



**Transportation Advisory Board
Summary Notes
Wednesday, February 24, 2010**

Members Present: Riad Alharithi, Joyce Jackson, David Rittenhouse, Eric Underwood, Eric Gakstatter, Carol Yates

Members Absent: None

Guest: None

Staff: Dennis Wright, Engineering Manager

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Rittenhouse called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

2. Approve January minutes

A motion was made by Underwood to adopt the January notes, Rittenhouse seconded, motion passed unanimously.

3. Appointment of Chairperson and Co-Chairperson

Rittenhouse nominated himself for Chair. Rittenhouse was elected unanimously. Underwood nominated Gakstatter for Co-Chair. Gakstatter was elected unanimously.

4. Trimet Proposal

Rittenhouse talked with Mayor Galle about the proposal and she had general questions and suggestions. If route 154 is lost, the Mayor would like to pursue solutions and ideas. The board discussed the specifics of route 154 and if route 154 is cut, what neighborhood is affected to the greatest degree. It was brought up that business owners in the Willamette area pay additional transportation taxes for Tri-Met. Will they have to pay if 154 is cut? What are the alternatives to help subsidize Tri-Met? Linda Neece with the Chamber will be called. The hours and numbers of riders for that bus were reviewed. It was asked what level ridership number is the threshold at which Tri-Met decides to terminate a route? Tri-Met is holding public

meetings throughout their service areas and taking public comments on the proposed service cuts. Chair Rittenhouse suggested that someone from the board attend the next Tri-Met meeting in Gresham. Other solutions and ideas for alternative routes and ways to provide transit service were discussed which included a route to the top of the hill near City Hall. A possible loop system was suggested to help costs for Tri-Met. A board member mentioned that the Council has sent a resolution to Tri-Met objecting to the removal of route 154. A suggestion was made to draft a letter, with signed petitions, as well as giving the voters an option to possibly pass an additional fee for Tri-Met to additionally subsidize Tri-Met's route 154 in West Linn.

The board will seek to gather information from business owners about use of the route and the business impact of the loss of route 154. Information regarding van pools will be collected for cost and availability to the area. A suggestion was made to hold a special NA meeting and invite Tri-Met and parties affected by the proposed changes. Invite Charles Awalt to come and talk about neighborhood activities scheduled in the historic area. It was voted that as the TAB we support the council's resolution. Need to acquire a contact from Tri-Met and ask for them to attend the Willamette Neighborhood Association. Dennis suggested that Planning would have that information. A request was made to set up a meeting with SMART and Charles Awalt about suggestions and ideas to develop a specific proposal.

5. Street Trees

Jackson asked if we have a standard for the location of where street trees are placed. The conflicts that sidewalk trees cause were discussed. Discussed alternatives vs. Cost. A suggestion was made that homeowners are given some sort of guidance when planting these trees. An ordinance was passed approximately 15 years ago stating that an inventory is to be completed by the Parks Dept. with a list of appropriate trees for planting. The board requested that Ken Worcester and Mike Perkins attend the next meeting to inform the members on the status of the tree inventory. Process and permitting was discussed for sidewalk repairs.

6. School Update?

No update as of yet.

7. Bike Trails

Rittenhouse questioned if the bike trail using Dollar St. which connects to the bridge is still in the Master Plan?

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm