

**SWNI, Coalition of 17 Neighborhood Associations
Transportation Committee: Minutes October 17th 2016**

-with corrections-

Chair: David Martin

Arnold Creek: Hans Steuch

Ashcreek: Marianne Fitzgerald

Bridlemile: Ryan Bass- replacement

Collins View: Prakash Joshi

Hillsdale B&P: Don Baack

Homestead: Ed Fischer

Markham: Jeff Monaghan

Marshall Park: Bob Ross

Multnomah: Katherine Christensen

South Burlingame: Scott Richman

South Portland: Jim Gardner

SWHRL: Rob Wilcox in place of Ryan Fedie

West Portland Park: Britta Herwig

Guests: Eryn Kehe-Metro, Jeb Doran-Trimet, John Gillam-BPS, and Jennifer Koozer-Trimet

Visitors: Connor White-PSU, Geeta Woodward-PSU, Marcia Leslie-FSW, Kay Durttschi-MNA, Michael Kisor-Ashcreek, Keith Liden

Call to Order/Minutes: SWNI Transportation Chair David Martin called the meeting to order

Minutes: Motion to approve by Don Back. Second, Jim Gardener. Vote in favor, No objections

Items to be added to the agenda:

Marianne Fitzgerald: Ash Creek motion to write two letters in regard to the SW capital highway.

1st Letter to City Council requesting Capital Hwy to be placed onto state legislative agenda. 2nd

Letter to state Legislators requesting additional \$2 million for Capitol Hwy project.

Presentations:

SW Corridor, Light Rail Project Team Update: Eryn Kehe (Metro), Jeb Doran (Trimet)

2,400 comments during scoping period. Scoping period preformed prior to environmental review to find what to study within the DEIS from Sept 2nd- Oct 3rd. Scoping period advertised through multiple media outlets and received feedback through agency meetings, public meetings, community meetings, and online surveys.

FTA awarded Metro a 195k grant for an equitable economic development housing strategy for the SW Corridor, looking at how future investments will impact low income residents.

Through the scoping phase Staff looked at opportunities to narrow alternatives for the study.

Accepting applications for Citizen Advisory Committee for the SW corridor project with steering committing members to be appointed December 12th. Staff selected a NEPA consultant to assist with the environmental process.

Staff recommendations published Nov 9th. Detailed Definition of Alternatives, December 2016.

Shared Investment Strategies updated December 12th, looking at all aspects of the SW Corridor such as parks, housing, economic development, and environment. Staff Recommendations:

1. Marquam Hill connection options
2. PCC Sylvania connection options

3. LRT alignment and station options
4. Roadway, bike, and pedestrian projects
5. Purpose and Need

1 Marquam Hill Connectors

Kept: Multiple elevator and bridge option, Elevator and bridge with covered walkway option, and Pedestrian tunnel with elevator option.

Removed: Escalator, stairs and inclined elevator option due to environmental impacts of cutting of wide swatch in implementing options

2. PCC Sylvania connection options

Kept: Bike and pedestrian improvements to connect campus to light rail stations, Enhanced bus service (bus shuttle). *Removed:* SW 53rd Ave mechanized connections (personal rapid transit, tram, gondola, electric bike share)

Bike and Pedestrian improvements to PCC Sylvania: **1.** 53rd Ave station: improvements on 53rd Ave (proposed for environmental review) **2.** Barbur Transit Center station: improvements on Capitol Hwy/49th Ave. **3.** Atlanta/Baylor station: improvements on Atlanta/Haines street and Lesser rd. **3.1.** Connects from Barbur from 60th Ave capital hwy and Lesser to G street Bus shuttle to campus from Barbur Transit Center could follow route of Line 78 bus today via Lesser rd. and Haines St. Autonomous option, park shuttle to campus would connect the campus and the 53rd ave station via 53rd Ave

3. LRT alignment and station options

Removed: Clinton branched alignment and alignment that transitions from adjacent to I-5 north of Crossroads to center-running Barbur south of Crossroads

Kept: Clinton through route would remain on the DEIS. Only considering 70th Ave, not 69th Ave, for Clinton through-routed alignment, I-5 alignment N and S would need to rebuild the current bridge.

Station possibilities at Beveland St, Ash St, Clinton St. Option of traveling adjacent to I-5 north of the crossroads to mid Barbur has been removed as it would require high retaining walls

Stations and park and rides:

Stations recommended to be removed: Hunziker St and Wall St station

Increase upper limit of park and ride capacity to study at Bridgeport Village

4. Roadway, bike, and pedestrian projects, ie shared investment strategy

Connective tissue into main line, 29 projects.

Recommendation: combined some of the projects and adjusted some of the design, Others to be pursued separately, not through the DEIS

5. Purpose and Need

One purpose without corresponding in need added: ensure benefits and impacts promote community equity

1st ave bike lane: Question on bikes on Naito vs 1st ave, impacting parking, possible safety issues (lack of sight lines)

Map ID A. Chestnut St bikeway has been requested to be removed by NA. NA suggested wanted walkway from 13th up to station.

MF: many of the projects taken out of the bike plan. Would it be helpful to provide suggestions on inclusion of sidewalks to bike lanes identified.

For big roadway and pedestrian projects: South Portland West end of Ross Island Bridge project, West Portland Crossroads improvement project, listed in attachment E but not in attachment F. Question on how to we get the projects in the list

Integrated projects: Includes Barbur at cross roads, Naito bridgeheads, Ash street connection in Tigard, identified within LRT projects. Had already been adopted and included in attachment E. Sept 2nd draft: adopted prior to DEIS, integrated SIS projects

Not integrated: included in attachment F, selected through the DEIS.

Staff recommendations- detailed definition of alternatives. Staff recommendation includes all SIS projects.

Connection at OHSU, covered walkway from Terwilliger up represents a substantial walk, Barbur to Terwilliger, an elevator or bridge walkway.

Discussion on second portion from Terwilliger -OHSU...elevator vs walkway.

SW Vermont St Pedestrian/Bike Improvements Project

Keith: Vermont to be repaved- through Fix Our Streets Program

Two projects within TSP- identified in handout: 1. 30-36th bike and pedestrian safety improvements. 2. 45-52nd bike and pedestrian safety improvements

Keith is interested in seeing if SWNI transportation committee is interested in supporting the idea of pursuing larger scale project to include a complete network of bike and sidewalk, on one side, feels that getting the shoulder widened would be better than going for sidewalks and not getting anything. Committee members had concerns regarding the Vermont TSP Projects being funded prior to Capital Hwy Project, what would the trade offs be.

45th development could finance pedestrian and crosswalk improvements through a LID.

Marianne Fitzgerald would like to encourage a conversation with the city on potential projects.

Improvements to leverage funding to provide pedestrian improvements associated with the Vermont street paving project.

Motion: Marianne moved that SWNI work with PBOT to take advantage of the paving project opportunity to leverage funding for bicycle and pedestrian improvements associated with the paving project on SW Vermont."

Ed Fisher seconded. Vote: unanimous approval.

Chair Report Buffered bike lanes BHH from 18th-39th are currently in the design phase, paved in February, and constructed in the summer. Project design contact, Wendy Cauley, PBOT engineer.

Neighborhood Reports

Jim Gardner, S Portland NA: Foot not on South Portal, entrance to south waterfront, hearing at city council on the 16th, council did not adopt PBOTs recommendation on project. Council asking PBOT to justify portions of the project. Project from Moody- Hamlin court, with signal where the street connect to Macadam.

Ed Fischer, Homestead NA: SW Corridor team was very accommodating to presenting at NA meeting. Agreement from community members that any crossing at Terwilliger would not be at grade.

Marriane Fitzgerald, Ashcreek NA: working with Chris Lyons. Had Legislative summit with 50 people, 2 senators, and additional legislators. Summit to discuss how to get the last piece of the

project funded. \$8 million on hand, \$12 million project projection. Suggesting that \$2 Million dollar shortage to be on state legislation list of projects. No letter from Commissioner Novik.

AshCreek motion: Marianne moved that SWNI send a letter to Portland City requesting \$2 Million dollars in state funding for the SW Capitol Hwy project, and a letter to 5 state legislators requesting they advocate for and secure \$2 million dollars in state funding to leverage city funds to construct a project between Multnomah Village and West Portland that is safe for all users.

Don Baack seconded. Vote: unanimous approval.

Project is not in the design phase yet. Not sure how much project will cost. SW Capital Hwy contact, Steve Szigethy, PBOT. SDC's have 50% match-2mil gap after match

Rob Wilcox, SWHRL NA: Working on SWIM project, done with initial gathering and will be moving into the creation of prioritized list with approval est in January. Meeting the NA mark for prioritization. 2016 active transportation projects from TSP2

Rich Newlands does not currently have a list of projects. SWHRL working with SW trails to nominate projects and will be sending information to adjacent NA

MF: TSP, SW Corridor, safe routes to school, projects to feed into next TSP. initial project list due in the spring. SWIM doesn't have a current project list or criteria for prioritization.

Would like Rich to come back to the committee to provide clarity on SWIM.

Interest in having broader SWIM CAC than representatives from the SWNI Transportation committee

Scott Richman, S Burlingame NA: Scott gave overview of SW corridor to NA, positive of inclusion of connections into neighborhood from station near 13th. Wants to make sure project is followed through on rather than a place marker without follow through. Interest in having metro rep coming into present at NA meeting and incorporating other NA such as Collins View NA in the discussion.

Ryan Bass, Bridlemile NA: canceled general meeting, focused on LU

Hans Steuch, Arnold Creek NA: NA is working on a document describing to PBOT the NA transportation priorities related to Safe Routes to School, Vision Zero, Fixing our Streets, SWIM.

Jeff Monaghan, Markham NA: Hans and Dave Manville from SW trails came to present at last NA meeting, addressing trail connections for the SWIM Project.

Prakash Joshi, Collins view NA: Two big things: sewer project, not sure effect on traffic; culvert to be installed on Boonsferry, Closing Street for 8 months. Neighborhood will be able to see a true count of where the traffic is coming from in addition to get a count of traffic from collage.

Bob Ross, Marshal Park NA: local activities, ivy pull, concerns over UPS and FedEx drivers traveling too fast on Lancaster.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm, Minutes submitted by SWNI John Tappero

Next Meeting:

Monday, December 19th @ 7PM

Multnomah Arts Center, Rm 29

7688 SW Capitol Hwy