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# **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING Summary Notes**

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

6:00 pm – West Linn City Hall – Bolton Conference Room

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Members Present: Craig Bell, David Kleinke, Kimberly Steele, Andrew Rodgers, Kim Bria

Staff Present: Lance Calvert

Guests in Attendance: Bob Knorr

## **1. Call to Order and Introductions**

- Called to order by Craig Bell at 6:06pm

## **2. Review and approval of April 2016 Summary Notes**

- Motion to approve made by Craig Bell and seconded by Kimberly Steele. Motion approved unanimously.

## **3. RTO Grant Opportunity Discussion**

- Handout provided about Metro RTO grant program. City has never received an RTO grant from Metro. Program provides relatively small grant awards, usually less than \$100,000 that are support opportunities to encourage alternative modes of travel. The handout identifies opportunities within the City and that coordinate with the TSP as well. Skyline is the most pedestrian aligned project currently underway within the City. The board discussed opportunities to partner with the school to encourage biking to school (e.g. fund bike lockers). Tim Woodley would be a good contact at the school district to discuss any partnerships with the high school. There was discussion to focus on enhancing safe routes and providing promotion with wayfinding signage (including expanding safe routes to middle and high school). The board also discussed other transit opportunities outside of Tri-Met and whether it would be possible to connect commercial areas within West Linn with smaller transit vehicles.

## **4. Highway 43 Concept Plan Update and Letter of Support**

- The City Council will review the plan at their work session on 8/29/16 and at the public hearing on 9/12/16. TAB members are encouraged to attend. Previous Planning Commission meeting notes and audio regarding the plan are available online. Cross sections were updated to include a wider center lanes and offsets from the sidewalks as requested by ODOT. ODOT has tentatively approved the plan but has requested a few modifications (e.g. statements on all figure sheets stating that ODOT has ultimate authority and must approve all construction). Robinwood and Bolton NA's have been engaged and provided with multiple presentations at monthly NA meetings. The City has also been talking consistently with the Church at Cedaroak regarding how the OR 43 plan could impact their building expansion plans and parking facilities. The group reviewed the draft letter to the Council from the TAB recommending approval of the 2016 OR 43 Plan update. David made a motion to approve and Kim Bria seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **5. Capital Projects Update**

- Skyline Drive is near completion, signs are being placed, preliminary work for framing of sidewalks is done, and striping is scheduled for 8/31/2016. Road and sidewalk will be open prior to the start of the school year. The City expects there to be a Police Department presence on site during the initial re-opening of the road. Reservoir construction will continue through next year but will be primarily onsite. The reservoir base and sides of the reservoir will be poured in sections over a period of weeks so there will be cement truck traffic during that time. Summer road program is just beginning and all work around the school will be coordinated. Contractors have been instructed to not work around the school during the first week of school.

#### **6. Board Discussion/Announcements**

- Board discussed new stop sign installation at Ostman Rd. and Willamette Falls Drive.

#### **7. Adjournment**

- Craig made motion to adjourn at 7:25pm and Kim Bria seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

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Dear City Council,

It is with great consideration that the 2016 Transportation Advisory Board supports the adoption of the 2016 OR 43 Conceptual Design Plan as attachment A to the updated System Transportation Plan. Construction of a multimodal corridor along OR 43 (Willamette Drive) will greatly increase active transportation options for all levels of users in addition to optimizing traffic flow on a congested State highway of regional significance.

A desire for improvements to OR 43 have been voiced repeatedly by citizens of West Linn, surrounding communities, and the region. The 2016 OR 43 Conceptual Design Plan has been a focus of the Transportation Advisory Board over the last eighteen months. Advocating for improvements in this important regional transportation corridor can ensure that State and local transportation facilities are operating at optimal levels and ensuring an increase in livability, safety, and economic opportunities.

West Linn is positioned to receive approximately \$1.1 million in State Enhance grant funding from the 2018-2021 STIP for design of improvement for the project. The City is also pursuing METRO Regional Flexible Fund Allocation (RFFA) to support funding construction of transportation improvements along a section of this corridor. This project supports the City's long term goal to provide safe multimodal transportation on OR 43 from Oregon City to Lake Oswego as well as the City's commitment to a Vision Zero goal to make our transportation system the safest possible.

Sincerely,



# West Linn

## Transportation Advisory Board

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