
Action Items

- City of Bend, Water Resource Manager, Patrick Griffiths will review the water conservation estimate of 10% (in the sensitivity analysis) and report back to SIAG.
- Keep North end solution on the SIAG agenda
- Schedule public outreach training
- Move ahead with bid documents to restart construction in 2014. Revisit the topic in January to determine whether a 3-year expedited construction schedule is warranted.

MEETING SUMMARY

Committee Members: Casey Roats, Charley Miller, Dale Van Valkenburg, Mike Riley, Sharo Smith, Steve Galash, Lynn Putnam, Craig Horrell, Bruce Aylward, Stacey Stemach, Rob Von Rohr, Andy High

City of Bend Staff: Aaron Collett, Brian Rankin, Jeff England, Paul Rheault, Tom Hickmann, Russ Grayson, Mary Winters, Sonia Andrews, Justin Finestone, Patrick Griffiths

Consultants: David Prull (Clearwater Engineering Group), David Stangel (MSA), Shad Roundy (Murray, Smith & Associates)

Facilitator: Libby Barg (Barney & Worth), Clark Worth (Barney & Worth)

Absent: John Rexford, Wes Price, Nathan Boddie, Steve Hultberg

Others: Erik Huffman, Matt Rogers, Councilor Knight, Terry Angle, Jim Frost, Ken Steiger, John Russell, Nan Loveland (Infrastructure Advisory Committee), Gary Cox

Announcements: Written comments received from SIAG members, Nathan Boddie, and Steve Hultberg were sent to committee members via email. Comments from SAIG member Wes Price (who could not be present) were restated by Tom Hickmann.

SIAG member Pam Hardy resigned via email due to other obligations.

Project Updates:

UGB Expansion (Brian Rankin)

- Finish the remand by June 30, 2017
- City Council set a new goal of completing the adoption process by April 2016. Key elements:
 - Add additional resources to the project to support it, such as moving some technical work ahead through community involvement.

- Use a collaborative decision-making process involving local experts and interested parties.
- Facilitate the process, similar to what is being done with SIAG. Staff will still have a role, but that role will be diminished.
- Apply best planning and engineering practices including scenario development and another round of optimizations, similar to what SIAG is doing now, for some of the UGB expansion scenarios.
- Increase public involvement through advisory committees, outreach events, and public

Mr. Rankin summarized the MPO model update process and the approval process the City has to follow to complete the UGB remand to LCDC's satisfaction (local, county, state). A key question to be answered: once all the models are updated, how much time will the community take to decide where it's going to grow? Brian Rankin estimated at least six months for that work.

Initial Optimization Results Recap, Questions and Answer Discussion

The "Initial Optimization Results, Bend Optimized Collection System Plan" power point was reviewed. MSA answered additional questions and provide clarification from the November 14 SIAG meeting.

South East Interceptor (SEI)

Questions discussed at meeting:

- When will it provide capacity?
- Would redesign slow the project?
- Will optimization show how to phase it?
- Would downsizing the pipe save money?
- Does a smaller pipe accommodate growth?
- Will the Hamby alignment be available later if/when growth occurs there?
- Can we shorten the time to build?
- What else will be learned in January about optimized route, project costs, and rates?
- What is the current status of R.O.W. acquisition?
- Is SE Interceptor needed for other interim projects to work? The projects seem interconnected.

SEI discussion points to review in January:

- What is total project cost? Will there be dollars left for other projects?
- What are projected rates now and over the longer period?

- What other costs are included? Road construction, ADA improvements, etc.? Is it possible to push these unrelated costs onto other funding sources?
- How can the project be phased?

SIAG SEI Recommendation:

Move ahead with bid documents to restart construction in 2014. Revisit the topic in January to determine whether a 3-year expedited construction schedule is warranted.

“Let’s go: we’ve been talking for 8 years.”

“It’s time for a real solution.” “We’re stuck with big costs after doing nothing for 30 years.”

“The SE Interceptor is essential for the whole system – proceed with haste.”

“I thought the SE Interceptor was a boondoggle, now I am totally convinced we need to do this right away.”

“We need the SE Interceptor under any scenario: it is essential for the whole system to function.”

Public Comment:

Ken Steiger has been a resident of the South East side of Bend for 30 years. He stated that there have been costly septic system issues. He is sensitive to rate increases but encourages the City to move forward with this project.

The public outreach materials were handed out for the committee to review. Committee members would like a training meeting scheduled.

Meeting adjourned: 5:40 p.m.