



DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

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Meeting Date: 07/31/08

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

Attendees:

Lawrence Odell	Washington County
R. Scott Pemble	Clackamas County
Tim Wilson	ODOT
Jeff Graham	FHWA
Barry Hennelly	Metro
Mark Turpel	Metro
Mike McKillip	City of Tualatin
Tom Pessemier	City of Sherwood
Gus Duenas	City of Tigard
Michael Bowers	City of Wilsonville
Vaughn Brown	JLA
Alex Dupey	DEA
Angie Jones	DEA
Jef Kaiser	DEA
Scott Richman	DEA
Jim Evans	Moyano Group

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The meeting began at 9:30 AM. Lawrence led the meeting. The summary generally follows the order of the 7/31/08 EMT agenda.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

- Lawrence brought in an article from today's Oregonian. He said that we have a \$3 million earmark, however it has a long way to go, any earmarks we have may not come through the system dependant upon the elections. Given the issues of fuel costs, economy, etc. we might want to give thought to a different approach to what we are trying to accomplish. It seems that we might want to consider a two phase project. Recognizing that losing any connector would not be a good idea at this point, connection reality is something that will need to be

addressed. The two step process would be a short term solution, and the second would be a long term system (connector) when feasible. If we don't keep a connector on the RTP we will lose it, however it needs to be determined if this is the right timing. Is there merit in suggesting a two step process to the PSC? What can we do in the short term and what can we do to have a future connector route held for future construction?

- R. Scott said that we have to have a discussion about how far we go before we decide on whether or not we are going to be able to build it? He said that we have to ask the question of if we can phase it in a meaningful way.
- Mike M. said that we are not doing anything new right now, and that if we put this off we are going to lose all the money we have spent to gather the information and data because it will be out of date information.
- R. Scott said that now is the time to make the decision, otherwise the cities go back and fix their own local street systems – this is the only way to work in a state system.
- Michael B. said he would like to get to a refinement process, and he thinks Charlotte would agree that they would like to see a myriad of alternatives that would help serve the traffic issues.
- Michael B. asked if we are going to make an alternative 7, 8, and 9 to run some analysis on combinations of solutions to see how they would perform as well.
- Jeff G. said that what Michael suggested about more alternatives is part of the alternatives refinement process. There is no guarantee that we will find a solution even once we enter the refinement, but we need to go there to see.
- Mark said that we have a purpose and need statement that has been agreed upon by the PSC – do we need to have a confirmation that is really what we are trying to achieve? Do these hybrids address that as it stands right now?
- Tim said that we need to also consider the public input that we received; they are who we are trying to serve.

PSC Meeting (8/13)

- Facilitator update – Clackamas County believes the proposed facilitator could have a conflict of interest and her objectivity could be called into question. Tim said we are back to the list of possibilities. He said there are two good potential candidates.
- Michael B. said that Charlotte concerned that the PSC has not had a policy discussion. She feels that the questions that were asked by the PSC at the last meeting should be brought out by the person who

asked it, allow them to talk and clarify without all the editorial of the EMT.

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Steps for Selecting Preferred Alternative

- Scott directed the EMT to a draft memo from the PMT to the EMT that is a response to the City of Wilsonville's concerns about the information contained in the Alternatives Analysis. Michael said there are still things to be addressed – how much of the traffic is regional and through traffic, and is a new connector going to truly serve to divert that traffic?

Public Involvement

- Vaughn told the EMT that all of the comments are now in from the open houses. They just received the oral comments a week ago, but they are combining them into common themes. Vaughn said that the summary data from the comment forms (from the meetings, not including mail, emails, etc.) is still in a fairly rough cut, and the EMT can make comments or edits if needed.
- R. Scott asked if the goals could be ordered by how many comments they received from the public on where they placed their top priorities.

Next EMT Meeting

- EMT #44 – August 7th, location TBD

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Action Items

Action Items from EMT mtg. 43	Responsible Party	Target Date