



*City of Tualatin*

## **Tualatin Transportation Task Force**

### **DRAFT Meeting #15 Summary**

**September 20, 2012, 5:00-8:30pm**

Tualatin Police Department

8650 SW Tualatin Road

Tualatin, OR 97062

#### **Committee Members Present**

Alan Aplin – *TPC Rep.*

Allen Goodall – *Business Rep.*

Bethany Wurtz – *Tualatin Tomorrow Rep.*

Bill Beers – *TPC Rep.*

Bruce Andrus-Hughes – *TPARK*

Nic Herriges – *Alt. Citizen Rep.*

Candice Kelly – *Alt. Tualatin Tomorrow Rep.*

Cheryl Dorman – *Tualatin Chamber of Commerce*

Brian Harper (sub for Deena Platman) – *Metro*

Joelle Davis – *City Councilor*

Jan Giunta – *CIO Rep.*

Mike Riley – *CIO Rep.*

Monique Beikman – *City Councilor*

Nancy Kraushaar – *Citizen Rep.*

Steve L. Kelley – *Washington County*

Wade Brooksby – *City Councilor*

Mayor Lou Ogden – *Mayor of Tualatin*

#### **Committee Members Absent**

Amanda Hoffman – *City of Wilsonville*

Brian Barker – *TVF&R*

Charlie Benson – *Citizen Rep.*

Gail Hardinger – *Alt. Business Rep.*

Karen Buehrig – *Clackamas County*

Kelly Betteridge – *TriMet*

John Howorth – *Alt. Citizen Rep.*

Julia Hajduk – *City of Sherwood*

Judith Gray – *City of Tigard*

Lidwien Rahman – *ODOT*

Travis Evans – *Citizen Rep.*

Ray Phelps – *Business Rep.*

Ryan Boyle – *Citizen Rep.*

#### **Public in Attendance**

68 members of the public

signed in at the Open House

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

Alice Rouyer – *City of Tualatin*

Ben Bryant – *City of Tualatin*

Dayna Webb – *City of Tualatin*

Kaaren Hofmann – *City of Tualatin*

Aquilla Hurd-Ravich – *City of Tualatin*

Cindy Hahn – *City of Tualatin*

Theresa Carr – *CH2M Hill*

Terra Lingley – *CH2M Hill*

Alan Snook – *DKS Associates*

Mat Dolata – *DKS Associates*

Eryn Kehe – *JLA Public Involvement*

Sam Beresky – *JLA Public Involvement*

#### **TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE MEETING #15**

Eryn welcomed the group and thanked them for their attendance and participation. She let the group know that the project team is looking for feedback on:

- The modal plans
- Priorities

- 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue Extension and type of extension
- Expanding Boones Ferry Road north of downtown

Eryn said that the goal was for consensus of the Task Force. If consensus is not reached by finding a middle ground, the conversation can continue at the October 4<sup>th</sup>. If consensus is not reached at the October 4<sup>th</sup> Task Force meeting, the decision will be made by City Council.

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

### **Accept Meeting #14 Summary**

- *The summary was approved by all green signs of those who chose to vote.*

### **Announcements**

There will be a Washington County open house for the 124<sup>th</sup> project on September 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue training facility.

### **Modal Plan Roundtable**

Each task force member was asked to share their thoughts on the modal plans. Many members agreed with the modal plans while others had nothing further to share. Eryn mentioned the emailed comments (handout) from the three absent citizen representatives, Ryan, Travis, and John.

Comments from present members included:

- Appreciation for the hard work of the project team with a good overall impression of the modal plans.
- Do not like the limited description of the “Chamber Shuttle”, it should be referred to as a “Community Shuttle.” In addition, it should not just be a west-side loop but a loop through the entire city. Some members felt that transit should be promoted as much as possible.
- Mayor Odgen said that there have been discussions with the TriMet board about pursuing a new model of shared responsibility, local community service. He let the group know that possibly Tualatin could become a test site for that kind of service.
- Councilor Brooksby appreciated the presentation of the materials and specifically liked the Freight slide.

### **65<sup>th</sup> Avenue Extension Discussion**

It was noted that there were multiple options to discuss:

- No Build Option
- Low Build Option - Without 65<sup>th</sup> Ave Extension (three lane road, two lane bridge)
- Low Build Option - With 65<sup>th</sup> Ave Extension (five lane road, four lane bridge)

### *General Discussion Included:*

- A member expressed a concern about learning about Rivergrove’s opposition to the project at such a late date.
- During the Town Hall Forum, a Rivergrove resident said that a bridge through their town was not legally possible and would not be built. Is that true, what is possible?
  - Theresa mentioned that the 65<sup>th</sup> extension is in the current Tualatin TSP, in the Washington County TSP and the Metro Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). She mentioned that Lake Oswego and Clackamas County are currently updating their TSPs but are a little further behind Tualatin in their processes. She added that the project could be in the long term projects list and included as a refinement area in the short term to begin the conversations with Rivergrove, Lake Oswego, the counties and Metro. If the project is included in the Tualatin TSP, the project will be

part of larger regional conversation and can provide guidance for any future development in the area.

*Temperature Check: Eryn asked members to indicate their support for a multi-modal 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge to be included in the long-term, 10-20 year TSP project list:*

- 1 red sign
- 3 yellow signs
- Multiple green signs

*General Discussion Included:*

- The person with the red vote said that Rivergrove is firmly against the bridge so it is a bridge to nowhere. With further discussion with Rivergrove and Lake Oswego, they could support a bike/ped only bridge.
- Members said that leaving it in the plan will keep the conversation and planning going.
- If it is kept in the long-term plan, looking that far out into the future, it is possible that it could become a benefit to both communities as an alternative to I-5, including bike/ped connections that do not exist on I-5. The type, size, and location decisions will be far down the road.
- Residents of Tualatin get upset that many roads in Tualatin are just a pass through, why would Tualatin want to do that to another community?
- It was noted that it is included in Clackamas County's 2035 TSP list at \$45 million. It was felt that it should be left to Clackamas County, not Tualatin.
- Steve L. Kelley said that things do change over time and that traffic changes are not linear. He let the group know that there will be more congestion in the future and needs could change rather quickly.
- A member noted that it is the Tualatin TSP that they are working on, decisions that benefit Tualatin should be talked about.
- Members expressed that even if it is in the plan, funding and design will be 40 or 50 years into the future.
- A member said that they could possibly vote for the project if there are discussions with Lake Oswego and Rivergrove and if the project is more vague in its description, i.e., a N/S connection over the river somewhere along the east side of Tualatin.
- A member expressed a concern that the small projects and small fixes are not enough. A Westside Bypass is needed to take traffic around the region rather than through it.

*Eryn asked for a second vote:*

- 4 red sign
- 2 yellow signs
- 6 green signs

The topic will be revisited at the October 4<sup>th</sup> Task Force meeting.

### **Low Build Four-lane Boones Ferry Bridge with Widening to the North – Without 65th**

It was noted that at the previous Task Force Meeting that the ODOT representative stated that the bridge is not on a priority list for ODOT replacement. The technical team recommended this project but questions the high cost and minor benefits.

*Temperature Check, to support adding the project:*

- 6 red sign

- *3 yellow signs*
- *3 green signs*

General Discussion Included:

- Voted red because it makes things worse in the core.
- Voted red because it creates a funnel effect.
- Voted green because of the technical recommendation, but unsure now.
- Voted green because all options are needed, it should not be removed from consideration.
- Voted green because it could eventually become part of a bigger project and should be left in the TSP as a long term option.

*Eryn asked for a second vote:*

- *4 red sign*
- *3 yellow signs*
- *6 green signs*

The topic will be revisited at the October 4<sup>th</sup> Task Force meeting.

Mayor Ogden asked to see travel times included in the data. Alan asked the group to email him suggested trips, point A to point B, and will model travel times for those trips.

**NEXT MEETING:**

October 4, 2012 – Transportation Task Force Meeting, final meeting

Meeting adjourned.