



May 17, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting of **Tuesday, May 17, 2016**, was called to order by Chair La Salle at 6:01 PM in the Commission Chambers at Oregon City Hall, 625 Center Street, Oregon City, Oregon.

Committee members present included Chair Bob La Salle, Vice-Chair Henry Mackenroth, Gary Johnson, Thomas Batty, John Anderson, Bob Mahoney, Jonathan David, and Steve Johnson. Cedomir Jesic arrived at 6:25. Robert Mahoney was excused.

Staff members present included Martin Montalvo, Operations Manager; and Lisa Oreskovich, Administrative Assistant.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

<p>Mr. La Salle moved to approve the minutes of March 15, 2016 and they passed unanimously.</p>
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3. AGENDA ANALYSIS

Mr. La Salle asked to add the TAC bylaws to the agenda between Items 6 and 7.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Shannon Diamond, 516 13th Street, Apt 4, provided comment regarding the intersection of 12th and Washington Street. She wanted to know if there was an update on this intersection.

Martin Montalvo responded that there have been six accidents in the last eight weeks that have occurred at this intersection. The third accident hit a utility pole and removed the flashing light. The Public Works Director authorized emergency measures to restrict left-hand turn movements at this intersection. This was done because we do not know what has these six accidents. We cannot see any major change in the last few years. The first real change was a rectangular rapid flashing beacon that was installed almost two years ago; we would have seen an impact much sooner. We have had an analysis done as well as updated traffic counts. Trees have been trimmed and sightline issues have been dealt with. Temporary traffic controls will be removed tomorrow after 9am. It will return to the same configuration as before. DKS will provide an updated analysis. We believe it might meet the warrants for some form of signalization and might meet the warrants for a

four way stop, as well.

Mr. David asked for Mr. Montalvo to describe the meaning of warrants.

Mr. Montalvo replied that warrants are benchmarks that must be met to add traffic changes or measures to a street or intersection. He noted that if the City has to place a signal that there is not enough money in the budget, nor is there enough right-of-way to do so immediately.

Ms. Diamond asked that the barrels and blockades should all go away and cameras should be installed at the intersection.

Mr. Montalvo noted that the blockades will come down tomorrow.

Ms. Diamond responded that it is just a really bad intersection and appreciates the City doing something about it. The problem is that people do not realize Washington Street is a 25mph road and the commuters drive too fast. She thinks one of the problems is that people do not abide by the speed limits.

Mr. Mackenroth said he experienced a near-miss the day before the school bus was hit and a gentleman coming up the hill on 12th Street. It seems that driver, perhaps, thought it was a four way stop.

Mr. Montalvo says Operations has made sure that now there are clearly marked signs saying through traffic does not stop.

Mr. La Salle asked if speed is being studied, as well. One resident he has spoken to says they think speed has increased with the blocking of left turn lanes.

Mr. Montalvo said he was not sure if the cameras can gather that data.

Mr. La Salle asked that if the warrants support signalization if barriers would be put up until the signal goes in.

Mr. Montalvo responded that he did not know, but that one possible improvement is placing two flashing ambers advising drivers to use caution on Washington Street.

Ms. Diamond said she has noticed more traffic on Washington Street since they cannot turn onto 12th Street and that they go slower because of the traffic change; the barriers slow them down. There is more traffic on 14th Street because of the blocking of access to 12th Street.

Mr. Montalvo asked Ms. Diamond to check back at the June TAC meeting for the traffic report for the 12th and Washington Street intersection.

Ms. Diamond thanked the TAC members and staff and noted that she had taken a petition

around to neighbors and received 74 signatures requesting a traffic light at the intersection, but then a barrier was put up so people did not want to continue with the petition since they felt the concern was addressed.

Kimberly Walsch, McLoughlin Neighborhood Association, wanted to bring several things to the City's attention on behalf of the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association with the addition of the Library and more traffic.

- Madison Street between 6th and 7th Streets is very narrow at this point and hard to navigate as a two-way especially when turning from 7th Street. The yellow has faded on the curb and now people are parking on Madison Street between 6th and 7th, on the side toward the river. This only makes the street even narrower.
- There is confusion around two-way stops around the neighborhood. The two-way intersection at Madison and 6th should be a four-way stop. There have been several near misses where some cars think it is already a four-way and start to go when the other car does not have to stop. The McLoughlin Neighborhood Association asks that this location be made a four-way stop.

Roger Fowler-Thias, 1309 Hazel Street, provided comment on shaking and vibrations in his home from passing cars on Linn Avenue. He did not experience this before the speed limit was raised from 25pmh to 35pmh. Four other neighbors have noticed the same vibrations. These vibrations can be felt in various locations within their homes and on their decks. He stated they have all been documenting this and feel a lowering of the speed to 25pmh would greatly help. He provided letters to the TAC from two other neighbors.

Michael Lell, 161 Linn Avenue, is the neighbor of Mr. Fowler-Thias and says he, too, feels the shaking and vibrations in his home. Ripples happen in his coffee and other liquids he drinks because the vibrations throughout his home are so strong.

Mr. Fowler-Thias stated his neighbor Ronald Urback has gone to TriMet and spoken with them about the concern and they say they cannot do anything about it.

Mr. Steve Johnson mentioned that TriMet used to drive by his house, too, and vibrations occurred. They would pound the pavement and brake so hard that it created a ripple in the asphalt and can crack the pavement.

Mr. Fowler-Thias responded that there is a long crack running up the road and near the asphalt patches on Linn Avenue.

Mr. Anderson asked who in Public Works could help look into this.

Mr. Montalvo said he was not sure what to do, but does have a contact he can talk to at TriMet. He felt that the base of the road could need a full reconstruct and asked Mr. Fedlertiest and Mr. Lell if they have had their foundations checked recently.

Mr. Fowler-Thias responded that five residents in his neighborhood all have this same complaint. Mr. Urback has it the worst and is right up near the road. He feels it with passing trucks and not just TriMet buses.

Mr. Montalvo responded that Public Works can take a quick look, but it would not give an in depth analysis. The only other thing he can think of is to make ODOT do a speed analysis to see if the speed should be lowered. We can make it a task to investigate further.

Mr. La Salle mentioned the TAC have had several people come in to complain about the speeds on Linn Avenue, but never mentioned any problems with vibrations.

Mr. David mentioned that even if the City could measure the vibrations on the road, the City does not have a policy on minimum and maximum vibration levels and has not established what an acceptable level of vibration is.

Mr. Montalvo responded that they believe the residents' concerns, but that there is not a process in place for measuring these vibration levels because this is a new concern for the City. He would have to do some research on this subject.

Mr. Fowler-Thias asked how he could follow up on this.

Mr. Montalvo responded that the City has his contact information and that he can also include this on an upcoming agenda. He asked Mr. Fowler-Thias to check the monthly agendas for a follow-up on this topic.

Justin Denton, owns six-plex on 13th Street, and has a parking concern with those trying to park in his six-plex. Currently, a new duplex is going in across the street and this causes parking concerns. Last month someone complained to Code Enforcement about parking in this area. His tenants received warning notices about having to parallel park. When his tenants move their vehicles to other locations to meet the rules, they receive notes about parking in front of others' houses. He asks if this issue can be fixed by allowing his tenants, and anyone else parking in this area, to park head-in. He asked if a sign would qualify as another marking to meet code.

Mr. Mackenroth asked if the area he was speaking of was public right-of-way between the two buildings.

Mr. Denton responded, yes, this is 13th street.

Mr. Montalvo clarified that it is considered unimproved right-of-way.

Mr. Anderson responded that he felt the proposal looked like common sense.

Mr. Montalvo noted that the concern is with road width. There has to be adequate width for both directions of traffic, therefore, 10ft in each direction. If it is nose-in parking it

could be, say, 8ft. Must have enough ROW to accommodate both of those aspects, and the centerline cannot be shifted to accommodate one property owner.

Mr. Anderson asked if Mr. Denton is asking for front end parking just on his side of the street, and not the other.

Mr. Denton responded, yes, tenants were not parallel parking up here until they had to parallel park down lower on the street.

Mr. Montalvo said he felt having Mr. Denton bring it to the attention of this committee was a good start, but it really is Planning Commission that needs to see this and asked that he speak with Laura Terway in the Planning Department about this issue.

Mr. David asked what the future of the street was.

Mr. Montalvo responded that there was no future plans for this street.

Mr. Anderson asked about vacating the street.

Mr. Montalvo said it would not really address his issue because of the encroachment into the right-of-way and it would give the neighbor more property than him if it was split equally.

Mr. David asked if there was room to increase pavement behind the tree.

Mr. Montalvo said he could not tell and it does not look like there is a lot of room for expansion.

Mr. Jesic suggested angled parking.

Mr. Montalvo pointed out that you would get less parking; maybe one less spot.

Mr. Mackenroth noted the City does have another location where they do have parking similar to what Mr. Denton has suggested at 3rd Street at the mini mart off of High Street.

5. NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEM

a. Public Works Report

i. Summer Construction

Mr. Montalvo provided a brief update on the summer construction projects. The project bids have closed for the Roadway Reconstruction, and Pavement Maintenance projects. The same contractors from 2015 will be used for the Slurry Seal and Micro-surfacing projects this year.

As part of the summer construction, Public Works has added the streets around the Library to coincide with expansion project. In addition, the parking lots of the Pioneer Center will be part of the repaving project.

Mr. Mackenroth asked if B & B Leasing was aware of the construction project locations.

Mr. Montalvo responded, yes, they are aware and have been given a project map.

Mr. Jesic asked if any of this would be night work.

Mr. Montalvo responded that it is all day work.

Mr. Montalvo, also, let them know there is a 15th Waterline Project still out to bid; it isn't part of the paving projects, but it is a large project that will be done within the City.

ii. Drive Safe Oregon City Campaign

Mr. Montalvo updated everyone on the Drive Safe Oregon City Campaign. He noted that the garbage can decals are being printed after settling on the final designs of the graphics. He noted that there would need to be a fair and equitable distribution to the neighborhoods based on the CIC distribution calculations.

Mr. La Salle responded that he likes the CIC distribution idea.

Mr. Montalvo provided them information on the garbage pick-up days. He described how garbage is picked up four days a week which shows a good distribution and that decals will be on display for multiple days.

Mr. Anderson suggested if the Neighborhood Associations skip every other house when distributing the decals it still gives the same effect and cut the distribution in half.

Mr. David added that he liked Mr. Anderson's idea. He thinks the City should tell those distributing not to give to adjacent property owners so that they spread them out.

Mr. Jesic suggested keeping a map of distribution so you can see uniform coverage and saturation.

Mr. Montalvo said Mr. Jesic had a good idea they could ask for the addresses so there is accountability. He will have GIS create maps by neighborhood for distribution showing the addresses the City believes they

should distribute to as guidance on how to spread it out. The Neighborhood Associations would be doing the distribution.

Mr. Anderson asked that when Public Works drafts the instructions to each Neighborhood Association Chair about the garbage can decals that the language be ran by the TAC members first.

Mr. Montalvo said that the language can be emailed to the TAC members for review and there will be a deadline for revisions so that it does not take a long time to draft the instructions.

iii. Intelligent Traffic Signal System

Mr. Montalvo explained that the City recently upgraded all of the signal controllers within the City. In addition, he has been working with Clackamas County and Washington County, who had surplus signal parts, to create communications between all of the new signal controllers and back to the central traffic hub at Clackamas County. The City is now able to determine volumes of traffic and number of pedestrian crosswalk buttons have been pushed. There is still no video capability, but hoping to have this in about five years.

Mr. Jesic asked if the signals would start giving better performance.

Mr. Montalvo responded that, yes, it will and that before only three signals spoke to one another, but now they are all speaking to each other. What is great is that we are now informed immediately when there is a signal failure and can get a technician out right away. The City was able to get a really good deal on cost. Only four other locations in the City still need communication and they are all on Washington Street. It will be another year or so before they are looped in.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Oreskovich reminded the TAC members of the follow-up Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission on May 23, 2016 at 7pm.

Mr. La Salle mentioned that he has asked for a more proactive Joint Work Session and provided suggestions on what can be done to allow for more open communication.

Mr. Anderson noted the agenda makes it looks like the speaker will be discussing Item No. 3, Establishment of Future Communications Between Planning Commission and TAC. He is hoping they will spend more of an equal amount of time on each item

because the others need to be discussed just as much.

Mr. La Salle pointed out that one of the duties in the TAC bylaws is to guide preparation of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan. He and Public Works Staff members are unaware of a Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan. He suggests a review of the bylaws.

Mr. David mentioned that if it is not relevant they should consider striking it and removing it from the bylaws.

Mr. Montalvo said the bylaws do state that they can modify and revise the bylaws, as needed. He mentioned that there is nothing in the bylaws precluding the TAC members from providing comment for the official record of a land use project.

Mr. David said he sees a lot of technical issues brought before this Committee, but the TAC members are not engineers, they should be involved in policy decisions. There has to be a reason why the TAC members meet together as a group, or they are not needed if any citizen can do what has been suggested such as provide comment.

Mr. Montalvo said that the big mission for TAC is the Transportation System Plan. The Public Works Department has institutionalized TAC as a sounding board for citizen complaints and comments regarding transportation. If the TAC then determines Public Works should set some time aside to research further. It provides some comfort there knowing TAC has felt it requires additional energy and time to pursue because it has been found to be worthwhile.

Mr. La Salle said that the TAC listens and responds to these citizens and that means something.

Mr. Mackenroth elaborated and said that by listening to citizen comment it makes their topics and issues live.

Mr. Anderson asked if Planning Commission puts conditions on the plat and some of those conditions effect traffic then they are blurring the lines and not checking off all of the appropriate boxes.

Mr. Montalvo suggested Mr. Anderson's point be brought to the Joint Work Session because it is valid.

Mr. Gary Johnson asked about the non-existent Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan then maybe they are hoping this Committee will come up with a Plan.

Mr. Montalvo responded that this very well may be true and that, perhaps, there was supposed to be a Plan developed, but the City cannot find any record of the intent of this Plan or what it is supposed to be.

Mr. David said that this Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan would probably be a residential plan including collectors and smaller and would be very expensive to evaluate and analyze.

Mr. Gary Johnson pointed out that the copy of the bylaws provided were not the most updated version containing the revision to the Chair term.

Mr. Montalvo pointed out that staff would follow-up on the bylaws revision and get back to the Committee.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Mackenroth asked that they discuss the gas tax.

Mr. Montalvo responded that Finance came and spoke about this recently, but he would need to look into this and follow-up.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Oreskovich
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