



CITY OF BEND

Minutes

Joint Core Area Advisory Board (CAAB)/Transportation Bond Oversight Committee (TBOC) Sounding Board

Wednesday September 14, 2022

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Bend Municipal Court, Bend City Hall
555 NE 15th Street Bend, OR 97701

4:00 p.m. Core Area Advisory Board (CAAB)/Transportation Bond Oversight Committee (TBOC) Joint Meeting

1. Roll Call:

- LeeAnn O'Neill
- Dave Howe
- Mason Lacy
- Scott Robinson
- Denise LaBuda
- Kurt Alexander
- Corie Harlan
- John Fischer
- Dale Van Valkenburg

2. Midtown Crossings Update – 60 minutes

a. Alternatives Overview & Evaluation Criteria scoring

Evaluation criteria were all equally weighted

Greenwood Avenue Undercrossing two concepts:

- Concept 1-Shared Use Path/3 Lanes.
- Concept 2-Lower and Widen Sidewalks/3 lanes, **scoring slightly higher based on evaluation criteria.**

Hawthorne Avenue Crossing three concepts:

- Concept 1-Straight Approach **scored the highest interest.**
- Concept 2-Switchback Ramps/Maintain 4.5% slope.
- Concept 3-Stair & Elevator Bridge Access/No ramps.

Franklin Avenue Undercrossing two concepts:

- Concept 1-Widen and level East Access Plaza
- Concept 2- Full Rebuild/Widen Undercrossing Opening, **scored the highest interest.**

All concepts are posted [here](#) under Meeting Dates and Materials/October 4, 2022/Presentation.pdf

b. Cost Estimates

Engineering estimates for each project including stormwater and corridor improvements needs:

- Greenwood – C1 \$8.7M
- Greenwood – C2 \$13.5M
- Hawthorne – C1 \$24.7M
- Hawthorne – C2 \$26M
- Hawthorne – C3 \$24M
- Franklin – C1 \$11M
- Franklin – C2 \$51.5M

c. Funding Sources and Opportunities

CIP Funding Source:

- Transportation Fund
- GO Construction Bond
- Stormwater Fund

Additional Funding Sources:

- Core Area Tax Increment Fund (TIF)
- All Roads Transportation Grants (Franklin & Greenwood only)

Pursuing Grants

- Oregon Community Paths-Federal request.
- Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program-New Federal Grant. City will need to match 50% of the ask. This is an annual grant that you can apply for each year.

Stormwater funds can only be used for stormwater elements of project.

3. Public Comment – 15 minutes

Chris Merrith owns home at 57 NW Hawthorne Avenue, concerned footbridge will land right at his driveway and impact access to his home.

Mike Walker, Bend resident, managing partner of multi-tenant commercial building, downtown.

Who in this room represents the community? What is the communities' priorities?

1) Four different stakeholders that should be represented at this table.

Downtown Core, Bicycle advocates, Downtown Business Association, or anyone from the community at large.

- 2) Greenwood-Probably one of the most if not the second most important east-west connection.
- 3) Hawthorne-How does this fit into East/West?
- 4) Support-In the middle between the parkway and railroad tracks. Earlier concept showed a support, last month they took that off the table, that affects the profile.
- 5) Franklin-By far the best priority, 60% of traffic volume which you have on Greenwood.

4. Discussion- 45 minutes

What are the risks if we do not do some of these projects now?

- Only urgent concern is stormwater improvements.
- Bridges-no plans to change in the near future.
- How do you want the transportation system to look, feel and connect?
- Greenwood-is closest to the Core Area, with Silver Moon and Midtown people walking in this area. If we could do a good pedestrian connection.
- Hawthorne-Huge dollar amount, many years out.
- Franklin-To do any improvements to the crossing is going to be this \$50 million railroad bypass.
- Prioritize what can be done immediately without jeopardizing the pot of money. Not delaying Hawthorne project but making sure we have the matching funds to secure one of those grants.
- If we do not go big on Hawthorne crossing lets shelve it for now.
- As a Core committee member Franklin will yield the most and the quickest from a redevelopment and TIF generation perspective. If we do the Franklin corridor right, it will lead to more development.
- From a Core Area redevelopment perspective, Franklin is the highest priority followed by Hawthorne and then Greenwood. Franklin has a number of interested developers looking to do housing development on the corridor, not to mention City owns property on Franklin now.

City will make corridors as safe as possible but not going to structurally change those openings.

- In response to Mr. Walkers question earlier, we are citizens volunteering to be on these committees. We need to get some projects rolling since Hawthorne projects may be years out. We need to show improvements on Franklin. Greenwood will get used by pedestrians and bikes whether there are improvements or not. Start putting some funding into Hawthorne to entice big potential grants. Bridge goes into an area with potential, but feels

it is premature to have it built.

- We need to have a short-term deliverable so that means it is either Franklin or Greenwood.
- Construction fatigue, Equity does it make improvements for people who walk, bike and roll? Concern was voiced around improving Franklin first then we have no safe options for people who walk, bike and roll while this area is under construction. TBOC is also focused on reducing impacts during construction. Corridor prioritization should take into consideration detour routes needed for other projects.
- TBOC's main focus is on safety and what project will provide greatest safety benefits.

The intent of this meeting is to bring these two groups together, as there are large funding sources that both groups have some shared or differing responsibilities for. And there's overlapping improvements associated with them. Then to reconvene with your individual committee to determine if there are any recommendations in advance of our council work session October 19, 2022.

Allison will share TBOC's evaluation criteria for Bond project prioritization as well as the TBOC priorities for how to approach project prioritization with CAAB.

5. Adjourn 6:05pm

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