

Transportation Advisory Board Meeting Notes

Wednesday

September 26, 2012

Members Present: Chairman David Rittenhouse, Riad Alharithi; Joyce Jackson; Carol Yates

Members Absent: Eric Gakstatter, Jay McCoy

Staff Present: Lance Calvert, Zach Pelz

1. Call to order and Introductions

Meeting began at 6:05pm

2. Approve the June 27th, 2012 Summary Notes

The minutes from June 27 were approved with changes correcting the name of ODOT's new Enhance Transportation Grant. The minutes reported the name of this grant as Build-it.

3. Presentation from Karie Oakes regarding TAB meeting minutes policy

Karie Oakes, 1125 Marylhurst Drive, presented a letter to the TAB outlining her concerns with the TAB's meeting minute's policy. Ms. Oakes explained that the new summary notes and audio recording format makes it difficult for the public to quickly get up to speed on issues in City government. Ms. Oakes recommended the TAB use substantive written minutes and that a member of staff be responsible for posting minutes and audio recordings on the City's website in a reasonable time following all meetings.

4. Discussion on Safe Routes to School

Joyce Jackson gave an update on her work regarding the City's participation in a local Safe Routes to School program. Ms. Jackson reported that following discussions with City and school district staff, she believes the TAB's best course is to first, identify key stakeholders before moving any further. Ms. Jackson offered to contact representatives at the school district to discuss opportunities for a local partnership further. Finally, Ms. Jackson explained that this work could culminate in a Safe Routes to School element of West Linn's TSP that identifies the City's role in maintaining an effective partnership with the school district to improve safety for walking and bicycling students and to prioritize City projects that implement walking- and bicycling-related projects near schools, among other things.

Kristen Graves reported some of her concerns to the TAB regarding safe routes for children accessing the new Trillium Creek Elementary School. Ms. Graves explained that she has been participating in a walking school bus and would like the school district and City to address some specific safety issues at Santa Anita, Hidden Springs and Rosemont Roads.

The TAB suggested crossing guards to improve the safety issues raised by Ms. Graves and believed the West Linn Adult Community Center would be a good first place to begin to solicit volunteers for crossing guards in this area.

5. Update and Discussion – Streets capital projects complete for FY 2012

Public Works Director Lance Calvert informed the TAB that streets capital projects for FY2012 are complete and that the projects and budget for next year are currently under evaluation.

6. Pedestrian refuge islands at Willamette Drive/Willamette Falls Drive Intersection

Riad Alharithi recommended that staff contact Basil Christopher at ODOT to inquire about opportunities for restriping this intersection during the opening of the Arch Bridge.

7. Adjournment

Chairman Rittenhouse adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm