



DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

I-5 to 99W Connector: PSC Mtg. #18

Meeting Date: 6/11/08

Issue Date: 6/25/08

The contents of this summary are assumed correct unless our office is notified in writing within five calendar days of receipt.

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

Project: I-5 to 99W Connector Project
Purpose: Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting #18
Date/Time: Wednesday June 11, 2008 / 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Location: Police Training Room, Tualatin Police Station
Attendees:

PSC Andy Duyck Washington County (PSC Alternate)
Fred Eberle ODOT (PSC Alternate)
Carl Hosticka Metro
Charlotte Lehan City of Wilsonville
Keith Mays City of Sherwood
Lou Ogden City of Tualatin (Alternate Chair)
R. Scott Pemble Clackamas County (PSC Alternate)

Executive Management Team (EMT) Lawrence Odell Washington County
Mike McKillip City of Tualatin
Tom Pessemier City of Sherwood

Project Management Team (PMT) Russ Knoebel Washington County
Mark Turpel Metro
Tim Wilson ODOT
Vaughn Brown Jeanne Lawson Associates (JLA)
Jim Evans Moyano Leadership Group
Leslie Howell Howell Consulting
Angie Jones DEA
Randy McCourt DKS
Scott Richman DEA

Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) Mike Feves
Dave Volz

Others Frank Angelo Angelo Planning Group
(sign-in sheet) Michael Bowers City of Wilsonville (EMT Alternate)
Colin Cortez
Steve Gilmore Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce
Mark Ottenad City of Wilsonville
Dan Ruediger

Distribution: PSC, EMT, PMT, SWG

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

I-5 to 99W Connector: PSC Mtg. #18

Meeting Date: 6/11/08

Issue Date: 6/25/08

The meeting began at 10:00 AM. 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.

- **Welcome/Introduction**

- Mayor Ogden chaired the meeting, and led introductions of the PSC members and alternates, and other attendees.
- Mayor Lehan requested addition of an agenda item for Wilsonville representatives to provide comments. Michael Bowers has assembled a notebook of discrepancies about the review draft Alternatives Analysis (AA) document that identifies concerns that Wilsonville has about the report going to the public. The new Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce CEO, Steve Gilmore, also has testimony to provide and needs to do that before the end of the meeting since he has to leave for another meeting soon.

- **Approve May 28, 2008 PSC Meeting Summary**

- The PSC unanimously approved the meeting summary.

- **EMT Update**

- Lawrence reported that the EMT has reviewed and discussed the review draft AA document, and all save Wilsonville have agreed to make the AA available to the public for review and comment.
- Michael Bowers distributed a three-ring binder to each of the PSC members. The notebook includes a record of information prepared by City of Wilsonville staff including identification of errors and omissions from the AA, and concerns about the project process. Among other things, he is concerned that the AA does not sufficiently address traffic impacts to major roadways beyond the project area. Without this information and other information that he thinks need to be provided in the AA, he believes that ODOT, Washington County, and Metro are liable for presenting false information in a public document. He thinks it is difficult to analyze the alternatives without more complete and accurate information, and it should not be presented to the public until this information is provided.
- Mayor Ogden asked if the material in the notebooks has been discussed at the EMT.
- Michael said that he has raised some of the issues identified in the notebook, but there has not been enough substantive discussion of this information at the EMT.
- Lawrence said that Michael has not provided this notebook to the EMT.

- **SWG Update and Public Open House Hearing Plan Overview**

- Vaughn went through a Powerpoint presentation that summarized the format and content of items for the upcoming public open house hearings. He gave the dates and locations of the open houses, the notification area, and shared an example of the postcards to be mailed. Comment forms will be available at the open

houses, allowing people to give feedback. There will also be court reporters to take testimony and statements from people wishing to provide verbal testimony.

- The PSC requested that a handout regarding potential policy issues be provided at the upcoming open houses for the public to consider as they provide input.

- **Identify Project Policy Questions**

- Mayor Lehan requested more information and discussion about impacts of different alternatives beyond the project area compared to the No Build. She asked: What are our priority problems and what are our user groups, and what roadway is the highest priority? To her, I-5 trumps all, and that could be a fatal flaw if the impacts are too great.
- Commissioner Duyck requested discussion of the costs of congestion associated with the No Build. While people seem focused on the implementation costs of the alternatives, cost impact and cost benefit both need to be considered. Each alternative is going to have a cost/benefit ratio, and he wants to see that.
- Councilor Hosticka asked who do you want to be served by this? All this analysis is based on a certain assumption on the cost of operating vehicles; is there a way to get information to assess what the future will be to know the assumptions we are making are accurate? We are making political decisions that will affect the future of how people commute.
- R. Scott Pemble noted that another way to say that would be to ask what must be served, and what is secondary? Where do you put the priority in decision making? He also raised the question of whether or not to use a transportation facility as a "hard edge" of the UGB.
- Mayor Lehan said that major policy issues that are missing are costs of fuel, greenhouse gas emissions, and energy impacts. Projects like this are now being evaluated differently based on the changing greenhouse gas and energy impacts. She does not think that we should make it easier for commuters to travel farther and more frequently. She feels the project should facilitate more efficient freight movement, but not commuter trips.
- Mayor Ogden asked how do we decide to accommodate or to not accommodate growth in this part of the region? Lou asked how do you define benefit – do the employers benefit from employing people from Yamhill County? We need to strive for optimal balance.
- Carl Hosticka noted that the economic importance of agriculture needs to be considered.
- Mayor Mays asked if we need to recommend a policy to impact our neighboring communities outside Metro jurisdiction? Should we consider urban/rural reserves impacts beyond the UGB? Do we want there to be a policy to limit the number of lanes on I-5?
- Mayor Lehan raised concern that local tax impacts to properties along I-5 could be high. The impacts on fire and school districts, and other public services need to be considered. She asked "what constitutes a 'fatal flaw'?" as a new policy question. When do we get into more design detail, and how do we decide if it might be a fatal flaw? Can we make a corridor selection without more design level detail?

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

I-5 to 99W Connector: PSC Mtg. #18

Meeting Date: 6/11/08

Issue Date: 6/25/08

• **Process**

- Mayor Ogden asked the PSC if the public meetings should be postponed based on Michael Bowers' presentation.
- Mayor Lehan said that her perception was that we would go forward. We have made the commitment; however, she is concerned about the speed at which we are moving to get the AA document out to the public. Wilsonville is on record about the AA not being ready to go out, because of concerns they have about it being a flawed document.
- Mayor Ogden asked what middle ground could be found between releasing this document and allowing for comment, and letting it go out with the caveat that Wilsonville thinks it is a flawed document.
- Mayor Lehan stated that the notebook from Wilsonville staff is not a list of comments, it is information that disputes the accuracy of information in the AA.
- Lawrence suggested the three agencies come up with a list of neutral parties to come together and agree upon one facilitator.
- Andy asked if there were any objections to the proposal – no objections were made

• **Public Comment**

- Steve Gilmore, Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce CEO, distributed copies of a letter prepared by the Chamber to the PSC members. He said that on June 5th, the chamber board identified several EESA projects for discussion and recommendation. The connector alternatives were not seen as workable by the board. He noted that Chamber businesses including representatives from Sysco, Xerox, and InFocus have raised concerns that the connector alternatives would essentially close the North Wilsonville interchange.
- Dan Ruediger, representing Citizens for Farmland Preservation, requested that the PSC consider Oregon land use planning law that requires preserving rural farm land for agricultural use. Alternatives should have the least impact to farm land and not be considered outside the UGB unless there are not other viable alternatives within the UGB. For this project, he questioned how Alternative 6 can be considered when there appear to be other viable alternatives within the UGB? He believes that continuing to consider Alternative 6 violates state land use policy, and the connectors also violate FHWA policy of managing I-5 as a vital highway for operations and safety.
- Mike Feves, SWG representative for the Far West CPO. Regarding Vaughn's report of the SWG meetings, he noted that he and other SWG members feel that there has not been enough time for them to adequately review the AA document. He feels that it would be wrong to forge ahead with the open houses and present information that he believes is incomplete and inaccurate. He feels the comment log is not useful and no one will read it. He has not gotten an email of notable findings that will be presented at the open houses, he feels that the notable findings presented thus far have been biased and should be given for a review before release. He requested that the PSC vote to postpone the AA release to the public and the public open house hearings.
- Dan Ruediger spoke a second time to voice concern about what he considers to be the bias nature of the project. He has seen EMT discussions, and he believes

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

I-5 to 99W Connector: PSC Mtg. #18

Meeting Date: 6/11/08

Issue Date: 6/25/08

that the consultants are pushing an agenda. He distributed copies of CETAS meeting note excerpts from Michael Bowers to PSC members. These notes show that Amy stated to CETAS that Alternative 6 is the only reasonable Alternative. He has not seen an objective process and his group will have an independent audit of the process done. He cares about the Southwest portion of the region, and the livability of Oregon. He asked the EMT and PSC to cease the bias of activity going on.

- Michael Bowers said that most of the information that he presented today has been submitted to the EMT previously, but the EMT has chosen not to acknowledge it.
- **PSC Next Meeting**
 - The PSC agreed that their next meeting would be held on July 23, 2008, from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.