



Southwest Corridor Plan Steering Committee
Monday, October 14, 2013
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Metro Council Chambers

Committee Members Present

Craig Dirksen, Co-chair
Bob Stacey, Co-chair
John Cook
Denny Doyle
Steve Novick
Bill Middleton
Jason Tell
Suzan Turley
Skip O'Neill
Roy Rogers
Loretta Smith
Neil McFarlane

Metro Council
Metro Council
City of Tigard
City of Beaverton
City of Portland
City of Sherwood
ODOT
City of King City
City of Lake Oswego
Washington County
Multnomah County
TriMet

Committee Members Excused

Gery Schirado

City of Durham

Alternate Members Present

Alice Rouyer

City of Tualatin

Metro Staff

Elissa Gertler, Malu Wilkinson, Catherine Ciarlo, Matt Bihn, Anthony Buczek, Jamie Snook, Michael Walter, Clifford Higgins, Camille Tisler, Michaela Skiles, Dana Lucero, Juan Carlos Ocana-Chiu, Alan Gunn

1.0 Welcome and introductions

Co-chair Bob Stacey, Metro Councilor, welcomed the committee and audience members and asked them to introduce themselves. He noted that the committee would need to be timely, because their tour of the Milwaukie Light Rail would leave promptly at 10:00 a.m. Due to the time constraint, he asked that project partner updates be omitted.

2.0 Consideration of the Steering Committee meeting summary from July 22, 2013

Co-chair Stacey asked the committee to consider the meeting summary from the July 22, 2013 Southwest Corridor steering committee meeting. Mayor John Cook made a motion to accept the meeting summary. Hearing no opposition, Co-chair Stacey declared the motion as passed and the meeting summary adopted.

3.0 Phase 1 Project Partner Actions

Co-chair Dirksen described the positive reception the Southwest Corridor Plan has received in the communities represented by the steering committee. Eight jurisdictions have acted on resolutions approving the Southwest Corridor Plan, and Co-chair Dirksen explained that another jurisdiction will consider a resolution tonight. Additionally, ODOT will provide a letter of support for the project, and JPACT and MPAC have both unanimously recommended that the Metro Council approve the resolution. He also noted that Phase 1 is concluding, and the project will move into the refinement phase following the Metro Council's consideration of the resolution.

4.0 Refinement Work Plan Overview

Mr. Matt Bihn reviewed the Southwest Corridor Plan refinement calendar with the committee. He explained that staff is hoping to wrap up the refinement period by June 2014, so the steering committee will see a great deal of refinement material in the March and May meetings. Mr. Bihn then outlined the refinement phase work plan, which focuses on further narrowing the alignment and design options for the corridor. He explained that the narrowing process will involve an impact assessment for each design option, with varying amounts of information depending on the option.

Mayor Rogers asked if a time contingency had been built into the schedule, in order to mitigate potential issues with the committee's review timeline. He expressed concern that the materials necessary for local jurisdictional review would not be available far enough in advance of the committee's final decision in June 2014. Ms. Wilkinson and Ms. Gertler clarified that staff is aiming to bring the needed materials to the committee in May, so there will be a month to review them, but if the materials are not ready, the timeline can be reassessed.

Mayor Rogers inquired about Sherwood's continuing participation in the process. Mayor Middleton explained that Sherwood will remain involved in the process; he noted that the project does not affect Sherwood directly, but it does affect them indirectly. Mayor Rogers also inquired about the dates of the JPACT trip to Washington D.C. Mr. McFarlane clarified that the dates are not finalized.

Additionally, Mr. Tell noted that ODOT has a project slated for next summer to upgrade the bridges on Barbur Blvd/HWY 99W, which will overlap with this project's timeline and provide useful information

5.0 Refined Transit Purpose and Need

Ms. Malu Wilkinson overviewed the function of the Purpose and Need statement, and explained that it is necessary for the natural environmental policy act process. She noted that the Purpose and Need was based on the committee's adopted vision goals and objectives, but now that the project has been narrowed, staff can refine the purpose and need prior to entering the NEPA process. Ms. Wilkinson further explained that public input on the Purpose and Need will be sought in November, and it will be refined with the federal transit administration (FTA). The refined version will be brought back to the steering committee in December.

6.0 ID Southwest

Co-chair Bob Stacey described Atlanta Beltline, Inc., an Atlanta based non-profit organization that has helped focus the implementation of the Atlanta Beltline Vision, a corridor that encircles the city center and incorporates greenways, historic buildings, bike, pedestrian, and streetcar infrastructure, and connects MARTA lines. Co-chair Dirksen explained that implementation development (ID) southwest would create a committee of community leaders that would promote implementation of the Southwest Corridor Plan and the Shared Investment Strategy and remain focused on the project outcomes. He noted that it would also create new opportunities for public/private partnerships and community involvement, much like Atlanta Beltline, Inc had in the Beltline Vision project.

Ms. Gertler clarified that some of the most active public and private community based partners have been identified, but the group has not been formed yet. She noted that the group should be of a manageable size, but provide adequate representation from the corridor. She asked that steering committee members provide suggestions for potential ID southwest committee members.

Per Mayor Roger's inquiry, Ms. Gertler clarified that the membership will target private, institutions, and community based groups, but some legislators may be approached. Mr. Jason Tell noted that it would be beneficial to have committee members that influence funding streams. Ms. Gertler explained that the committee would pull together additional ideas and funding sources by bringing new groups to the table, including: health and wellness interests, sustainability interests, and state and federal interests. Co-chair Stacey noted that a broader community perspective might make a strong case for legislative pressure.

At this point, Co-chair Dirksen asked that a consensus about the creation of an ID Southwest committee be reached, prior to a presentation of the idea to the Metro Council. Committee members reached an affirmative consensus regarding the creation of the group.

6.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

7.0 Updates

At this point in the meeting, Chair Stacey invited updates from the committee members.

Mayor Cook gave two updates from Tigard. First, this upcoming Thursday Tigard city councilors and staff will be meeting with the Lane Transit District to discuss bus rapid transit (BRT). Second, Tim Bevan will be giving a presentation about bus rapid transit in urban environments on November 5th at the City of Tigard.

Mr. McFarlane, of TriMet, gave an update on the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Bridge. He noted that the project is at just over 50% completion and is on time, under budget, and has announced the opening day, September 12, 2015. Mr. Unsworth noted that improvements are focused on more than the rail line; the project will also invest in bike and pedestrian infrastructure and environmental mitigation projects. He also explained that the project is expected to create nearly 14,500 jobs directly and indirectly, and thus far, approximately 7,500 have been created. He clarified that TriMet is trying to locally source these jobs. Commissioner Novick noted that New York City is also building a bike/pedestrian only bridge that disallows car usage.

8.0 Next meetings and adjourn

Co-chair Stacey adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Meeting summary respectfully submitted by:

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Camille Tisler

Attachments to the Record:

Item	Type	Document Date	Description	Document Number
1	Agenda	10/14/13	October meeting agenda	101413swcpssc-01
2	Summary	7/22/13	7/22/13 meeting minutes	101413swcpssc-02
3	Document	10/14/13	Southwest Corridor Adopting Actions	101413swcpssc-03
4	Document	10/14/13	Southwest Corridor Refinement Phase Map	101413swcpssc-04
5	Document	10/14/13	Draft Purpose and Need Statement	101413swcpssc-05
6	Document	10/14/13	ID Southwest An Overview	101413swcpssc-06
7	Document	10/14/13	SWCP Refinement Calendar	101413swcpssc-07