



November 19, 2019

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting of **Tuesday November 19, 2019**, was called to order by Chair Mackenroth 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, Ben Simmons, Chair Henry Mackenroth, Vice-Chair Cedomir Jesic, Vance Tong, and Tim Wuest. Ed Lyman was absent. Mr. LaSalle

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

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mr. Simmons **moved to approve** the minutes of **October 15, 2019** and it carried by the following vote: Aye: Anderson, Atkinson, Simmons, La Salle, Mackenroth, Jesic, Tong, and Wuest.

**3. AGENDA ANALYSIS**

Mr. Walker said he would like to briefly talk about an incident that happened at Singer Stairs.

Mr. Lewis said he would like to briefly talk about Beaver Creek Rd. Concept Plan.

**4. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- Bob LaSalle, a citizen with the Park Place Neighborhood Association, expressed the need for crosswalks on Holcomb Blvd. Mr. LaSalle said he has brought this subject up twice, and has not received a response from staff.
- Bob Barney, a resident from the Holcomb Neighborhood, expressed his concerns with the ongoing issue of speeding that is occurring on Holcomb Blvd.
- Kraig Salinas talked about the speed hump request that was submitted to the City. He expressed his opinion about the need for a speed hump at the requested location.

**5. NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEM**

**a. Downtown Oregon City Pedestrian Counter Presentation**

Major points were as follows:

- Liz Hanum, the Executive Director of The Downtown Oregon City Association, gave a presentation on a pedestrian counter that is being used in Downtown Oregon City.
- Ms. Hanum said they use a company called Motion Loft and they are using the tool mostly for business development and recruitment.
- Ms. Hanum said the pedestrian counter is a heat sensor that they have on five building in the Downtown area. She said that it works 24 hours a day and it can tell the difference between a person, a pet, a bicycle, and a car. Ms. Hanum said they don't pay for the counters for the vehicles, but they do pay for the pedestrian and bicycle counters. She said it is extremely accurate.
- Ms. Hanum said as a business tool, they are using it to tell businesses what time of day gets the most foot traffic. She said they are trying to give people an idea of how traffic can affect their business.
- Mr. Wuest said he sees this data could be helpful for parking issues. Kelly Reid, a Planner with the City, said that the TDM is starting a shared parking program that some local businesses are going to participate in.

**b. Molalla Ave/Pearl St Safety Evaluation Presentation**

Major points were as follows:

- Lacey Brown, a Traffic Engineer with DKS Associates, presented the findings from the safety evaluation that was performed at Molalla Ave. and Pearl St.
- Ms. Brown talked about the most recent crash data collected from ODOT, which is from 2013-2017.
- Ms. Brown said, more recently, there were two crashes at this intersection, both involving westbound left turning vehicles. One resulted in a fatality and the other resulted in an injury.
- Ms. Brown said there were vehicle and pedestrian traffic counts done at the intersection as part of the study. She talked about the peak hours for both pedestrians and vehicles.
- Ms. Brown said they observed several near miss events, including her boss who almost got hit while out there. Ms. Brown said there was a lot of red

light running observed, primarily on the down-hill northbound approach. Ms. Brown said there was speeding observed as well. She said the posted speed is 30 mph and they collected speeds as high as 40 mph.

- Ms. Brown said there were also issues with vehicle turn compliance, signal operations, with parked cars triggering the signals to change, sun glare during sunset, and nighttime lighting conditions.
- Ms. Brown talked about the recommendations that were made to the City by DKS to make the intersection safer. Ms. Brown also talked about the cost estimates associated with the different recommendations. Split Phasing on Pearl St. had the highest crash reduction factor, 99% reduction, and had a low-cost estimate.
- Mr. Wuest said using the stats DKS provided, reducing the injuries could be done another way, at a much less cost, and that is by eliminating the crosswalk completely. Mr. Lewis said he thought it was a good point but was curious what the others thought of the idea. Mr. Atkinson said when a pedestrian crosswalk is removed, it says that it's made for cars. He said as someone who bikes and walks in the City, removing pedestrian access to the other side of the intersection shows him that the City is valuing cars over pedestrians. Mr. Atkinson also talked about State law with removing crosswalks.

**c. Speed Hump Request at Barlow Rd.**

Major points were as follows:

- Mr. Lewis talked about the speed hump application that was received for placement of a speed hump on Barlow Rd. Mr. Lewis said, based off of the data collected from the radar trailer that was placed on Barlow Rd., we don't really have a speeding issue, but more of a traffic issue.
- Mr. Simmons asked if the citizens have done everything they need to do and Mr. Lewis said according to the City's policy, everything is checked off.
- Mr. Lewis said his thought would be to move it closer to Trail Dr. Mr. Mackenroth suggested that a second speed hump be placed further down. Mr. Salinas said there is a group of citizens willing to pay for the speed hump, but he doesn't think they would be able to do two. Mr. Salinas said he hasn't talked to the citizens further down.
- Mr. Simmons said you almost have to benefit the community activism and support what they want.
- **A motion was made by Mr. Simmons to support the installation of a speed hump on Barlow Dr. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mackenroth and it carried by the following vote: Aye: Anderson,**

**d. Public Works Report**

Major points were as follows:

- Mr. Lewis said there wasn't much to say about the Tri-Met Annual Service Improvements, and it was put in the packet because they announced it. He said there is nothing associated with Oregon City, but there was some discussion about extending bus routes out to the High School. Mr. Lewis said that won't happen until we compete Meyers Rd.
- Kim Davis discussed the three openings that will be coming up on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Ms. Davis said Cedomir and Bob have re-applied, and if everyone recommends re-appointment of them, they could be re-appointed without having to be interviewed again. She said that still leaves one vacant position and that position needs to be a member of a Neighborhood Association. Ray Atkinson said he is a member of the Gaffney Ln. Neighborhood Association and would be willing to fill that spot, leaving the third empty spot an at-large position.
- **A motion was made by Mr. Anderson that the existing members who applied for another term, the committee appoints without re-interviewing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simmons and it carried by the following vote: Aye: Atkinson, Mackenroth, Jesic, Tong, and Wuest.**
- Jayson Thornberg briefly talked about the Winter Weather Response Plan.

**6. COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Atkinson reminded everyone about the transportation survey for Downtown. He said it will be open another week.

Mr. Walker said on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, an intoxicated driver lost control of their vehicle and ran into the fence going up 7<sup>th</sup> St. Hill near Singer Stairs.

Mr. Lewis gave a brief update about Beaver Creek Rd. Concept Plan.

Mr. Anderson suggested at the next meeting, Staff update Bob LaSalle bout the crosswalks on Holcomb Blvd and where that fits in. Mr. Lewis agreed that was a good recommendation and would try to emphasize to Mr. LaSalle what the City thinks they can do and when. Mr. Lewis said Holcomb is a priority for the City, especially for grants and safe routes to school projects.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Atkinson would like to have more discussion about House Bill 2001 and how it will affect transportation in the City.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Davis  
Administrative Assistant