

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
SUMMARY NOTES  
April 27, 2011**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson David Rittenhouse, Riad Alharithi, Jay McCoy, Carol Yates, Joyce Jackson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Eric Gakstatter, Eric Underwood, Joyce Jackson

**GUESTS:** Mayor John Kovash

**STAFF MEMBERS:** Dennis Wright (City Engineer), Zach Pelz (Special Projects Planner)

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairperson Rittenhouse opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF SUMMARY NOTES FROM MARCH 23, 2011**

A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the summary notes of March 23, 2011.

**UPDATES FROM ZACH PELZ, SPECIAL PROJECTS PLANNER**

1. **Bus Shelters.** City Council approved the installation of two additional bus shelters, one at the VA Clinic (Pelz will meet with the VA Clinic) and one at the Willamette Methodist Church (14<sup>th</sup> St and Willamette Falls Dr). Installation should be happening late July. Alharithi asked about the possibility of installing a larger bus shelter Cedaroak Dr (7-11) at Willamette Drive. Tri-Met recommended not installing a larger shelter due to current ridership.
2. **Transportation System Plan (TSP).** The City is in the early stages of updating the TSP as mandated through Metro's recent adoption of their Regional Transportation Plan. A few new elements that will be considered will be Parking Management – 2040 target areas such as Hwy 43 Corridor, Bolton shopping center, and the Willamette Historic Main Street, which Metro is coming up with goals and strategies to incentivize development and focus future investment which they anticipate will increase activity and the need for parking. Because of this, we will have to come up with realistic and workable parking solutions for the three areas.

Yates asked about the study being done for parking in the Willamette area. ODOT commissioned an evaluation of the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> St and Willamette Falls Dr area to see whether or not a roundabout is feasible. An agreement was made between the COWL and ODOT to fund a parking study to be completed within two years. Wright discussed.

Discussion of the TSP commenced. Pelz mentioned maximizing the efficiency of the systems we do have - looking at signal prioritization, intersection improvement, access management, promoting bicycle and pedestrian and transit modes of travel. Another thing to incorporate in the TSP is to come up with a set of performance measures to assess the strategies we adopt and measure over time how they are working and what needs to be improved. A grant was submitted to ODOT in early March for funding the TSP update, and hopefully, will hear back from them in early summer. However, the City needs to move forward and complete the TSP update within two years. Our deadline is December 2013.

Chairman Rittenhouse asked about charging station for electric cars – Pelz replied that two public charging stations will be installed at City Hall, west of the building. There is a charge (\$1.00 to \$1.50) to park and charge cars. We are looking to identify other locations to install charging stations that may be suitable. The grant funds \$2500 per charging unit for the installation. The Dept of Energy is also installing 480-volt DC Fast Chargers that will recharge a vehicle up to 80% in 15 to 20 minutes along the I-5 corridor between Seattle and Ashland which will act similar to gas stations. A member brought up the negative side of the charging stations is it removes a parking spot for other vehicles since it is dedicated only to electric cars.

3. **Safe Routes to School Plan.** This will be included in our TSP update. We will look at safety deficiencies, identify where those gaps are within two miles of public schools and see what programs and strategies we can implement in our plan to improve safety and encourage walking and biking to and from school. Surveying the children has been undertaken at other schools in the area showing how they get to school and a suggestion was made to survey the children in West Linn-Wilsonville School District.
4. **Integration of a Trail Master Plan.** The City is nearing completion of a Comprehensive Citywide Trails Master Plan, and as part of the work, we have identified all those existing streets. The consultants use a process where people, through community meetings and on line mapping tools can identify routes in town that they believe need to be improved and a majority of those recommendation were on- street facilities. They ran both on street and off street routes through the analysis criteria identified through the trails plan process and a number of the on-street facilities rose to the top. We are recommending migrating those recommendations into the alternatives evaluation of the TSP.

Our first Planning Commission meeting for the Trails Master Plan is tentatively scheduled for June 15, 2011. How the Plan adoption works is that we are required to have one PC Meeting and one CC Meeting. It may take more meetings before being adopted. Pelz answered questions by the members.

Regional flex funds - The City of West Linn nominated two projects: I-205 trail that runs from 10<sup>th</sup> St intersection to Imperial Drive and another is bike lane and sidewalk improvements in the Willamette Falls Drive corridor between 10<sup>th</sup> Street and the West Linn/Oregon City Arch Bridge.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Kovash updated the members on the status discussion of the Willamette Drive transfer of ownership discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Yates is concerned with citizens parking their vehicles on the emergency circle sidewalks on-site in Fields Bridge Park. Complaints have been made.

Alharithi suggested placing rapid flash lights in place of the diamond flashers on the crosswalk on Salamo Road and Bland Circle. Wright would prefer placing flashing lights in needed areas before changing the existing diamond flashers on Salamo.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Rittenhouse adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.