



City of Tualatin

**Tualatin TSP Transportation Task Force
Meeting #6 Summary**

March 15, 2012, 5:00 p.m.

Tualatin Police Department
8650 SW Tualatin Rd
Tualatin, OR 97062

Committee Members Present

Alan Aplin – *TPAC Representative*
Bill Beers – *TPAC Representative*
Brian Barker – *TVF&R*
Bruce Andrus-Hughes – *Parks Advisory*
Charlie Benson – *Citizen Representative*
Cheryl Dorman – *Tualatin Chamber of
Commerce*
Jan Giunta – *CIO Representative*
Joelle Davis – *City Councilor*
Judith Gray – *City of Tigard*
Kelly Betteridge – *TriMet*
Monique Beikman – *City Councilor*

Nancy Kraushaar – *Citizen Representative*
Ryan Boyle – *Citizen Representative*
Steve L. Kelley – *Washington County*
Travis Evans – *Citizen Representative*

Advisory Participants

Mike Riley – *CIO Representative Alternate*
Candice Kelly – *Alternate Tualatin Tomorrow
Representative*
John Howorth – *Alternate Citizen
Representative*
Ray Phelps – *Alternate Citizen Representative*

Committee Members Absent

Allen Goodall – *Business Representative*
Amanda Hoffman – *City of Wilsonville*
Bethany Wurtz – *Tualatin Tomorrow
Representative*
Deena Platman – *Metro Transportation
Planning*
Julia Hajduk – *City of Sherwood*
Karen Buehrig – *Clackamas County*

Lidwien Rahman – *ODOT*
Randall Thom – *Small Business Representative*
Wade Brooksby – *City Councilor*
Gail Hardinger – *Alternate Business
Representative*
Nic Herriges – *Alternate Citizen
Representative*

Public in Attendance

Dolores Hurtado
Kathy Newcomb
Connie Ledbetter
Joe Lipscomb

Staff, Project Team, and Special Guests

Cindy Hahn – *City of Tualatin*
Alice Rouyer – *City of Tualatin*
Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, *City of Tualatin*
Ben Bryant – *City of Tualatin*
Kaaren Hofmann – *City of Tualatin*

Theresa Carr – *CH2MHill*
Eryn Kehe – *JLA Public Involvement*
Sam Beresky – *JLA Public Involvement*

Welcome and Call to Order

Eryn Kehe from JLA Public Involvement welcomed the group and thanked them for their attendance. She explained that the focus of today's meeting is on the Transportation System Plan and will mainly involve a project workshop. Members then introduced themselves.

Communication from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Approve Meeting #5 Summary

Eryn let the group know that after Meeting #5, Jan Giunta sent an email suggesting changes to the Goals and Objectives language. A copy of the email was included at the end of the meeting summary. Eryn suggested that to reopen a closed topic, the majority of the group should vote to reopen the issue. The group agreed and Jan Giunta agreed. Eryn asked members to show their vote to re-open the discussion.

7 – no (stop signs)

6 – yes (go signs)

The discussion was not reopened.

On page 4 of the meeting summary, under transit linkages, it was noted that a bridge over the Tualatin River was not suggested. The summary should reflect that the comments during the meeting were about how Hall Blvd is an important alternative that connects many key destinations, including Washington Square and Tigard High School, but a bridge over the Tualatin River was not the suggestion.

It was noted that the detail of the public comments in the summary exceeded the detail of the Task Force discussion. It was suggested that the level of detail should be more balanced.

Meeting Summary #5 was approved with the above change.

Announcements

Cindy Hahn provided an update on recent meetings with the Planning Commission and City Council (TPAC is now the Planning Commission). On March 6th both the Existing Conditions Report and Goals & Objectives documents, for both Linking Tualatin and the Transportation System Plan, were brought before the Planning Commission. There was some minor discussion, but overall the Planning Commission gave positive feedback on both reports for both projects. Both documents were brought to the Tualatin City Council on March 12th. The Council was also supportive of the project work.

Cindy let the group know that the Transit Working Group scheduled for April 12th has been rescheduled for March 29th. She asked TTF members to update their calendars.

Cindy said that the City is celebrating the 25th year of Tualatin's designation as a "Tree City". Commemorative wristbands were offered to the group.

Ben Bryant mentioned that there was a great neighborhood meeting on March 10th. The group talked about 105th, 108th, and Blake Street at the meeting. He said that many of the great ideas generated at that meeting will be shown on the maps at the next set of Working Group meetings. A

meeting summary will be posted to www.tualatintsp.org. He encouraged the TTF to participate in the next round of Working Group meetings.

Ben said that two projects in Tualatin have been included on Washington County's MSTIP (Major Streets and Transportation Improvement Program). The draft list includes the extension of 124th to the south, as well as design work on the connection of 124th through Wilsonville to I-5. He mentioned that MSTIP will have both an in-person and a virtual open house and that it is important that the citizens of Tualatin show their support for these projects. The open house is scheduled for March 22 from 5-8pm at Beaverton High School and the virtual open house will be available online for two weeks following the in-person open house. Alice Rouyer said that it is important that the Washington County Commission know that these projects are important for Tualatin. The City will provide language in support of the projects for the CIOs, the Chamber of Commerce, CIO land use officers, the TTF members, and other groups to include in their feedback at the virtual open house.

Project Update: Transportation System Plan

Theresa Carr said that at the February 2nd meeting, the TTF approved the Goals & Objectives to be shown to council, TPAC, and at the February 16th open house. Generally, the public, Council and TPAC believe that the project is headed in the right direction, but there were some comments on how the public involvement is being addressed. She provided a handout of the Goals and Objectives with two suggested changes:

- Under *Vibrant Community*, add: Produce a plan which respects and preserves neighborhood values and identity.
- Under *Ability to be Implemented*, add: Conduct the planning process with adequate input and feedback from citizens in each affected neighborhood.

Discussion about possibly adding the new language included:

- "Affected neighborhood" was meant to be inclusive because some decisions could affect all the neighborhoods in Tualatin.
- How does the intent of the language differ from the original language of "Striving for broad community and political support..."?
- If the word adequate is used, how do we define adequate as a measurable concept?
- Many TTF members felt that other areas of the Goals & Objectives already covered the public involvement. They felt that the language was redundant. Some suggested removing the word "adequate".
 - Mike Riley said the difference between including the word "adequate" and not including it is the difference between a more typical project open house and the working groups. A more typical open house is conducted to get feedback on concepts created by the project team while the working groups allowed the community to create the project lists. The working groups offer a more meaningful form of public involvement.
 - Councilor Davis said that there is a difference between getting broad political and public support for a project and a planning process. She suggested that "adequate" might not be the right word but that something should be in place to ensure that the public is being involved in the process in a meaningful way.
 - Theresa Carr suggested that the additional language will give some teeth to the accepted Public Involvement Plan that the consultants are working from. Whether the new language is accepted into the Goals & Objectives or not, the project team will continue with the accepted Public Involvement Plan to do their best to involve

the public in a meaningful way. Mike Riley said that the Goals & Objectives will be used to measure if the process was a success.

- There was some discussion about the verbiage “respects and preserves”. Some members felt that the language was too objective and limiting. Some suggested removing the word “preserve”.
- Mike Riley suggested new language for the second language suggestion: “...consistently involve citizens in each affected neighborhood in the planning process.”
 - Eryn asked if the TTF agreed to the new suggested language under *Ability to be Implemented* to “...consistently involve citizens in each affected neighborhood in the planning process.” **The committee agreed to the change.**
 - Mike Riley suggested that since the second language addition was accepted, the first suggested change under *Vibrant Community* could be dropped from consideration. The TTF agreed.

Eryn thanked the group for their constructive discussion and decision-making. She was appreciative of the different suggestions for problem solving during the discussion. Mike also thanked everybody for the discussion. He mentioned that he owes everyone 15 minutes of their time and offered to mow everyone’s lawn over the next few months.

Workshop – Brainstorming Transportation Solutions

Theresa Carr recapped the format of the first round of Working Groups. She said that each group began with a blank map and then had discussions about what is working well and what is not with Tualatin’s transportation system. The Working Groups then brainstormed ideas of how to improve what is not working well. The technical team then placed all of the brainstorming ideas on the maps. Theresa said that the idea lists and maps on the tables at the TTF are the universe of options of project ideas. Currently there are no “bad ideas”. This is a brainstorming effort and the purpose is to produce a long list of possible options. After March, when the team is confident that the lists are complete, the second round of Working Group meetings will begin refining the lists. Eventually a set of recommendations will be included in the TSP.

The purpose of the workshop tonight was to allow the TTF to see the lists put together by the Working Groups. There were maps compiled from the six Working Group topic areas on six different tables (Transit, Industrial and Freight, Downtown, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Major Corridors and Intersections, and Neighborhood Livability). Time was allocated for three, 15-minute sessions so TTF members had the necessary time to visit three maps of their choice, and give feedback.

Theresa highlighted two questions for the TTF members to think about when looking at the maps:

- Is the list/map complete?
- Is anything missing?

Theresa said that it was not TTF’s job to judge the lists, they will not be removing projects at this meeting. Their job was to make sure all possible projects were on the list and maps. Eryn let the group know that March is the month for brainstorming. In April they will begin to closely examine the projects and whittle down the options.

The TTF spent one hour giving feedback on the 6 maps/lists.

After the workshop, Theresa thanked the group for their feedback. It was noted that there were new ideas added to every topic area and there was also a lot of discussion about the lists themselves. She mentioned that this is a very different process than what is normally done in a TSP.

She said that typically the technical team will develop the list themselves, and then ask the community to review it. This process allows the community to both develop and review the project list. Eryn asked the group if they felt that the lists were getting close to completion. Members suggested that they are getting very close to complete but that there is always the chance of more ideas.

Mike Riley said the Working Groups have been the heart of this process and they have allowed many people to contribute to the process. He also mentioned that the CIOs have created an online survey to facilitate their own feedback process. He said that he would distribute the link.

Councilor Beikman said that there is a large talent pool in Tualatin. She has been impressed with the ideas expressed by the community. She mentioned that she has been pleased with the people that have been involved and was excited to see new faces at every Working Group meeting.

Eryn mentioned that the summaries and maps from every Working Group are on www.tualatintsp.org, on the Working Groups page. She asked the TTF to share the results of this meeting with their constituencies, and to encourage others to attend the next round of Working Group meetings. She also mentioned the comment form and interactive map on the website as an easy way for community members to submit comments (www.tualatintsp.org).

Communication from the Public

Kathy Newcomb made a public comment. She said that Tualatin is missing Park and Rides in the SW Corridor process. She said that they are a crucial piece of infrastructure to get single occupancy vehicles off of the roads and reduce congestion. She said that Wilsonville's transit system sees over 380,000 annual trips. With better outcomes in the Linking Tualatin and Transportation System Plan, Tualatin can improve transit and reduce congestion.

Next Meeting

April 5, 2012
5-7pm

Meeting adjourned.