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DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

Project: I-5 to 99W Connector Project
Purpose: Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting #15
Date/Time: Wednesday February 27, 2008 / 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
Location: Metro, Rooms 370A & B
Attendees:

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| PSC | Carl Hosticka Emily Lawton Charlotte Lehan Lou Ogden Lynn Peterson Rian Windshiemer | Metro FHWA (PSC Alternate) City of Wilsonville City of Tualatin (Alternate Chair) Clackamas County ODOT (PSC Alternate) |
| Executive Management Team (EMT) | Lawrence Odell Mike McKillip Tom Pessemier R. Scott Pemble | Washington County City of Tualatin City of Sherwood Clackamas County |
| Project Management Team (PMT) | Russ Knoebel Scott Richman Jennifer Danziger Alex Dupey Chris Maciejewski Vaughn Brown | Washington County DEA DEA DEA DKS Jeanne Lawson Associates (JLA) |
| Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) | none | |
| Others (sign-in sheet) | Danielle Cowan Aquilla Hurd-Ravitch | Clackamas County City of Tualatin |

Distribution: PSC, EMT, PMT, SWG

The meeting began at 12:30 PM. Agendas and other materials were provided to the PSC members prior to the meeting, and copies of these materials were provided at the meeting. The agenda items are represented in "bold" headings.

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- **Welcome/Introduction**

- Mayor Ogden chaired the meeting
- The PSC agreed to keep the March 26th PSC meeting as scheduled.

- **Approve October 24, 2007 PSC Meeting Summary**

- The PSC approved the previous PSC meeting (10/24/07) summary reserving the right to suggest revisions upon additional review, since not all PSC members attended, nor had all reviewed the summary notes from their last meeting.
- Scott Richman noted that the summary of this and future PSC meetings would be provided to the PSC with other materials in advance of their subsequent meeting.

- **Project Update**

- Scott provided a brief update on the project, including the status and estimated schedule for the Alternative Analysis (AA) including upcoming meetings, and reminded the PSC of the process to get through the AA and alternatives refinement to get to a selected alternative later this year.

- **Preliminary Transportation Findings**

- Chris Maciejewski presented a summary of some of the preliminary transportation findings – information that had been shared with the EMT and SWG at their meetings earlier in February.
- Some PSC members had conversed right before this PSC meeting, and had questions regarding preliminary transportation information including maps that they received from EMT members, but was not distributed at the PSC meeting.
- Councilor Hosticka asked how regional and through traffic in town centers was analyzed, and Chris responded that the regional travel demand model is the basis of this information, with traffic originating from and destined to distinct areas (transportation analysis zones and road links) quantified for key road segments through Town Centers (e.g. OR 99W and Tualatin-Sherwood Rd).
- Commissioner Peterson asked why EESA shows the lowest volume/capacity (v/c) ratios on multiple road segments. Chris responded that the v/c ratio is better on more roads under EESA, because that alternative was developed to add capacity particularly on east-west roads through the project area, including substantially more capacity on Tualatin-Sherwood Rd.
- Several PSC members requested additional background or clarifying statements to information for the traffic analysis. The PSC will need to identify which alternative is the best/worst and who it serves. Is the project only addressing the state highway network? Is it trying to reduce congestion or just connect to highways?
- Councilor Hosticka said that for future analysis presentations he needs to see the magnitude of differences between the alternatives. Some of the indicators show that Alternatives 2 or 3 are better than Alternatives 4, 5 or 6. Are the criteria weighted? They are not, and the PSC will eventually decide which criteria are most important and applicable.
- Commissioner Peterson said that about 50 percent of congestion is because of crashes. How does this relate to delay? Chris Maciejewski responded that we

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have empirical information, but no tools to predict crashes and system delay associated with crashes.

- Mayor Lehan noted that most of the traffic analyzed (PM peak) travels south on I-5, and may show marginal impacts of a connector for operations on I-5 northbound and onto I-205. She asked how the "Consumer Reports" results were developed and if they are the best parameters to use. Scott responded that this was one approach to summarizing results in a broad manner that, given the large number of criteria, could allow people to more easily compare alternatives.
 - Mayor Ogden asked if the criteria establish thresholds for determining minimum levels of performance? Jennifer responded that the transportation criteria use the No-Build Alternative for comparison. Scott added that of the criteria are related to the project objectives. The analysis should reveal which alternative best meets an individual objective. At a higher level, a preferred alternative should be one that best meets the project purpose and most effectively addresses the project goals and objectives.
 - Mayor Lehan suggested that the comparison of alternatives using square miles from the travel time contour maps is not useful information. The differences in square miles between alternatives for trips within 20 minutes includes a lot of land in rural areas that aren't necessarily accessible, nor are there key travel origins/destinations.
 - Mayor Ogden suggested that a better way to present this is to compare travel distances within different time intervals.
 - The PSC agreed to have further discussion of transportation analysis findings at their March meeting.
- **SWG Update**
 - Vaughn gave an update from the SWG meeting. Some SWG members requested access to more detailed analysis information. The project team requested that the SWG provide written questions/comments prior to their next meeting to be held in March.
 - **Public Comment**
 - none
 - **PSC Next Meeting**
 - March 26, 2008; 12:30-2:30 at the Sherwood Police Training Facility