

**Transportation Advisory Board
Summary Notes
Monday, March 16, 2009**

Members Present: Chairperson David Newell; Tim B. Collins; Eric Gakstatter; Joyce Jackson; David Rittenhouse; Eric Underwood

Members Absent: none

Staff: Dennis Wright, Engineering Manager

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Newell called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. David Rittenhouse was introduced as the new member to the board.

2. Approve February minutes

Minutes were approved.

3. Discuss Citizen Advisory Board Training of March 12.

Eric Gakstatter attended the Advisory Board Training and his training materials were copied for members who did not attend. Eric brought up specific points of the training by the City attorney which focused on representing personal opinions and making sure lines were not crossed that would interfere with Secretary of State rules regarding who are City employees and who are not. David Rittenhouse mentioned a couple issues are pending before Mr. Bradbury's office.

4. Update on Hwy. 43 study by David Newell from discussion with Mayor Galle

David Newell reviewed his discussion with Mayor Galle about the Board's concerns regarding the Hwy. 43 study. The Board is not interested in re-evaluating or redoing the analysis, but is more interested in implementation. The Mayor seemed to be in agreement and is looking for a board that would focus toward implementation. There was discussion regarding a transfer of ownership of Hwy. 43 from ODOT to the County or to the City of West Linn.

5. Brainstorm discussion: Next year goals and focus of board

Ways to make snow routes visible to drivers were suggested, such as adding reflective snowflake symbols to signs on designated snow routes. The January TAB meeting, where snow removal in the city had been discussed, was mentioned. The group felt that now was probably not the right time to look to enhanced transit service as Tri-Met was actually cutting services but wanted to keep that on the radar when the situation changed. Interest was expressed to be involved in the Sunset/Parker arterial route project. Group would like to look to develop enhanced bike and pedestrian network in West Linn. Some group members mentioned that such are included in the new TSP but there seemed to be desire to look at the networks and connectivity again.

David Newell discussed his presentation, as Chair of the Board, to the City Council at the recent council work session. He gave the Council a list of ten to twelve goals to consider. He requested that the Council come back and give the Board direction and some specific goals or tasks that they want the Board to do over the next year.

6. Status of vacant TAB position

The deadline for applications is today.

7. Adjournment

Chairperson Newell adjourned the meeting at 6:55pm.