

City of Tigard



Transportation Advisory Committee [TTAC] MINUTES

Wednesday, February 2, 2011, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Tigard Library 2nd Floor Conference Room - 13500 SW Hall Blvd., Tigard, Oregon

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher Warren, Dennis Mitchell, Don Schmidt, Jennifer Stanfield, Karen Hughart, Kim Moreland, Mike Stevenson, Steven Bass

MEMBERS ABSENT: Basil Christopher, Don Fox, Maureen Wolf

OTHERS PRESENT: City Council Liaison, Gretchen Buehner; Tim McGilvrey, Visitor

STAFF PRESENT: Judith Gray, Sr. Transportation Planner; Mike McCarthy, Sr. Project Engineer; Sean Farrelly, Redevelopment Project Manager; Toby LaFrance, Finance and Information Services Director; Doreen Laughlin, Sr. Administrative Specialist

Call to Order – Christopher Warren

Vice-Chair Christopher Warren called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.; Doreen Laughlin called the roll.

Consider the Nov. 3 & Dec. 1 Minutes -- Christopher Warren

Vice Chair, Christopher Warren, asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the November 3 minutes; there was a motion and a second to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Christopher asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the December 1 minutes; there was a motion and a second to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Introductions – Planning Commissioner, Don Schmidt, was introduced as a new committee member.

Visitor Comments: None

2011 Leadership Elections: Christopher Warren

Vice Chair Christopher Warren opened the floor for nominations.

Mike Stevenson nominated Christopher Warren for chair; Karen Hughart seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steven Bass nominated Jennifer Stanfield for vice-chair; Don Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Update on Downtown Activities: Sean Farrelly

Sean Farrelly gave an update on the Downtown Circulation Plan – now being called the Downtown Conceptual Connectivity Plan. He noted it was reviewed for several months by the City Center Advisory Commission (CCAC). He said the plan was developed by a consultant team, led by SERA Architects, who collaborated with City staff and a technical advisory team of public agency representatives. The plan would establish City policy and would designate street connections that would be adopted into the City's Transportation System Plan (TSP) and the Comprehensive Plan. The Downtown Conceptual Connectivity Plan would be implemented incrementally over the next 50 years.

There was some concern stated about Burnham Street and the fact that many people seem to speed and drive at about 40 mph, even though the speed limit is just 20 mph during construction. The question came up as to what the regular speed will be. Sean Farrelly answered that he'd spoken to the engineer, Kim McMillan, and the speed limit would default to 30 mph. It was also noted the police are patrolling the area and issuing tickets to offenders. The idea of a stop sign at Ash Street on Burnham was recommended and a posted speed sign on Burnham was also suggested. Mike McCarthy, Sr. Project Engineer, said he would check into these ideas.

There was some discussion as to prioritization of streets on the Circulation Plan Map. The Ash Avenue rail crossing, Scoffins/Hunziker realignment, and Commercial Street realignment are priority projects that will affect circulation. Someone mentioned that practicality would be good. What appears to work well? There was some discussion about parking on Main Street and that there is a need for parking management.

There was a question as to the timeline for Main Street Green Street. Sean answered that the idea is to start construction in the summer of 2012. He noted they would proceed carefully and work with the business owners.

Tentative Future Agendas

Judith Gray went over the tentative future TTAC Meeting Topics and Activities (2011) sheet that had been in the committee's packet. She noted there is a little uncertainty as to when the Joint Council TTAC meeting would take place. Councilor Buehner noted that it is possible to ask for another meeting with Council. She said other committees do that and it's not a problem.

There was a short discussion about the TTAC bylaws. Toby LaFrance, Finance and Information Services Director, explained the bylaws "template." Judith said the TTAC bylaws need to be revisited and there was a short discussion about that.

The idea of inviting TriMet to an upcoming meeting to talk about service planning was brought forth. Councilor Buehner said that TriMet talks to City Council about once a year and it might be a good idea to coordinate those meetings. The committee's consensus was they would like TriMet to come to the TTAC separately. They'd like to know when the plan is for TriMet to go to council so they can attend that if they'd like to - but a meeting with TriMet at an upcoming TTAC meeting - separate from the Council - appeared to be the desired option. The committee would like someone from TriMet, particularly someone who works closely

with the routes, to come and explain to them on a "citizens" level. Mike McCarthy noted all his dealings with TriMet were positive.

Judith will find out if the TriMet General Manager meeting with council has been initiated. If so, she will let the TTAC members know when that will be so they can attend it if they would like to. Also, she will try to get a service planner to come to a TTAC meeting to explain routing and scheduling.

Staff Updates

Toby LaFrance, Finance and Information Services Director, updated the group on the budget process and told them where future dates intersect with TTAC meetings. He said April would be a good time for a further update. The budget is planned to go to Council on June 14 for a public hearing where, hopefully, it will get adopted. He noted changes up to 10% could be made; however, the more likely scenario would be small technical changes. Toby explained how staff was asked to figure the budget. He noted there had been some sizable reductions the year before, with the expectation that they would hold up through the next fiscal year; at this time, the budget appears to be holding.

Judith said March 1st is the target date for the TSP to be printed.

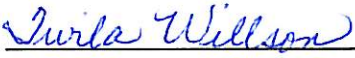
Mike McCarthy gave an update on Walnut/Tiedeman/116th. The earliest start for construction would be 2013. He announced that all lanes on Pacific Highway are now open. Some businesses are blocked by a temporary median (candlesticks). An independent evaluation will be done with "before" and "after" data. If it's working well, the median will become permanent. Mike gave an update on the Hall/Pacific Hwy intersection improvement. He noted more people are using Pacific Highway. The signalization appears to be working well, with an average delay reduction of 4 minutes through Tigard going northbound on Pacific Highway. He said a tentative "Completion Celebration" for the Pacific Hwy/Hall/Greenburg project is being planned for March 3 at Liberty Park. [Update: This date has been changed to April 7.]

The new flashing yellow left-turn lights are working well. Dennis Mitchell noted that pedestrians are complaining about it being more dangerous for them. Drivers are checking for traffic but not necessarily for pedestrians.

Mike gave a paving project update. There will be some slurry seal work on Bull Mountain (Neighborhood Network Area 13) and northern central Tigard (Area 3) in the summer.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.


for Doreen Laughlin, TTAC Secretary


ATTEST: Chair Christopher Warren