



DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

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DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY-EMT #40

Project: I-5 to 99W Connector
Purpose: Project Management Team Meeting
Location: David Evans and Associates, Inc.

Attendees:

Walt Bartel	DEA
Michael Bowers	City of Wilsonville (alternate)
Vaughn Brown	JLA
Andy Cotugno	Metro
Alex Dupey	DEA
Fred Eberle	ODOT
Jim Evans	Moyano Group
Amy Gibbons	ODOT
Angie Jones	DEA
Russell Knoebel	Washington County
Randy McCourt	DKS
Mike McKillip	City of Tualatin
Lawrence Odell	Washington County
Tom Pessemier	City of Sherwood
Scott Richman	DEA
Mike Stone	City of Wilsonville

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The meeting began at 2:00 PM. Lawrence led the meeting. The summary generally follows the order of the 6/19/08 EMT agenda.

Public Open House Hearings

- Alex handed out some packets of information for the open houses next week; also had full size plots of display boards
- Russ said that these do not all have to be boards, if the EMT decides there are too many, we can make them handouts.
- Where do you live map – will be available at each open house for people to place a dot where they live – Lawrence suggested having a different map at each open house, combine all the dots later

- Vaughn went through the handouts in the packet; he suggested making copies of the purpose and need, alternatives, range of alternatives, and policy questions to have at the various stations, if people want to take those home also they can, but not give them unless requested. Andy would like to add the range of alternatives to the "standard" handout packet that everyone receives.
- Andy made a suggestion to have the gray area on the comment card darker
- Vaughn went through the looped powerpoint presentation
- EMT agreed to have connector alternatives referred to only as 4, 5, 6, not corridors 4D, 4E, and 5B
- Alex said that for consistency on all the boards, we refer to the connector alternatives by alternative number and corridor reference; Lawrence would like to see the corridor references removed, only refer to them by alternative number
- Andy asked if these open houses are hearings
- Vaughn said yes, there will be court reporters present to take comments
- Mike M. said that he would work under the assumption that the public at these open houses have not seen anything before, having the boards explaining purpose and need, etc. would be helpful
- Fred asked about having the definition of the connector on a board; Scott said we can add it to a board
- Mike Stone asked if we are going to have a cross section of what the roadways may look like
- There has been no design detail done at this point to show a cross section
- Scott said that we can have a note to say what the assumptions for the modeling has been – limited access four lane facility
- Andy said that we need to note that when we choose a corridor, there will be more design detail, including looking at parkway, expressway, etc. It would be premature to show a cross section at this point of the process
- Fred asked about the ability to blow up the project area on the Metro regional growth map
- The two RTP map displays need to match the handouts given, showing the dotted lines for the connectors
- Amy suggested having an explanation of why we look at a no build option
- Amy and Fred suggested spelling out TDM/TSM and EESA on the map displays
- Fred said we need to be clear as to where the auxiliary lanes will be as part of EESA

- Amy said that references to town center impact should be removed on the displays; Lawrence said he feels it is important – change wording to traverses town center
- Fred suggested adding the assumptions and PSC description of connector to the maps
- Mike Stone said that Day Road has already been improved to a 3-lane road (as stated on the EESA description); Mike M. suggested adding a footnote stating some of these roadway improvements have already been completed.
- Amy suggested taking the key findings off and just having the charts
- Fred proposed just eliminating those two boards; Mike Stone agreed
- EMT agreed to set them aside and come back to them for a decision
- Mike Stone asked Randy if the v/c map assumed the new improvements to I-205, Randy said he would need to check to be sure, but he thought it only contained the existing
- EMT agreed to add a table to Figure 7.5-2 showing volume and capacity
- Randy recommended removing the words “substantial” and “benefits” and replace with reduce or increase
- Amy suggested making 7.7-1 into a bar chart, eliminate the key findings and the table
- Randy suggested having a bar chart for each of the key findings
- 7.7-2 and 7.3-3; just a bar chart to go with the findings
- Lawrence asked about which posters are going to be given as handouts; Alex said that the boards with a lot of text will be offered as handouts
- Scott suggested changing the title of the “System Improvements and Traffic Safety” board
- Amy has some wordsmithing on this board, she will send to Alex
- Amy has a lot of changes to the Town Centers, Plan Consistency, Community Cohesion, and the Economy board – EMT decided to remove that board
- Fred suggested making some changes to the TRNWR map; adjusting the colors to make the Refuge stand out more; same comment on the wetlands map
- Amy mentioned that the numbers on the Historic Resources map are represented incorrectly – Alex will make the change
- Jim asked to have railroad added to the major utility map
- Lawrence moved from the displays to the policy issue questions; should we have these questions available at the open houses?
- Lawrence asked the EMT to have policy question comments to Scott by the end of the day tomorrow

- Jim said that it needs to be clear to the public that these are not the questions they are to be answering, but rather questions that have been raised by the steering committee
- Lawrence asked if there was going to be a place where this is all set up before the open houses so we can make sure the layout is going to work; Scott said that we are going to try to get into the Sherwood location early in the day to get displays laid out. Lawrence suggested having it at DEA I the Willamette Room to see how it will be laid out
- Lawrence asked the merit in having the number of displays we have now; can they be cut down?
- Scott said that we can triage the most important boards and have the others available as handouts
- Jim has some updates for the cost table
- On Alternative Project "Pieces" board, change to Alternative Project Elements; and have as a handout vs. a board
- Amy is not in favor of having flipping displays, Fred suggested having them all clipped to boards and we can shuffle if needed
- EMT decided to put charts by themselves for VMT displays; no key finding bullet points
- Amy needs the key findings taken off of the noise display
- Scott passed out an email from R. Scott Pemble who could not attend today; he suggests that we make it clear that Alternative 1 and 2 may not satisfy the Purpose and Need on their own
- Amy suggested a footnote on those displays that explain that they do not meet the Purpose and Need on their own, but they are required to carry forward through the NEPA process
- EMT agreed to meet at 4pm on Monday to do dry run of the open house set up – location TBD

Next EMT Meeting

- EMT #41 – July 10th, 2-4pm

Action Items

Action Items from EMT mtg. 41	Responsible Party	Target Date