



*City of Tualatin*

## **Tualatin Transportation Task Force**

### **Meeting #10 Summary**

**June 21, 2012, 5:30-7:30pm**

Tualatin Police Department

8650 SW Tualatin Road

Tualatin, OR 97062

#### **Committee Members Present**

Alan Aplin – *TPC Representative*

Bethany Wurtz – *Tualatin Tomorrow Rep.*

Karen Mohling (Brian Barker alternate) –  
*TVF&R*

Charlie Benson – *Citizen Representative*

Cheryl Dorman – *Tualatin Chamber of  
Commerce*

Deena Platman – *Metro*

John Howorth – *Alternate Citizen Representative*

Joelle Davis – *City Councilor*

Judith Gray – *City of Tigard*

Jan Guinta – *CIO Representative*

Lidwien Rahman – *ODOT*

Monique Beikman – *City Councilor*

Steve L. Kelley – *Washington County*

Travis Evans – *Citizen Representative*

#### **Advisory Participants**

Lou Ogden – *Tualatin Mayor*

#### **Committee Members Absent**

Allen Goodall – *Business Representative*

Amanda Hoffman – *City of Wilsonville*

Bill Beers – *TPC Representative*

Bruce Andrus-Hughes – *TPARK Rep.*

Gail Hardinger – *Alt. Business Representative*

Julia Hajduk – *City of Sherwood*

Karen Buehrig – *Clackamas County*

Kelly Betteridge – *TriMet*

Nancy Kraushaar – *Citizen Representative*

Ryan Boyle – *Citizen Representative*

Randall Thom – *Small Business Representative*

Mike Riley – *CIO Representative*

Wade Brooksby – *City Councilor*

Nic Herriges – *Alt. Citizen Representative*

Candice Kelly – *Alternate Tualatin Tomorrow  
Representative*

#### **Public in Attendance**

Connie Ledbetter

Kathy Newcomb

Dolores Hurtado

Christopher Nelson

#### **Staff, Project Team and Special Guests**

Cindy Hahn – *City of Tualatin Ben*

Bryant – *City of Tualatin Kaaren*

Hofmann – *City of Tualatin Dayna*

Webb – *City of Tualatin Alice*

Rouyer – *City of Tualatin*

Theresa Carr – *CH2M Hill*

Alan Snook – *DKS Associates*

Terra Lingley – *CH2M Hill*

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 to discuss the preliminary project recommendations and to come to consensus about eliminating some projects from further analysis in the TSP. She asked Task Force members to introduce themselves and offer how they might help spread the word about the Online Forum over the summer. Members not from Tualatin were allowed to abstain.

- Alan Aplin – inform CIOs of the online forum
- Bethany Wurtz – distribute an email about the forum through CIOs and friends and family email lists
- Karen Mohling – include a link on the TVF&R website
- Charlie Benson – distribute email through CIO 2 and other neighborhood email lists
- Deena Platman – distribute email to her sister-in-law and her networks
- Jan Guinta – organize CIO leaders to have a training on how to use the site and distribute an email through CIO and personal email networks
- Monique Beikman – distribute email through numerous email lists and post on Facebook
- Travis Evans – post a flyer at his dental practice
- John Howorth – distribute email through CIOs

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

### **Accept Meeting #9 Summary**

After a few questions, members approved the meeting summary by consensus.

### **Announcements**

Eryn thanked everyone that had attended the third round of Working Groups. She reminded the Task Force of the upcoming schedule:

- June 25 – Washington County TSP meeting at Tigard High School
- July 12 – Linking Tualatin focused Task Force Meeting
- July 17 – Transit Working Group (rescheduled)
- July 19 – TSP focused Task Force Meeting

She mentioned that the July 19<sup>th</sup> TSP focused Task Force meeting will be a very important meeting where focus area discussions will begin. She asked members to show their traffic signs to indicate if they knew they would be able to attend or not. There were three "Stop" signs, including both councilors and Jan Guinta.

## **COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

## **OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING SUMMER OUTREACH AND ONLINE FORUM**

Eryn gave a brief overview of the Online Forum. She said that the forum is a similar format to the Online Comment Map used during the summer of 2011, but instead of asking participants to generate ideas, they would be asked to review, rate, and comment on potential projects. She said that the map will be searchable and will invite discussion about projects. She said that the project team has a number of activities planned throughout the summer to drive traffic to the Online Forum:

- Media – *Tualatin Life*, *The Times*, *Oregonian*, Facebook, Tualatin Today
- Email Invitations – starting first week of July
- City Website

- Library Computer Area
- Video short – Before Movies on the Commons
- Events – Farmer’s Market (7/13), Crawfish Festival (8/10)
- Bookmarks – to Task Force members, at local businesses, at city-wide events

Other outreach ideas included:

- Distribute an email invitation to Task Force members to distribute to their constituents
- Distribute bookmarks to churches around Tualatin
- Distribute bookmarks to CIO chairs to distribute at block parties and other events throughout the summer

## **PRELIMINARY PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Theresa gave a brief overview PowerPoint about Preliminary Project Recommendations. The PowerPoint included:

- Where We Are in the TSP Process (at the beginning of Step 3)
- Progress since May 24<sup>th</sup> Task Force Meeting
  - Discussed project evaluation with Planning Commission, TPARK, Working Groups
  - Refined evaluations based on feedback
  - Prepared preliminary recommendations
- List of Working Group Meetings
- Structure of Working Group Meetings
- Organization of Recommendations
- Role of Task Force
  - Do you agree with these preliminary recommendations?
  - If not, why not?
  - What additional analysis does the technical team need to do?
- Refinement Topic Areas
  - Tualatin-Sherwood Road Options
  - Nyberg Interchange Options
  - Boones Ferry Road Options
  - North to South Connectivity
  - Herman Road and Tualatin Road Options
  - Tualatin’s Downtown Circulation

Theresa let the members know that the preliminary recommendations list is an unconstrained list and came from both the technical analysis and the Working Groups, which were generally well aligned. She explained the categories of the preliminary recommendations as:

- Yes – project should move forward into the TSP
- No – project should not move forward into the TSP
- Urban Upgrade – project should move forward, as part of an urban upgrade
- Refinement Topic Area – more analysis is being done before a recommendation is made

Theresa clarified that the “Urban Upgrade” category represents largely sidewalk projects that may be too expensive to complete on their own, but could be completed in conjunction with other improvements. An example could be a project to add a sidewalk on a narrow roadway without adequate shoulders. She said that the most cost effective way to construct sidewalks would be at a time when the roadway was being upgraded, say repaving and adding shoulders as well as a curb, gutter, and sidewalk. Councilor Beikman mentioned that there has been talk of how to update city

code to require the urban upgrades when development happens. Theresa said that could be included in the “language to implement” task for the consultant team as part of the TSP.

There was some discussion about if Agency representatives could vote. It was noted that the Agency representatives were asked to speak up and advise on projects that were their Agency’s facilities, or would affect their Agency’s facilities and could vote if appropriate. Agencies in particular should weigh in when a project concept affects a facility that they own and maintain.

It was noted that projects that are recommended to advance will be included in the Online Forum for further discussion by the public over the summer. In addition, the technical team will conduct further analysis of those projects.

#### Bicycle/Pedestrian (handout)

- Projects Map
- Projects to Forward into the TSP
- Urban Upgrades Projects
- Projects NOT to Forward into the TSP
  - B3, B7, B10, B17, B18, B19
- Projects for Further Refinement

#### Discussion included:

- Steve L. Kelley noted that project B15 – add bicycle lanes to Boones Ferry Road to Day Road is already funded by Washington County.
- Some discussion about B3 and the need for East-West bike movement. It was noted that Tualatin-Sherwood Road is not the best cycling environment and that it is a recommendation to focus those resources elsewhere.
- Change code to expand flexibility for bike and pedestrian facilities.
- *The Task Force approved removal of projects by consensus*

#### Downtown (handout)

- Projects Map
- Projects to Forward into the TSP
- Urban Upgrades Projects
- Projects NOT to Forward into the TSP
  - A2, A4, A7, C6, D4, D10, D11, F3
- Projects for Further Refinement

#### Discussion included:

- Discussion about what “widen” and “improve” mean? Theresa mentioned that in some projects it is noted that there is a congestion or safety issue and that a facility will need to be replaced, but further analysis is needed to determine with what the facility will be replaced with (bike lanes, added travel lanes, etc).
- B10 – Widen Tualatin-Sherwood Road - how does this tie-in with Metro’s RTP? Washington County’s 5-lane road? – It was noted that there would be further discussion as the project fell within a topic for further refinement.
- Discussion about the need to replace Boones Ferry Road Bridge because of it is nearing its lifespan, but due to potential traffic impacts on Upper Boones Ferry and

further north, further analysis will need to be done to determine what it will be replaced with. Safety improvements are needed for bike/pedestrians, but it is unclear if more travel lanes will be part of the project.

*The Task Force approved removal of projects by consensus*

#### Industrial and Freight (handout)

- Projects Map
- Projects to Forward into the TSP
- Urban Upgrades Projects
- Projects NOT to Forward into the TSP
  - A7, C4, C6, C8, C10, C13, D2, D6, D10, D12, D16, D20
- Projects for Further Refinement

#### Discussion included:

- Telecommuting and other Traffic Demand Management (TDM) options will be included in the TDM chapter of the TSP.
- Mayor Ogden wanted to ensure people understood the extension of 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue would include a river crossing, members acknowledged they knew of the project.
- It was noted that C4 is being addressed as part of a different project and should be considered part of improvements along Teton Avenue.
- There was discussion and a task force member expressed an interest in looking at speed limits generally.
- It was noted that the removal of project A7 would ensure that the existing turn lane would remain.
- *The Task Force approved removal of projects by consensus*

#### Major Corridors and Intersections (handout)

- Projects Map
- Projects to Forward into the TSP
- Urban Upgrades Projects
- Projects NOT to Forward into the TSP
  - A2, B3, B14, B15, B20, B22, C7, C9, D2
- Projects for Further Refinement

#### Discussion included:

- Suggestion to include B22 in TDM plan
- A5 – Look at signal at Jurgens or Teton, don't limit to just 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- General discussion about the need to improve signage in Tualatin, it is confusing for out-of-towners, improved signage should be included in TDM plan
- A2, B22 – need to show that it is part of Boones Ferry refinement area
- General discussion about projects along 65<sup>th</sup>
- *Action – Put all 65<sup>th</sup> Ave projects as a 7<sup>th</sup> Refinement Area (10 green votes, consensus)*
- *The Task Force approved the removal of projects by consensus - 65<sup>th</sup> Ave projects to be included in a 7<sup>th</sup> refinement area*

#### Neighborhood Livability (handout)

- Projects Map
- Projects to Forward into the TSP
- Urban Upgrades Projects
- Projects NOT to Forward into the TSP
  - D8, B3, B5, C6, F2
- Projects for Further Refinement

#### Discussion included:

- Question about A9's ability to be implemented – follow up is needed to determine if implementation would be more difficult than anticipated
- *The Task Force approved removal of projects by consensus*

#### Transit (handout)

- Projects Map
- Projects to Forward into the TSP
- Urban Upgrades Projects
- Projects NOT to Forward into the TSP
  - A6, A13, A14, A16, B1, B4, D4, D5
- Projects for Further Refinement

#### Discussion included:

- Question about B2 being recommended to advance as it had mixed scores at Working Group meetings – it was included because it is part of the High Capacity Transit (HCT) discussion in Linking Tualatin and the SW Corridor Study
- General discussion about HCT including bus
- General discussion about B4 (Park and Ride Structure connection to Bridgeport Village) – it isn't exactly a transit project and there would be conflicts of use in the Park and Ride structure. Some members expressed the opportunity for private funding and non-peak use by Bridgeport Village shoppers. It was noted that the Park and Ride structure (without connection to Bridgeport) is project D3 and is being recommended to be advanced
- *The Task Force approved removal of projects by consensus*

#### What Happens Next?

- Online Forum goes live July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Technical team reviews seven refinement areas
- July and August TTF meetings review/discuss findings
- Transportation Community Summit in September

#### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

Kathy Newcomb addressed the members and said that a goal has not been addressed. She said that reducing congestion on Tualatin-Sherwood Road can be achieved by reducing single-occupancy vehicles (SOVs). SOVs need to be reduced because people do not want a bridge over the park or any

arterials to further encroach on any parks. East-West buses need to be added as well as a Park and Ride at 124<sup>th</sup>. She mentioned that the popularity of the #96 bus has been proven, but that people driving through Tualatin to reach the Park and Ride are adding congestion on Tualatin-Sherwood Road. With the Linking Tualatin discussions about adding HCT to 99W, a Park and Ride should be included there to help remove congestion in Tualatin. She cited Wilsonville as an excellent example. The city has a slightly smaller population than Tualatin (20,000 to Tualatin's 26,000) and their SMART transit system had 340,000 rides last year and could have around 380,000 this year. She said that is the way to reduce SOVs.

Christopher Nelson mentioned that he has attended many of the Working Groups and does not understand the need for another N/S crossing of the Tualatin River. He mentioned that the Park is an easy target because no one lives there, but that it should not be included. He also expressed concern that new ideas could appear so late in the process (realignment of Tualatin Road.).

*- Jan Guinta mentioned that the realignment of Tualatin Road had appeared at earlier Working Groups, but it wasn't until the last Work Group that it became clear the engineering required, making the project unfeasible.*

*- Eryn let Mr. Nelson know that Theresa and Deena Platman from Metro would follow up with him after the meeting to answer his questions about the N/S connector.*

Connie Ledbetter expressed the need for better signage around Tualatin. She told the story of a truck pulling into the Police Department parking lot, requiring a lot of help in order to turn around.

**Next TTF Meeting:** July 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00pm