



CITY OF BEND

Agenda

Core Area Advisory Board

Thursday August 18, 2022

Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street Bend, OR

3:00 p.m. Core Area Advisory Board Meeting

Roll Call

- Kurt Alexander, Chair, not in attendance
- Corie Harlan, Vice-chair
- Alyssa Heim
- Dale Van Valkenburg
- John Fischer not in attendance
- Jeff Baker
- Katherine Austin
- Kina Condit-Chadwick, not in attendance
- Elisa Cheng
- Katy Brooks, Bend Chamber of Commerce, not in attendance
- Sharon Smith, Bend LaPine School District
- Rachel Colton, Bend Park, and Recreation District
- Nick Lelack, Deschutes County, not in attendance
- Lynne Mildenstein, Deschutes Library District
- Rachel Zakem, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council
- TBD- Central Oregon Community College

Councilor Campbell present

1. **Approve Minutes (5 minutes)** – Vice Chair Corie Harlan

Jeff Baker Approved, Dale Van Valkenburg seconded. Unanimously approved.

2. **Public Comment (15 minutes)** – Vice Chair Corie Harlan

No Comments.

3. **Midtown Crossings Update (40 minutes)** – Allison Platt and Brian Nigg, KPFF

Scope of work has not changed since last meeting. Alternative's analysis, public engagement, and outreach, open house, and targeted outreach on Latin X community. Goal is to develop implementation recommendations, including cost estimates. The project schedule was shared. This timeline is dependent on results of feasibility study.

Two alternatives for Greenwood Avenue undercrossing, three alternatives for Hawthorne

and three for Franklin undercrossing was presented and slides are available.

Public outreach update-both online, inhouse and targeted outreach was done. Minor preference to construct a new Hawthorne Avenue crossing 40%, Franklin Avenue 32% and Greenwood Avenue undercrossing at 28%.

Brian Nigg, KPFF modifications to alternatives after public outreach were shared via PowerPoint.

- Greenwood Avenue-Bike Lane, strong preference for separation between travel lane and bicyclist. There is more work that needs to be done to coordinate with emergency services on clear space between bike and vehicle lane. It was decided to leave, "as is", for future consideration in the next phase if design of this alternative is advanced
- Hawthorne Avenue- all three concepts to eliminate center support, parking on the north side of Hawthorne between US 97 and Hill Street. Switchbacks for Alternative 2 will be rounded to better accommodate cyclists. Straight approach to remain 7.5% slope.
- Franklin Avenue- Widen walkway at western plaza in both concepts, original concept showed trees but this may not be feasible with fire access and maintenance requirements at this location. Concept #2 full rebuild/widen undercrossing opening.

Alternatives will be ran through an evaluation criteria.

Committee was polled to see who could be on a joint sounding board subcommittee with TBOC for September 13 and/or September 14. Several members volunteered including Corie Harlan and Dale Van Valkenburg. Kathy Austin is available for September 13 only. Elisa Cheng was interested but couldn't make dates work and Alyssa Heim could be available if others were not. Staff will check with members who could not make meeting as well.

4. Core Area Funding Priorities (40 minutes) – Allison Platt

Core Area CIP next steps schedule was reviewed. CAAB Survey feedback and ranking was shared along with other project ideas.

Power point of 5-year timeline funding was presented along with the Funding Game results:

- Group 1 \$1.8 million average annual spending
- Group 2 \$2.3 million average annual spending

Committee comments:

- Art murals much greater return on investment to energize the area, sends a positive message, points back to the vision of having a variety of forms of visual art in the area.
- Some members were really supportive of art and small catalyst projects, others were neutral, and some members were supportive if only using limited funds to support these investments.
- Second street is a high priority with ways to encourage business growth in the area especially between Franklin to Greenwood.
- Side streets in the Core Area, what can we do to help businesses out in that area?
- What happened to vision plan and funding affordable housing?

- Would like to see funding allocated to complete Core Area concept planning for area.
- What are potential developers interested in in this area? Streets need to look better than they do now, on street parking, better sidewalks etc.
- Hawthorne crossing is a bridge to nowhere. First, prioritize existing crossings and those corridors and then start generating TIF funds to work on the larger bridge.
- If we do build Hawthorne, it needs to be a signature bridge.
- What is community expectations and desire for this area? To get Midtown Crossing done and bring together the east and the west connections.
- Best way to leverage money is to complete a corridor and therefore it may be better to focus funds on one of the Crossing corridors than 2nd Street if we can't afford to do both.
- Would be helpful to have a complete accounting for crossing and corridor to better make decisions.

5. Performance Metrics (10 minutes) – Allison Platt

Introduced memo that outlines a framework for identifying baseline metrics for 16 performance metrics that were organized by Core Area guiding principles. Committee was asked to review this memo and identify two performance metrics that can be dropped, follow up will be at the October meeting.

Question to consider for October meeting: What indicators, do you feel are critical to measuring the success of the area and which are not?

6. City Updates (10 minutes)

a. Unsanctioned Camping Code

City Council convening round table to discuss unsanctioned camping code process. CAAB members can select 1-2 CAAB members to sit on a September Council roundtable to review and develop code recommendations. CAAB members polled to see who would like to sit in on the discussion. Elissa Cheng potential volunteer. Learn more at www.bendoregon.gov/city-projects/community-priorities/houselessness/unsanctioned-camping-code

b. New Permitting Dashboard

New permitting turnaround time dashboard posted on the city website as of today.

Added to packet agenda <https://councilgoals2123-bendoregon.hub.arcgis.com/pages/government>

c. Climate Friendly Equitable Rules were passed by the State and are now in effect. First round of parking requirements to go into effect by beginning of 2023.

d. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 15, 2022, 3-5pm

7. Adjourn 4:58pm

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