

**Transportation Advisory Board
Summary Notes
Monday, May 18, 2009**

Members Present: David Newell, Chairperson; Riad Alharithi; Eric Gakstatter; Joyce Jackson; David Rittenhouse;

Members Absent: Tim B. Collins, Vice Chairperson; Eric Underwood

Staff: Dennis Wright, Engineering Manager

Visitors: Carol Yates

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Newell called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. Introductions were made. Riad Alharithi introduced himself as newest member to the board.

2. Approve April minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Designate a Green/Sustainability Advisory Liaison

Joyce volunteered to be the liaison and David Rittenhouse volunteered to be an alternate.

4. Hwy. 43 Bus Shelters

The board discussed the 3 bus shelters on bus line 35 that are budgeted for this year and the additional 3 shelters in the second year of the biennium. Dennis will bring bus shelter design and location information to the next meeting. The board would like to bless the final recommendation and suggests working with Tri-Met to better coordinate the route and transfer station in West Linn.

5. Increased local bus service possibilities

The Mayor has asked the board to focus on the jitney concept outlined in the Master Plan for local bus service that would loop and connect up with bus line 35 and other places. The master plan envisioned a service between the city centers of town, the Safeway complex/City Hall, the Library, the Robinwood center, and the Willamette area, with local connectivity in a constant loop. Survey data is needed. The board plans for a cost analysis of what the service might look like, so that it might be implemented or budgeted for the 2011 budget. They will look at partnering with the school board, the local community, SMART, Oregon City and others. David has talked with the school superintendent about how the school district works with SMART from Wilsonville and what the usage patterns are. The Board discussed laying the groundwork with a feasibility plan for a small city jitney bus or possibly synchronizing the Tri-Met lines. Carol Yates commented that as a realtor she finds that buyers are looking for communities that have looping bus lines like the ones in Sandy, Canby, and Wilsonville. Members will take up the discussion at the next meeting and determine assignments for each board member.

**6. Safe Route to School Program and grant application information from
Riad Alharithi**

Riad described the five year federal grant program, which is to encourage kids in grades K through 8 to walk to school. This is the last year of the grant and Oregon has about 2million dollars left. The application deadline is June 15th and the city can apply for up to \$500,000. The grant can be used for sidewalks, bike lanes, bike shelters, safe crossings, flashing beacons and other things. Oregon DOT is managing this contract.

Dennis explained that the city is partnering with the school district on this grant and they are probably 15 - 20% through the project. The school district will work on surveys for the grant application from the PTA and other groups.

7. Other Business

- The board would like to hold a joint meeting with the Sustainability Advisory Board if there is interest from them.
- Dennis gave an update on 8th Street. The city has four traffic counters, one is broken. Once it is back from repairs the counts of traffic of all four legs of the intersection can be done concurrently, starting at 12th and Willamette Falls Dr. and whatever location that may make sense to mitigate traffic that would feed out of Dollar and 8th Ave. This data gathering process will show if there are locations that warrant stop signs. The board will get that data as it comes back.
- The board discussed and agreed to pursue the TAB interacting more with Planning, possibly having a liaison to the Planning Commission with a joint meeting once or twice a year.

8. Adjournment

Chairperson Newell adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.