

**Transportation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 28, 2009**

- Members Present:** Chairperson David Newell; Vice-Chairperson, Tim B. Collins; Riad Alharithi; Eric Gakstatter; Joyce Jackson; David Rittenhouse; Eric Underwood
- Members Absent:** None
- Guests:** Cheryl Ronningen; Mia Clark; Marianne Miller; Midge Pierce; Kevin Bryck
- Staff:** Chris Kerr, Senior Planner; Boris Piatski, Civil Engineer; Shaun Rohret, Associate Engineer; Dennis Wright, Engineering Manager

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Newell called the meeting to order at 6pm.

2. Approve September minutes

Riad Alharithi made a motion to accept the September minutes, Joyce Jackson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

3. Hwy. 43 Transit Shelters Update from Chris Kerr, Planning Dept.

Chris distributed photos and renderings of the proposed transit shelters. Since the presentation by Zach Pelz at the last TAB meeting, the Planning staff have presented information at Robinwood and Bolton neighborhood associations and have presented additional information to the City Council. Responses from the city and neighborhood associations have been positive. The next steps are for a formal design review, ODOT and Tri-Met permits, and to purchase the shelters. Easements or license agreements are being worked out. Amenities included in the budget for the shelters, anticipated maintenance, and deterrence of graffiti was discussed. The goal is to have at least two of the three shelters installed by the end of the year.

4. Staff Update on City Snow Operations Plan

Dennis Wright distributed a power point presentation outlining last year's snow storm response and preparations for this winter's storm response. The City has purchased a de-icer truck which can be used when the proper temperature range and conditions are present for the deicer to be effective. Communication enhancements from last year's emergency response have been incorporated into this year's operations plan. Currently the city uses Flashnews.net, dispatch services from LOCOM, Public Works and City Hall, emergency email network for 2000+ subscribers, and city website updates to get storm information out to residents. There are plans for enhanced telephone, web, and email services.

Discussion and/or suggestions:

- Year round snow route signage so that residents can become familiar with routes before a snow storm hits.
- Special attention to Sunset/Cornwall area signage.
- Snow route map and information published in the West Linn Tidings.

- Broadcast information on public access TV.
- Publish the story about all the work that city workers perform in maintaining streets and services and keeping the city moving during storms.
- Link on front of city website to information and maps.
- Send information out with utility bills.
- City policy for parking on streets and snow routes during snow plowing.
- Salamo Road blockage/closure caused when vehicles are stopped to put snow chains on.
- Print informational flyers for school kids to take home.

5. Rain Gardens and Green Streets by Boris Piatski and Shaun Rohret

The city's Environmental Services division takes care of maintenance, inspections, and technical assistance related to the stormwater system and preservation of stormwater quality in the city. Rain gardens are one of the tools used for stormwater management for treating the water and for retention. The city is in the second year having public rain gardens. Rain gardens are a way of complying with DEQ requirements for impervious surfaces. Runoff from impervious areas is reduced and water is treated by the plants and is filtrated as it runs through the rain garden bio swale. Although the developer may build the rain garden in the right-of-way, the city maintains all rain gardens in the public right-of-way.

Green Streets, made of pervious pavement, are currently not allowed in the right-of-way in West Linn since they require special maintenance and special street vacuums that the city does not have. They may be allowed for private driveways and parking lots.

6. Continuing Project Updates

- Street tree information – David plans to have information for the next meeting.
- Traffic study, 12th Street/Willamette Falls Dr signal – Dennis Wright reported that the consultant has submitted his report showing that a signal could be warranted, but would involve changing 8th Ave to a one-way from 10th to 12th and a number of other things would need to come together before a signal could be approved.
- Eric Gakstatter spoke regarding traffic issues at Erickson Primary School related to access onto Rosemont Road and Hidden Springs Road. Pedestrian pathways, traffic lights and congestion in that area, and grants and funding for bicycle lanes and sidewalks were discussed.
- Eric Underwood volunteered to represent the TAB on the Parks Department's Trails Master Plan committee.
- Dennis spoke on the Falls View Ave. parking issues. Narrow streets and a couple apartment complexes make parking difficult. The Sunset Neighborhood Association will likely support designating Hemlock Street as a one-way street and organizing parking on sections of the street. It would then be brought before the City Council.

7. Next month meeting

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the November board meeting had been rescheduled to November 18. Since the board will attend the Sustainability Summit on the 17th, the board agreed to cancel the November board meeting, and tentatively planned to meet for a few minutes directly after the Sustainability Summit.

8. Adjournment

Chairperson Newel adjourned the meeting at 7:15pm