signs and arrows along the way directing traffic along through the alternate snow route. They agreed that the update emails sent by Kirsten were helpful. It would have been helpful to put up a telephone list and information about which grocery stores were open, to

check before going out just to find that Safeway was out of produce and dairy foods. There were also recommendations for having a list of ready volunteers who have the vehicle and ability to get around in an emergency to help out. They recommended putting out information to drivers to stay home if not equipped to drive in snow and ice.

3. TSP Summary

Copies of the Transportation System Plan were handed out to members. The city council has suggested forming a task force to look at the Parker/Sunset arterial and connectivity. A TAB volunteer is needed to be part of that task force.

4. Discuss change in future meeting dates

The board agreed to move meetings to the second Monday of each month, tentatively, to be confirmed with Susan and Joyce, who are absent at this meeting.

5. General Discussion

The group discussed the upcoming appointments to the advisory boards, terms of service, and the process for applying to the boards.

Gene listed some of the transportation items coming up, such as the Transportation System Plan that this board is working with, road projects, ten roads that are ready to go out to bid, and the ODOT \$350,000 grant for Blankenship Rd.

Recommendations for next month agenda:

Vote on chairperson

Volunteer for Parker/Sunset task force

5. Adjournment

Chairperson Collins adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm