



DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

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Meeting Date: 03/23/06

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DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY-EMT #8

Project: I-5 to 99W Connector Project
Purpose: Executive Management Team Meeting
Location: Metro, Room 501

Attendees:

EMT	Kathy Busse	Washington County
	Rob Dixon	City of Sherwood
	Fred Eberle	ODOT
	Jeff Graham	FHWA
	Mike McKillip	City of Tualatin
	R. Scott Pemble	Clackamas County
	Michael Stone	City of Wilsonville
PMT	Barry Hennelly	Washington County
	Michael Ray	ODOT
	Jennifer Danziger	DEA
	Kristin Hull	JLA
	Scott Richman	DEA

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The meeting began at 9:30 AM. Agendas and other materials were provided prior to the meeting. The agenda items are represented in "bold" headings.

- **Purpose and Need, Goals and Objectives**

- Kristin summarized the PSC action on Purpose and Need, Goals and Objectives at their 3/13 meeting
- Scott P. commented that he thought the real-time on-screen editing capability provided at the PSC worked well.
- Fred is not comfortable with the revised Purpose Statement that the PSC accepted, and he suggested that staff should have been more assertive in our recommendation to the PSC. Even though we are not in a NEPA process, he and others at ODOT are concerned that this purpose statement is too broad relative to the intent of the Connector Project.
- For future PSC meetings, Scott P. suggested having a table with staff prepared to respond to PSC questions.

- On 4/20, Michael will present a project overview and the PSC-adopted Purpose and Need, and Goals and Objectives to the CETAS group. This is an agreement point for CETAS.
- In response to the PSC's request, the PMT provided suggested clarifications under the "Comments" supporting several of the Needs Statements. These revisions were discussed, and the EMT agreed to the changes with minor revisions noted by the PMT. A revised version of the PSC-adopted Purpose and Need with the clarified comments narrative will be provided to the PSC in advance of their next meeting, tentatively scheduled for 4/10.
- Scott P. asked if the PSC has been briefed on the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, and he recommended that the Refuge be presented in a policy context. Project staff will provide a summary presentation of the Environmental Reconnaissance Report to the PSC at their next meeting, and will include discussion of the Refuge in this presentation.
- **Public Pulse – Briefing of What Jurisdictions Are Hearing**
 - Mike M. hears repeatedly from citizens in Tualatin that we need to "quit studying this to death and do something".
 - Rob echoed Mike, and noted that most people seem to agree that Tualatin-Sherwood Road needs to be widened, and that a new connector is needed. Sherwood wants to reach a decision informed by the Connector Project process on what areas would not be within the selected corridor so they can proceed with concept planning of areas most recently added into the Urban Growth Boundary.
 - Scott P. said that in Clackamas County the project is generally a non-issue, except for the rural area within and in the vicinity of the Project Area. This area is represented by the Far West CPO, and Kristin noted that she will meet with this group in April.
 - Kathy noted that Senator Smith's staff is supportive of the project.
- **Transportation Existing Conditions**
 - Jennifer handed out draft PowerPoint slides summarizing key results of the Existing Transportation Conditions Report to be presented to the PSC at their next meeting. The draft report was most recently revised to address conditions on additional intersections and road segments.
 - Scott P. noted that it would be interesting to identify what percent of traffic is using different routes shown on the map with travel times. If capacity of existing routes is expanded, what effect would that have on the through trip percentages using these routes? He also suggested that the map illustrating different types of trips should be clarified. Jennifer noted that "Other" trips represent trips through the area.
 - Fred also suggested that it would be useful to know the different types of trips made on each route, and that it would be most effective to show different existing routes with common origin and destination locations.
 - Mike M. suggested that we should be able to show the percent of trips originating from and destined to I-205 through the project area. We need to consider demand between 99W northbound and southbound and I-205 in both directions. He mentioned that City of Tualatin said Mayor Ogden inquired about data to

address Wilsonville's concerns about a connector adding traffic to I-5. Wouldn't traffic just be entering a different location? Jennifer responded that the 2030 modeling will provide information to be able to compare impacts of alternatives including the No-Build to I-5.

- Several slides show information from the 2000 regional model. Metro is updating the 2005 base year model, and updated information from the 2005 model is not likely to be available in time for the presentation.
 - Scott P. noted on the maps showing V/C ratios and LOS that some locations shown in red appear to have acceptable V/C ratios. Jennifer explained that these generally indicate locations with major travel movements that operate at LOS F, even though the intersection V/C ratio may be acceptable.
 - Maps illustrating congested conditions only show PM peak period conditions. Certain locations, including the North Wilsonville and Nyberg Road interchanges, have travel movements that are most congested during the AM peak. These slides will be revised to indicate major congested locations/movements for the AM peak.
 - The EMT also agreed that we need to clearly distinguish between the project area and the transportation analysis area, which extends beyond the project area.
- **Environmental Reconnaissance Report**
 - Scott handed out draft copies of PowerPoint slides to be presented to the SWG at their next meeting on 4/6, and to the PSC at their next meeting. He briefly summarized the presentation.
 - Mike noted that we need to have consistent labeling (e.g. for Refuge lands) of common features shown on different slides.
 - Scott P. said we should make sure we are explaining why we are showing this information, how we will use it, and what it means.
 - Fred said we need to develop screening criteria soon, and we need to convey that the environmental reconnaissance information will be used to screen and later to evaluate alternatives.
 - **Oregon Innovative Partnership Program (OIPP)/Oregon Transportation Improvement Group (OTIG) Update**
 - Fred briefed the EMT on the status of tolling feasibility studies being conducted by the OTIG. They are collecting data, and they want to meet with ODOT and Metro staff in early April regarding regional travel demand modeling for 2030. The feasibility study is expected to be completed in late June or early July.
 - OTIG is considering multiple tolling schemes for Newberg-Dundee, including addition of an I-5 to 99W Connector and/or an extension of the bypass to McMinnville.
 - OIPP is doing briefings for different jurisdictions. Fred requested that if someone from the OTIG contacts a member of the project team, that they refer the OTIG representative to ODOT.
 - **Next EMT meeting**
 - The next EMT meeting will be on 4/27 at Metro.

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- **Action Items**

Action Items from EMT mtg #8	Responsible Party	Target Date
Incorporate suggested edits by the EMT to Comments text under Needs Statements and distribute to the PMT and EMT	Scott	3/24
Coordinate with PMT and DKS to address EMT comments on existing transportation conditions presentation	Jennifer	Prior to next PSC meeting
Address EMT comments on environmental reconnaissance presentation	Scott	Prior to next SWG meeting 4/6

- **Upcoming Events**

- 4/6 SWG meeting #7
- 4/10 (tentative) PSC meeting #4
- 4/20 CETAS group briefing (Project overview, Purpose and Need)
- 4/27 EMT meeting #9