

Agenda



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600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Meeting: Southwest Corridor Plan Steering Committee
Date: Monday, Dec. 12, 2016
Time: 9 to 11 a.m.
Place: Tigard Town Hall, 13125 SW Hall Blvd., Tigard
Purpose: Consider decisions on edits to project Purpose & Need, definition of alternatives for environmental review and creation of the community advisory committee.
Overview environmental review process and ongoing planning efforts.

9 a.m. Welcome and introductions Co-Chair Dirksen

ACTION ITEM

9:10 a.m. Consideration of the Steering Committee meeting summary Co-Chair Dirksen
From Nov. 14, 2016 **ACTION REQUESTED**

PUBLIC COMMENT

9:15 a.m. Public Comment Co-Chair Dirksen
Opportunity for citizens to provide short testimony and/or submit written comments to inform the Steering Committee decisions.

DISCUSSION ITEM

9:30 a.m. Recap of staff recommendations, report on further analysis Matt Bihn, Metro
Review of staff's recommendations on what to study in the draft environmental impact statement and edits to the project Purpose & Need, including any public input received. Report on further analysis regarding adjacent to I-5 alignment option between SW Custer Drive and Barbur TC.
Discussion: Any questions on the staff recommendations, or on the additional information regarding the I-5 alignment option?

ACTION ITEMS

10:10 a.m. Consideration of edits to the project Purpose & Need Co-Chair Stacey
ACTION REQUESTED *Steering committee action on updates to the project Purpose & Need, based on recommendations from staff.*

10:15 a.m. Consideration of which light rail project components to study Co-Chair Stacey
in the draft environmental impact statement
ACTION REQUESTED *Steering committee action on the transit project components to assess in the federal environmental review required under the National Environmental Policy Act, based on recommendations from staff and further analysis provided.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

10:20 a.m. Nominations to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Eryn Kehe, Metro
Report on CAC application and review process, including factors considered.
Presentation of names nominated by staff for steering committee consideration.
Discussion: Any questions on the CAC, the application process or the nominees?

ACTION ITEM

10:40 a.m. Consideration of appointing the members of a community Co-Chair Stacey
advisory committee to advise the Steering Committee in
identification of the locally preferred alternative
ACTION REQUESTED *Steering committee action to create the CAC by appointing its
members, based on nominations from staff.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

10:45 a.m. Overview of next steps Chris Ford, Metro
*Description of upcoming work on the Southwest Corridor Plan – environmental review
plus ongoing planning and engagement efforts. Identification of milestones.*
Discussion: Any questions about the upcoming work and project schedule?

11:00 a.m. Adjourn

Materials for 12/12/2016 meeting:

- 11/14/2016 meeting summary



Meeting minutes

Meeting: Southwest Corridor Steering Committee
Date/time: Monday, Nov. 14, 2016
Place: Council Chamber & Annex, Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave, Portland

Committee Members Present

Craig Dirksen, Co-chair	Metro Council
Bob Stacey, Co-chair	Metro Council
John Cook	City of Tigard
Neil McFarlane	TriMet
Steve Novick	City of Portland
Lou Ogden	City of Tualatin
Gery Schirado	City of Durham
Rian Windsheimer	ODOT

Metro Staff Present

Malu Wilkinson, Brian Harper, Chris Ford, Matt Bihn, Yuliya Kharitonova, Michaela Skiles, Eryn Kehe, Anthony Buczek

1.0 Welcome and introductions

Co-chair Bob Stacey called the meeting to order at 9:09 am and welcomed the committee members and public to the meeting. The committee members introduced themselves and noted their jurisdictional affiliation.

Co-chair Stacey noted that the committee would not be making any decisions today and gave a brief overview of the agenda items.

2.0 Consideration of the Steering Committee meeting summary from June 13, 2016.

Co-chair Stacey asked the committee for approval of the meeting summary from June 13, 2016. With all in favor, the meeting summary was approved unanimously.

3.0 Project Update

Mr. Chris Ford, Metro, gave an overview of the project updates since the June 13, 2016 Southwest Corridor Steering Committee meeting. Project updates included:

- Recap of the actions at the June meeting, including the light rail alignment options and station connection projects endorsed
- Activities thru August – TPAC and JPACT update, Metro Council resolution in support of direction, prep work for federal environmental review process
- Scoping Period (September 2 – October 3) – prep work, materials and outcomes
- Work since the end of scoping, including creation of a Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Mr. Ford also previewed future project work, including:

- Upcoming Milestones:
 - Early December - Release Agency Coordination Plan, Shared Investment Strategy update
 - December 12, 2016 - Steering Committee action on recommendations, CAC appointments

- Draft EIS Timeline:
 - January-April 2017 – Negotiate methodologies, initial impact assessments
 - May-October 2017 – Iterative reviews with agencies
 - November 2017 – Complete draft for FTA final review
 - December 2017 – Completion and publication of Draft EIS
 - January-February 2018 – 45-day public comment period
 - March-April 2018 – Steering Committee selection of LPA
- Other 2017 Activities

4.0 Public Involvement Update

Co-chair Craig Dirksen introduced Metro's public involvement specialist, Eryn Kehe, to give an update on public engagement activities. Ms. Kehe gave a brief overview of early scoping activities and then continued her presentation on the outreach activities during the official scoping period which included:

- September 20 – Agency scoping meeting at TriMet
- September 22 – Public scoping meeting at Wilson High School
- Southwest Corridor & TriMet email list announcement
- September 2016 online survey (1606 respondents)
- Farmers Markets (Tigard, Hillsdale, OHSU)
- Neighborhood Meetings (South Portland, Homestead, Friends of Terwilliger, West Portland Park, SWNI and CPO 4M)
- Social media/Website information
- Paid Advertising & Metro News (7 multilingual ads)
- Local newspaper & newsletter announcements

Ms. Kehe summarized the outcomes from the public engagement efforts which included:

- Support for the draft Purpose & Need – 77%
- Support for the alignment options – 73%
- Support for station locations – 65%
- Support for park-and-ride locations – 70%
- Support for road, bike and pedestrian projects -74%
- Support for issues to study – 79%
- Support racial/social equity considerations – 80%

In conclusion, Ms. Eryn Kehe noted that call for applications for the Community Advisory Committee is out and its deadline is Monday, November 21, 2016.

5.0 Staff Recommendations on Definition of Alternatives

Mr. Matt Bihn, Metro, gave an overview of the Proposed Range of Alternatives for Environmental Review and presented staff recommendations which included:

- Marquam Hill connection:
 - Multiple elevator and bridge – modified option
 - Elevator and bridge with covered walkway – modified option
 - Pedestrian tunnel with elevator
- PCC Sylvania connection:
 - Bike and ped improvements to connect campus to LRT stations
 - Enhanced bus service (bus shuttle, park shuttle)
- LRT alignment options:
 - Remove Clinton branched alignment
 - Only consider 70th Ave, not 69th Ave, for Clinton through-routed alignment

- Remove alignment that transitions from adjacent to I-5 north of Crossroads to center-running Barbur south of Crossroads
- Stations and park & rides options:
 - Remove Hunziker station and park-and-ride
 - Increase Bridgeport station park-and-ride capacity to be studied
- Roadway, bike, and pedestrian projects:
 - Add 29 projects to those already identified in Proposed Range of Alternatives for study in Environmental Review based on further analysis and input during scoping
- Purpose and Need:
 - Add language to explain need for purpose: “Ensure benefits and impacts promote community equity.”

Mr. Bihn concluded with a brief overview of next steps, which included Steering Committee action on recommendations on December 12, 2016 and publication of Detailed Definition of Alternatives in late December 2016.

The committee members inquired about Bridgeport park-and-ride parking capacity, if a trenched path above Terwilliger Parkway would be continued to study as one of the Marquam Hill connection options, and possible Tigard park-and-ride locations.

Committee members also requested additional, more detailed information on alignment options adjacent to I-5.

- Mr. Neil McFarland, TriMet, asked staff to come back with a further review of both the in-Barbur and adjacent to I-5 alternatives between SW 13th Ave and Barbur Transit Center. Mr. McFarland cited increased costs and property impacts for the adjacent to I-5 alignment due to a wider setback from I-5 assumed in recent designs, as well as less desirable station locations than with a Barbur alignment. Mr. McFarland stated he hopes to reduce expensive alternatives to evaluate sooner rather than later and that only the most reasonable alternatives be evaluated in the Draft EIS.
- Co-Chair Dirksen noted it can be dangerous to enter a Draft EIS with only one alternative in a location in case of fatal flaws.
- Mr. Rian Windsheimer, ODOT, stated that he shares Councilor Dirksen’s concern and also understands the need to narrow options for environmental review when possible, but cited concerns that the project has not adequately reached out to potentially affected businesses along Barbur.
- Co-Chair Stacey expressed concern about the large amount of environmental review work to be completed by 2018 but also wants to ensure that a good idea is not dropped. Councilor Stacey encouraged staff to double down on outreach.
- Commissioner Novick stated his agreement on Mr. McFarland’s points.

6.0 Public Comment

Ms. Kathleen McMullen, PCC, applauded the efforts of staff and partners for campus transit improvements and emphasized the importance of having affordable, accessible, and reliable transit connection for students and staff to be able to connect to the college campus.

Mr. Roger Averbeck, Oregon Walks, expressed support for staff recommendations and suggested that the map on page 12 in the November 2016 Staff Recommendation report should include potential station locations. Mr. Averbeck commended project staff for considerations on such issues as environment, communities of color, low income populations and senior citizens. He inquired if he could view road/bike/ped projects considered to understand what is being left out of the staff

recommendations and proposed to add an Oregon Walks representative to the community advisory committee.

Ms. Sylvia Kelley, PCC, emphasized that many PCC students face numerous challenges including lack of reliable and affordable transportation to and from college campus. She expressed support and excitement for the FTA TOD grant received by Metro and how it may be used in terms of the community equity.

Mr. John Gibbon, Markham Neighborhood Association, commended project staff and partners for bicycle and pedestrian projects in Southwest Portland. Mr. Gibbon complemented Mr. Neil McFarlane for the position regarding Barbur Boulevard and pointed out that he feels it would be the preferred alternative.

Ms. Denise Frisbee, PCC, commented on the launching of the PCC master plan and getting involved with the local communities. She pointed out that some of the community's concerns included housing affordability and availability, need for improvement of campus access points, need for improvement of bicycle and pedestrian access, and high transportation costs. In conclusion, Ms. Frisbee thanked the committee for considerations and stated that she is looking forward to working together.

Mr. Brad Perkins, Cascadia High-Speed Rail LLC (CHSR), recommended the Cascadia High Speed Rail corridor project to the members of the committee. He noted that a high-speed rail connection between Eugene, OR and Vancouver, BC should be considered when planning park-and-rides along the Southwest Corridor. Mr. Perkins updated the committee on the current state of the project and inquired if there was an opportunity to present it.

Mr. Richard Matza, Congregation Ahavath Achim, expressed concern about a proposed light rail station location on Barbur Boulevard and connection to Marquam Hill next to their synagogue. He strongly objected to this station location due to impacts all around the building and expressed concern it would bring vandalism, property damage, construction disruptions, and homeless people. Mr. Matza noted that a major concern is the uncertainty of how long before the light rail project is fully planned and completed and urged the committee to have a discussion about those issues to find an amicable resolution.

7.0 Adjourn

There being no further business, Co-chair Craig Dirksen adjourned the meeting at 10:43 am.

Attachments to the Record:

Item	Type	Document Date	Description	Document Number
1	Agenda	11/14/16	Meeting agenda	111416SWCSC-01
2	Summary	06/13/16	06/13/16 meeting summary	111416SWCSC-02
3	Report	November 2016	Scoping Summary Report	111416SWCSC-03
4	Document	11/09/16	November 2016 Staff Recommendation: Revisions to the Proposed Range of Alternatives and Purpose and Need	111416SWCSC-04
5	Document	November 2016	Public Input (June-October 2016)	111416SWCSC-05
6	Letter	11/14/16	Letter to Southwest Corridor Steering Committee from Congregation Ahavath Achim	111416SWCSC-06



Suggested Community Advisory Committee (CAC) members

1. Rachel Duke – Community Partners for Housing, representative of housing experts
2. Michael Kisor - SW Portland neighborhood representative
3. Brian Newman – OHSU, Major employer, medical facility and education institution
4. Kathleen McMullen – PCC, educational institution
5. Ian Stude – PSU, educational institution
6. Roger Averback - Oregon Walks and Portland Pedestrian Advisory Committee representative
7. Jim Gardner - South Portland neighborhood representative
8. Arnie Panitch - TriMet Committee on Accessible Transit representative
9. Stephen Balding - Tigard Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory committee representative
10. Debi Mollahan - Tigard Business representative
11. Linda Moholt- Tualatin Business representative
12. Chad Hastings - Tualatin employer and developer (Male, Bridgeport Village
13. Carine Arendes - Tigard Central City Advisory Committee representative
14. Evelyn Murphy - Tigard resident
15. Elise Shearer - Tigard resident
16. Lonnie Martinez- Tigard Transportation Advisory Committee representative
17. Tim Dickey - At large
18. Hold seat - Person of color
19. Hold seat - Business/property owner on Barbur Blvd.

Committee information

Max committee size: 19

Total seats filled with applicants: 17

Men: 10

Women: 7

Portland: 8

Tigard: 7

Tualatin: 2