

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
SUMMARY NOTES
July 28, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson David Rittenhouse, Eric Underwood, Carol Yates, Riad Alharithi, Joyce Jackson, Eric Gakstatter

STAFF MEMBERS: Dennis Wright

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Rittenhouse opened the meeting at 6:00 pm

APPROVAL OF SUMMARY NOTES FROM May 26, 2010

A motion was made to approve the summary notes from May 26, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ODOT TRANSFERRING HIGHWAY 43 TO CITY JURISDICTION

Wright mentioned there is no update as of today.

PARKER ROAD GRANT APPLICATION

Wright mentioned we are submitting a pedestrian/bike grant on a portion of Parker Road. The City is one of 91 grants submitted. The total value, including the City's(\$100,000) portion would be \$400,000. The City should be finding out in late September or early October.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE ON SALAMO AND BLANKENSHIP ROAD

Salamo - Wright summarized what the contractor found on Salamo Road as the grinding was completed, the sub base did not have to be touched which was good news. Since we do not have to touch the sub-base, we will be extending the grinding and paving to Barrington Drive. The paving will begin early next week. Our only hold up is the catch basin inserts being fabricated – Dennis explained.

Blankenship Road – Grant project. Due to the grades, this is a difficult project. Sidewalk will be less steep due to ADA compliant crossing, however, it will increase the steepness of the roadway. Paving should be finished next week.

TRI-MET UPDATE

Yates mentioned that Charles Awalt contacted the American Legion. American Legion will be placing the Tri-Met issue on their agenda for their conference.

Through their discussions, the hope is to have the American Legion work in supporting us to at least have the bus line run every 30-35 minutes by the VA office. Chairperson Rittenhouse would like Charles to attend the next meeting for an update on the Tri-Met issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Potential idea of a roundabout on Willamette Falls Drive and 10th Street –

Wright replied that Planning Director Sonnen will be meeting with the City Council to talk about this issue. ODOT hired DKS for the roundabout feasibility study. ODOT would like us to have a Parking Management Study done. Sonnen will find out what the scope of work ODOT is asking for. ODOT Planner Curtis will be at the City Council meeting to listen. Yates questioned the parking situation and businesses in Willamette should the roundabout happen. Chairperson Rittenhouse asked if Council would send the study back to TAB for their review. Discussion continued regarding 8th Court, 8th Avenue, etc. Rittenhouse asked members to attend the council worksession to answer questions.

Chairperson Rittenhouse commented to Wright on a job well done presenting the updates to the council.

Yates mentioned that Willamette Neighborhood Association has been fielding several complaints regarding Field's Park. When running tournaments, the parking is a problem. They are concerned with children running between cars on Willamette Falls Drive. The parking situation in the park is also a problem - People are parking all over the place in the park – on sprinkler heads and areas they should not be. Looking for solutions – one suggestion was to make it a no parking on the park side of Willamette Falls Drive. Ask Ken Worcester, Parks Director, to attend a meeting to discuss ideas on parking.

Member Underwood mentioned a Bolton neighborhood is asking for a Street name change on Tompkins Street (possibly Progress Street).

Gakstatter asked about Street tree guidance for the Homeowners Association. Rittenhouse referred Gakstatter to talk to Mike Perkins, City Arborist.

Yates notices trees bulging up the sidewalks on some streets, especially Bexhill Street. Wright asked Yates to get addresses to him so he can write a letter to the property owners.

ADIJOURNMENT

Chairperson Rittenhouse adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.