



September 17, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting of **Tuesday, September 17, 2019**, was called to order by Vice Chair Jesic at 6:00 PM in the Commission Chambers at Oregon City Hall, 625 Center Street, Oregon City, Oregon.

Committee members present included John Anderson, Ray Atkinson, Bob La Salle (acted as Chair), Ed Lyman, and Ben Simmons. Cedomir Jesic arrived at 6:26. Chair Henry Mackenroth, Tim Wuest, and Vance Tong were absent

Staff members present included John Lewis, Public Works Director, Vance Walker, Assistant Public Works Director, and Kimberly Davis, Senior Administrative Assistant.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. LaSalle **moved to approve** the minutes of **June 18, 2019** and it carried by the following vote: Aye: Anderson, Atkinson, La Salle, Lyman, and Simmons.

3. AGENDA ANALYSIS

There were no items added to the agenda.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bob LaSalle, a citizen of Oregon City who was representing the Park Place Neighborhood Association, expressed concerns about pedestrian safety in the Park Place Neighborhood. Mr. LaSalle asked that the crosswalks be raised in priority in the Transportation System Plan. He also requested that all four of the crosswalks that are in the Transportation System Plan on Holcomb Blvd be the pedestrian activated flashing light type.

Lisa Novak, a citizen from the Park Place Neighborhood, expressed concerns with speeding and pedestrian safety on Holcomb Blvd.

William Gifford, a citizen of Oregon City, said that according to the agenda, citizen comments are supposed to be about non-agenda related items.

Michael Ard, a Professional Transportation Engineer with Ard Engineering, spoke about his experience with traffic speed studies with the Oregon Department of Transportation. He said that it had been a few years since he had done a speed study with ODOT, but he referenced the current rules that apply and read some of them to the TAC Members with regards to the Holcomb Blvd Corridor Review.

Michael Ard said he was at the meeting representing Craig Danielson, a citizen and business owner in Oregon City. Mr. Ard said he was hired by Mr. Danielson to review the Molalla Ave. Streetscape Design Project to determine if the plan is acceptable, or to point out concerns that could impact Mr. Danielson's business on Molalla Ave. Mr. Ard expressed some concerns he has with the plan.

William Gifford, a citizen of Oregon City, expressed concerns with the Molalla Ave. Streetscape Design Project with regards to the expansion of the project from Colton Pl. to Beaver Creek Rd. Mr. Gifford also expressed concerns with the lane changes in the design.

5. NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEM

a. Holcomb Blvd Corridor Review

Major points were as follows:

- Dayna Webb, City Senior Project Engineer, gave a presentation on the Holcomb Blvd. Corridor Review to lower speed limits.
- Mr. Webb said the City collects traffic data, both speed and volume, every three years. Ms. Webb explained that generally the 85th percentile speed is the speed that which at or below 85% of people drive, at a given location, under good weather conditions, and good visibility. She said the 85th percentile speed is considered the maximum safe speed. Ms. Webb said ODOT uses the 85th percentile speed as a guidance for their speed limit setting.
- Ms. Webb talked about the crashes on Holcomb Blvd. She said the data only goes through 2017 because that is the last full year that ODOT has published the crash data.
- Ms. Webb said the City put out a survey about the speed limit on Holcomb Blvd. and whether citizens think it should be raised, lowered, or remain the same. Ms. Webb talked about the results from the survey.
- Ms. Webb said from a staff perspective, the City would recommend asking ODOT to look at lowering the speed limit down to 35 mph, which is more consistent with our other minor arterials in the City. Mr. Lewis said the recommendation is to pursue a speed study and recommend a reduction in speed on Holcomb Blvd.
- Mr. Lewis asked for a letter of support from the TAC, supporting the City moving forward with the speed study on Holcomb Blvd.
- **A motion was made by Mr. LaSalle to support the City's request for a speed study on Holcomb Blvd. from Redland Rd. to the Urban Growth Boundary to the east. The motion was seconded by Mr. Atkinson and it carried the following vote: Aye: Anderson, Lyman, Jesic, and Simmons.**

b. Molalla Avenue Streetscape Project

Major points were as follows:

- Mr. Lewis presented the information from the 60% project open house for the Molalla Ave. Streetscape Project.
- Mr. Lewis talked about the cost of the project and where the funds are coming from to fund the project.
- Mr. Lewis said the boundary for this project is from Beaver Creek Rd. to HWY 213 with two exceptions. He said on the HWY 213 end, the City is doing their best to stay away from the 213 facility because we've heard from ODOT that if we affect the signal detection on Molalla Ave., it could trigger additional signal improvements. Mr. Lewis said the other exception is on Molalla Ave. where the project is going back to Colton Pl. to consider some lane reconfigurations.
- Mr. Lewis said 90% plans should be done in October 2019, final plans and bidding will begin in January 2020, and construction should begin Spring 2020-late Fall 2020.

c. Public Works Report

Major points were as follows:

- Mr. Lewis acknowledged that it is the City's intent to have a Rapid Flashing Pedestrian Beacon at the crosswalk on Molalla Ave. and Barclay Hills Dr. He said he has spoke to the neighborhood about it and that is then intent.
- Mr. Walker gave an update on the road study, that was performed by DKS Associates, at the intersection of Pearl St. and Molalla Ave. Mr. Walker said DKS would have a final draft of the study in about two weeks and proposed to present the information to the TAC at the next TAC Meeting.
- Mr. Walker gave an update on the Canemah 20 MPH Family Friendly Zone. He said Mr. Thornberg, the Transportation Maintenance Operations Manager and crew, will be implementing the traffic markings and signs as weather permits in that area.

6. COMMUNICATION

Mr. LaSalle asked what the next steps are to get the crosswalks installed on Holcomb Blvd.

Mr. Lewis said they are all in the Transportation System Plan and some of them will likely be a requirement of future development.

Ms. Webb said with the HB 2017 Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Fund, the Holcomb Corridor is the most promising corridor for that grant funding program. She said next Summer or Fall is the next deadline for the Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Program and we would be targeting the Holcomb Corridor for a Safe Route to School Grant.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Lewis said Christina Robertson-Gardiner would like to present an update on the Beavercreek Rd. Concept Plan at the next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Davis
Administrative Assistant