



## DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

I-5 to 99W Connector: PSC Mtg. #12

Meeting Date: 8/22/07

Issue Date: 09/26/07

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**Project:** I-5 to 99W Connector Project  
**Purpose:** Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting #12  
**Date/Time:** Wednesday August 22, 2007 / 1:30 – 3:30 PM  
**Location:** Sherwood Police Training Center

**Attendees:**

<b>PSC</b>	Tom Brian	Washington County (Chair)
	Andy Duyck	Washington County (alternate)
	Carl Hosticka	Metro
	Charlotte Lehan	City of Wilsonville
	Keith Mays	City of Sherwood
	Lou Ogden	City of Tualatin
	Lynn Peterson	Clackamas County
	Jason Tell	ODOT

<b>Executive Management Team (EMT)</b>	Danielle Cowan	City of Wilsonville (alternate)
	Andy Cotugno	Metro
	Fred Eberle	ODOT
	Mike McKillip	City of Tualatin
	Lawrence Odell	Washington County
	R. Scott Pemble	Clackamas County
	Tom Pessemier	City of Sherwood

<b>Project Management Team (PMT)</b>	Vaughn Brown	Jeanne Lawson & Associates (JLA)
	Alex Dupey	DEA
	Amy Gibbons	ODOT
	Leslie Howell	Howell Consulting
	Angie Jones	DEA
	Jef Kaiser	DEA
	Russ Knoebel	Washington County
	Randy McCourt	DKS
	Scott Richman	DEA
	Mark Turpel	Metro
	Tim Wilson	ODOT

<b>Stakeholder Working Group (SWG)</b>	Dave Volz
	Michael Feves

**Others** David Jagernauth, Kimberly Neuburger, Dan Ruediger,  
(including sign-in sheet) Jonathan Schlueter

**Distribution: PSC, EMT, PMT, SWG**

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

**Welcome/Introduction**

- Chair Brian welcomed the group and led introductions
- Andy Duyck served as the PSC alternate for Washington County Commissioner Roy Rogers

**Approve July 11, 2007 PSC Meeting Summary**

- The PSC approved the summary of the last PSC meeting held on July 11, 2007.

**Key Topics Discussed**

• **Range of Alternatives (ROA)**

- The EMT and SWG recommended to advance the 5 types of alternatives, including 3 connector alternatives (2 within UGB, 1 outside)
- SWG members and members of the public who commented at the SWG meeting emphasized:
  - Support for the strong transit system enhancements under the TDM/TSM and EESA
  - Desire to refine alternatives after the ROA analysis is completed
  - Concern with geology and groundwater south of Sherwood
- The Collaborative Environmental and Transportation Agreement for Streamlining (CETAS) was briefed on the ROA and they agreed that it represents a reasonable ROA
- The connector definition includes parkway and expressway. Randy summarized the following assumptions for these facility types:
  - Expressway = 55 mph
  - Parkway = 45 mph
  - Capacity of lanes:
    - Expressway = 2,000 vehicles per hour per lane
    - Parkway = 1,200 vehicles per hour per lane
  - Access (type and number):
    - Expressway = one, grade separated
    - Parkway = three to four, at grade intersections
- Speed is not as great a differentiator as capacity. When more access is provided, more local trips are attracted to the facility. The local street system also needs to be protected and tied into the interchanges

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- Mayor Lehan questioned whether the project would have any recourse if the analysis reveals any fatal flaws associated with the I-5 and I-205 connection location that is common to all three connector corridors.
- Scott Richman responded that the project team is confident that a reasonable solution could be located within the light blue shaded corridor area that encompasses a portion of I-5. Jef Kaiser added that this corridor level study serves as a starting point for analysis. The access to I-5 and I-205 may not be as currently envisioned and could be refined in a design EIS.
- Businesses and residences could be impacted on the east side of I-5, but the number of affected properties would be substantially lower than the impacts and costs for a direct connection to I-5 and I-205 through Tualatin – included in alternatives that were removed from further study.

### Public Comment

- Jonathon Schlueter, Executive Director of the Westside Economic Alliance (WEA):
  - The WEA is a longstanding supporter of the project; however until today we have not stated a preferred route or connector. The WEA has reviewed the recommendations and members of their transportation committee support advancement of alternatives 4E and 5B.
  - Growth supports a connector, including population growth of 2.4% last year, the number of new vehicles registered is 21 vehicles per day in Washington County. The livability of our community requires access. 1 in 6 income tax dollars are paid in Washington County.
  - He presented a memo from the WEA in support of alternatives 4E and 5B. In closing, he emphasized keeping this project moving. The need is clear.
- Kimberly, Sherwood resident. She raised concern about alternative 5B displacing her home and significantly impacting quality of life for her and her neighbors
- Dan Ruediger: He is concerned with some of Jonathan's comments. He is not sure how we got to this point in the process where we are now. Do we need to build something – what do we need? He asked the group to strongly consider the impacts and believes that we need to look at all of the alternatives objectively. He is not sure we need a new connector, in part because he has not seen the other alternatives looked at closely. He feels there has been a shift in bias toward building a new major road.

### PSC Action: Adopt ROA to be advanced to Alternatives Analysis

- Mayor Mays moved and Mayor Ogden seconded his motion to approve the staff recommendation for the ROA
- Mayor Lehan said she is still keeping the question open as to whether or not we need a new connector.
- Councilor Hosticka said that the Metro Council discussed the ROA at a work session the other day. There is concern about each alternative being equated with the other, and they want to see that each alternative is evaluated individually as well as leaving open the potential to combine features of different alternatives. Councilor Liberty's memo does not represent the position of the Metro Council as a whole; but he acknowledge some key points including:
  - regional land use planning should be addressed in the evaluation criteria;

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- as a region, we need to weigh this project against all the other things on our list. We need to have a way to make those comparisons.
- The PSC unanimously supported the motion to adopt the staff recommended ROA.

### Evaluation Criteria

- The evaluation criteria are based on the goals and objectives, and they provide a tool to evaluate and compare alternatives (adopted ROA) and help decision makers
- Commissioner Peterson thinks we will not be able to achieve all of the project needs, and goals and objectives; and we will need to prioritize them
- Mayor Lehan said that her concern is about the freight movement and that it doesn't seem broken out in the evaluation criteria. She thinks that everything in the evaluation for Objective 1A should be split between trucks and cars. Commuters should not be our priority to serve, we also need to address non commuter travel (travel for commerce)

### Other Business

- Lawrence said that Washington County has received correspondence from the City of Tigard. Tigard is concerned about the southern alignment (5B) and the relatively slow rate at which the project is moving forward has allowed additional development to occur which further constrains the feasibility of expanding the transportation system. They want the project to be included in the update of Metro's RTP.
- Chair Brian noted that Tigard was invited to participate early in the project decision framework formation process, and at that time they declined to be represented on the PSC.

**The PSC agreed to hold their next PSC meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday September 26, 2007 at the Sherwood Police Training Center.**