

Main Street Project Governance Team

February 19, 2015 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Library Meeting Room

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Mayor Lundberg (COS), Marilee Woodrow (COS), Gary Wildish (LTD), Frannie Brindle (ODOT), ex-officio Ron Kilcoyne (LTD). Staff: Tom Boyatt (COS), Tonja Kling (COS) and John Evans (LTD). Consultants: Chris Watchie, Linda Wannamaker, and Stefano Viggiano. SAC members Randy Hledik, Brett Rowlett. Members of Public: Erin Walters (OMOT) and Rob Zako (BEST).

Chris Watchie gave a brief overview of what has happened public outreach to date and pending outreach. Consultant will be sending a mailing to businesses and property owners on the corridor highlighting when the opportunities will be to have public comment and testimony.

Stefano discussed the recommendations from the January 27th Stakeholders Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting. He said that there were five items that would be up for discussion today and four will require action.

Recommendation Number 1

The SAC is recommending option number 1 which is: "Advance as Most Promising Transit Solutions: No-Change and Enhanced Bus options for the McVay Highway Segment; and No-Change, Enhanced Bus, and BRT options for the Main Street Segment. Stefano reviewed the details of this option. There was brief discussion with Frannie Brindle asking if the downtown to Main bus will stop at the Springfield Station and the answer is yes.

Recommendation Number 2

The SAC's recommendation is to further study the Most Promising Transit Solutions with the intent of identifying locally preferred solutions for Main Street and McVay Highway segments. Considerations should be given to McVay Highway segment for future BRT service based on meeting development thresholds or ridership levels associated with other segments of the regional BRT system.

SAC Member Randy Hledik said that he represents a property owner on McVay Highway and Brett Rowlett represents Lane Community College and even though ridership levels don't currently seem to justify BRT service on McVay, the Glenwood Refinement Plan is in place, and redevelopment is scheduled to occur with sanitary sewer lines going in. Maybe a loop system over 30th Avenue could tie into this in the future.

SAC Member Brett Rowlett also said that the SAC looked into the option that possibly in the future having an EMX line go from west Eugene link into the Main Street system all the way out to Thurston. Moving forward, don't create segments that can't get funding (federal).

Recommendation Number 3

Revision of SAC Lane Configuration Recommendation of moderate exclusivity with additional consideration given to pedestrian and bicycle facilities, including safety and comfort issues. The Moderate Exclusivity option is advanced because it provides the greatest degree of flexibility in

meeting the transit operating needs while also addressing potential impacts. The SAC would also like to recommend that the corridor traffic speeds of various lane configuration models be studied and be considered in relation to corridor safety.

Recommendation Number 4

Study of Additional Pedestrian Crossing, the SAC recommends further study of additional pedestrian crossing and lighting improvements east of 58th Street including those identified in their July 2014 workshop.

Recommendation Number 5

SAC committee members to represent the SAC at GT, Springfield City Council and the Lane Transit Board work sessions. The SAC recommended that Randy Hledik, Emma Newman, and Brett Rowlett to serve as spokespeople for the meetings. This recommendation is advisory only and did not require action by the Committee.

Two of the three SAC members were present. Randy and Brett were introduced and said Emma Newman was the third SAC spokesperson. It was decided by the group that at least two of the three would attend all meetings.

SAC Member Randy Hledik said that the process had a steep learning curve and all members did their homework and learned a lot. Recommendations brought forward from the SAC were not unanimous but overwhelming majority did vote in favor.

Mayor Lundberg said she wanted the SAC to represent a consensus to go forward and have a sense of what the community would want moving forward.

SAC Member Brett Rowlett said he was very pleased with the involvement of the committee members. Said he really liked the comment cards included in their agenda's and there were numerous comments from citizens he thought were great and many involved pedestrian safety enhancements.

SAC Member Hledik said when the committee voted, the no votes didn't express the reason why the member voted no or abstained. One person in the audience today which represented OMOT on the committee voted no on everything they voted on except for one.

Mayor Lundberg requested that a list of all committee members and who they represented be included to the Council and LTD Board packets. She would also like to see an explanation of the process.

GT Member Gary Wildish said he appreciates the balance on the committee. GT Member Frannie Brindle said that they demonstrated a vision for the long term future on the McVay section and admires all the hard work and thoughtfulness the SAC has done.

Voting on SAC recommended options.

Recommendation Number 1 – GT Member Woodrow moved to approve recommendation number 1, GT Member Wildish second. No further discussion on option. Vote passed unanimously. This recommendation will be advanced to City Council and LTD Board.

Recommendation Number 2 – GT Member Woodrow moved to approve option number 2, GT Member Brindle second. No further discussion on option. Vote passed unanimously. This recommendation will be advanced to City Council and LTD Board.

Recommendation Number 3 – GT Member Wildish moved to approve option number 3, GT Member Woodrow second. No further discussion on option. Vote passed unanimously. This item addresses the scope of the recommended future study and will not need to go to City Council or LTD Board.

Recommendation Number 4 – GT Member Woodrow moved to approve option number 4, GT Member Wildish second. No further discussion on option. Vote passed unanimously. This recommendation will be advanced to City Council and LTD Board.

Recommendation Number 5 did not require vote.

Next Steps-

February 24, 2015 – SAC final meeting for summary, thanks and celebration.

May 4, 2015 – Springfield City Council Work Session: Review Recommendations.

May 18, 2015 – Springfield City Council Work Session: Review Recommendations (if needed).

May 18, 2015 – Springfield City Council: Resolution on Range of Most Promising Transit Solutions.

May 20, 2015 – Lane Transit District Board Work Session: Review Recommendations.

May 20, 2015 – Lane Transit District Board Meeting: Resolution on Range of Most Promising Transit Solutions.

Tom Boyatt suggested that the GT meet as a follow up to discuss if the GT needs to continue. All present agreed to this additional meeting.