

## **BOLTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING November 21, 2017**

**7:00 pm, meeting called to order by President Steve Miesen.**

Present: 20+ attendees (7 is a quorum)

### ODOT Presentation by Kimberly, Doug and April.

The presenters from ODOT identified several concerns of ODOT and the community. Concerns of ODOT is that in case of a major earthquake I205 is a designated emergency route, but the bridges between Abernethy and over the Tualatin River are not seismic fitted. The plan is to retrofit to withstand a Seismic 9 level earthquake. Community concerns, also ODOT, is the number of accidents and traffic volume between Abernethy and Tualatin River. The presenters stated there are over 600 crashes in this part of I205, and the time wasted amounts to millions of dollars.

The solution to these problems is to widen the freeway, the Abernethy Bridge, reconfigure the on ramps from SR 43, replace West A, Sunset and Tualatin River Bridges, and remove the Broadway Bridge. The funds are not available at this time, but the presenters will go before a legislative joint committee on transportation in 2018 for the purpose of securing those funds. The projected cost is \$450-million and half of that goes to the Abernethy Bridge.

Perhaps the most significant change affecting congestion and safety are the interchange ramps from 43 and I205. Two on ramps. One goes North and the other South. The congestion happens there which is increasing accident rates. That area will be squared off with an intersection light or a roundabout at the 43 level of the ramps. However, it does not solve the sight problem from merging onto I205 off the ramp. The presenter stated that the plan is to reshape the grade of the roadway, pushing it out horizontally that will allow the whole length of the Abernethy Bridge to be the on ramp.

Another neighborhood concern is the outlying roads. The fear is that the roads, Willamette Falls Drive and SR 43 will become more congested. The theory given by the presenters is that once the freeway is widened the congestion will ease tremendously because the flow will become more stable. Other concerns of the community were how the plan fits into the West Linn and Oregon City plans for their own road improvements such as the city of West Linn's planned reconfiguration for SR43.

Traffic coming off the N bound lane to go up 43 is a peak hour problem. Signalization will help that out but congestion will still be the issue. The presenters remarked that they are still in the process of analyzing the configuration, but the main idea is that commuters want to be on the freeway. Adding the additional lane will help them get onto the freeway. The presenters are still studying the answer, but acknowledge that the peak hour ripple effect is not planned out at this time. The presenters are well aware of the limitations of this project and that anything they do here does not preclude a future improvement on the feeder roads.

Other neighborhood concerns were toll booths and how Camassia Preserve will be affected. According to the presenters, the toll booths is a region wide idea batted around by the legislature. The representatives envision electronic toll trolls on roads leading toward the freeways but not on the freeways. Camassia Preserve will not be affected by the widening of the road because that will take place on the side opposite. Widening will require blasting. During construction what about the access under the bridge? We have talked with WL Parks about using those roads, but not there yet to talk about staging. Ultimately depends on the funding. Starts on Abernathy bridge because it will take the longest. "We try to write contracts that are sequential in construction."

Other questions that came up were about who asked ODOT to do this and why is there a funky paint job on the on the large curvy on ramp from 43, and what is with the dangerous bumps since the repaving. The presenters stated that it was Clackamas county citizens who asked ODOT to do something about the accidents and bottleneck here. About the paving that occurred over the summer there are bumps at bridge approaches around tenth street that pose a hazard to all vehicles. There are contract violations that exist, and ODOT needs dry weather to fix it, but a few of the bumps are so bad it will snap a snow truck in half. The contractor is being held accountable and ODOT trying to move the contractor out.

The presenters encouraged the neighborhood to go on line to the project web site and when making comments or offering ideas to add their name and where they heard the ODOT presentation. The presenters want to come back to the BNA as more data is gathered. If you want us to talk to other people let us know. Get on mailing list for updates. Our comments will be available for lawmakers to see.

Presentation closed at 8:20 pm.

Peggy Kirkendall: As a representative of the city's Task Force for Underutilized Properties. Updated the neighborhood that the old police station will be saved. A proposal from the Clackamas County Tourism Council. First time the City Council heard the proposal, and will determine if the proposal is acceptable. According to Peggy, The Tourism Council wants to bring in a million dollars in lieu of rent, responsible for maintenance, and in exchange they want to house the tourism board and three non-profits. Relocation of building is not planned for the Waterfront at this time. For more information BNA President will contact Mayor Axelrod for suggestion to whether or not BNA should contact the Director to meet with us.  
[DCowan@co.clackamas.or.us](mailto:DCowan@co.clackamas.or.us).

A neighbor informed the meeting that a West Linn Diversion Panel meets at Police Station, second Tuesday of the month about 5 or 6 pm. Open invitation to attend. He talks to youth who committed crimes and who are directed to go to court. Conversation with them how they can make things right for the community. This helps kids to become adults at that moment. Their first opportunity to talk to people not in a government capacity. President Steve offered the SOLV clean up as a way for such youth to volunteer in the community.

A reminder was put out there that the Pocket Park is progressing and is a fun way to communicate with neighbors.

Update on the Mix Transitional Zone concerning CDC Chapter 26. We gave the city a list of BNA neighbors who are available to serve on a citizens advisory committee on the Mixed Use Transitional Zone. Those neighbors received an email from the city acknowledging their interest in volunteering.

Tours of the Mill are still happening. Call Jody Carson. Take the time to do it now.

GO Bond. A professional survey group probably will be combing the city for suggestions.

Read September & October Minutes: MOTION to approve minutes passed unanimously.  
Motion to approve October minutes without being read passed unanimously.

Maddax Woods signs are up or are close to being up.

Peggy has ten videos on the Willamette Falls by the Oregon Field Guide.

**President Steve adjourned the meeting 9 p.m.**

*Minutes written by Alan Smith, Vice President*