

The meeting of the Community Building Subcommittee was called to order at 9:01 a.m. on Monday, September 25, 2023, in the City Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, and online.

- 1. Roll Call:** Councilors Anthony Broadman, Ariel Mendez and Megan Norris
Absent: none
Note – Councilor Mendez and Councilor Campbell have switched subcommittees

2. Public Comment

- No public Comment was submitted

3. Approval of Minutes

Councilor Broadman moved to approve the May 25, 2023 minutes. Councilor Norris seconded the motion. **Voice Vote** – Councilors Broadman, Mendez, Norris Yes 3 No 0

4. Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities Update

Chief Operations Officer Russ Grayson introduced Growth Management Long Range Planning Manager Brian Rankin.

Rankin and Senior Planner BreAnne Gale presented the following slides:

- Climate Friendly Area Update
- Climate Friendly Areas (CFAs)
- CFA Sizing – Growth Management - deciding between Prescriptive and Alternative methods
- CFA Impacts
- CFA Study – Approach
- CFA Candidates – identified & ranked 10 candidates
- Market Analysis
- Community Outreach
- Climate Friendly Areas Work Group (CFAWG)
- CFA Study Requirements
- Next Steps & Questions (for subcommittee)
 - Are you comfortable with our approach and the direction of CFAWG?
 - Do you have thoughts on the varied approach?
 - How do you want to be involved?

Councilors agree to Growth Management presenting updates at the November Community Building Subcommittee meeting, and possibly having a work session in December with full Council.

Committee takes a two minute break 9:42-9:44 a.m.

5. BO Bond and Key Route Project Updates

Grayson introduced Engineering & Infrastructure Planning Director Ryan Oster, who gave an overview of the presentation and presented the following slides:

- Community Building Subcommittee Meeting – Key Routes Projects
 - Project Overviews
 - Alternative Analysis and Recommendations
 - Summary and Budget Considerations

Oster introduced Project Engineer Matthew Jaraslawski, who presented the following slides on Butler Market Roundabout & Key Route Project:

- TSP Key routes – Butler Market Key Route, Boyd Acres Rd, Butler Market & Wells Acres Roundabout
- Background
- Scope
- Phase 1 Summary – Options Considered
- Phase 1 Summary – Alternative Analysis Community Feedback – most preferred Alternative 2: Separated Shared Lanes with wide sidewalks on Butler Market (and not on Boyd Acres).
- Synergy Projects
- Proposed Design – Cross Section (Protected, raised bike lanes and shared use path)
- Proposed Design – Aerial View – Typical
- Proposed Design – Cross Section – Pinch Point
- Proposed Design – Butler Market and Wells Acres Roundabout
- Budget - \$2.8M for Buffered Bike Lane; \$3.3 M for Separated Bike Lane (including RAB & Sewer)
- Schedule

Councilor Mendez asked if space and cost would be saved by removing the center turn lane on NE Bulter Market Rd. Per Jaraslawski, Fire Department would prefer center left turn lane remain for safety reasons. Mendez cited a study that says center turn lanes are more effective for faster roads and might not be needed on roads in Bend.

Councilor Mendez asked if there are any plans to reduce the speed limit on NE Bulter Market Rd and what the plans are for safe crossings.

Oster replied that there is no plan to reduce speed because the road is an arterial, but will use crossing at Butler Market/Wells Acres roundabout or other safe crossings.

Oster introduced Engineering Associate Carrie Theus who presented the following slides on Olney Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvements Project: Phase 2 Considerations:

- TSP Key Routes
- Background
- Scope
- Phase 1 Summary – Options Considered
- Phase 1 Summary – Cost, Considerations & Feedback
- Synergy Projects
- Proposed Design – Option 4 – curb protected bike path
- Proposed Design – Portland Ave
- Budget - \$10.5 M (\$9.5M in budget, \$1.0M additional from GO Bonds)
- Schedule

Councilor Mendez asked why we don't use relatively cheap Jersey barriers to create protected space.

Oster responded that they don't work in our climate due to snow and snowplowing.

Project Engineer Garret Sabourin presented the following slides on Portland Avenue / Awbrey Waterline Project:

- Project Synergies and Overview
- Project Opportunities
- Portland Avenue Segments
- Segment 1 (Baseline) Recommendations: College Way to 12th Street
- Segment 2 Recommendations: 9th Street to River
- Segment 3 Recommendations: River to Wall St (Add to Olney Project)
- Outreach Summary
- Synergy Opportunity Projects
- Budget – Cost of building all segments - \$3.63M (\$3.5 in budget, would need \$130,000 additional from GO Bond). Adding bike buffer delineator – additional \$500,000
- Considerations
- Budget Summary – fully building all 3 projects would require estimated \$4.93M in additional Bond Funds

Councilor Mendez asked what treatments are being considered for Safe Crossing at key intersections.

Sabourin responded that they will focus on visual awareness by increasing lighting, added striping, and standard, more visible signage.

Councilor Mendez asked what considerations are made for using a raised crosswalk.

Sabourin responded that raised crosswalks are used near schools and parks, on slower roads, and that there are other options if the issue is visibility.

Grayson added that raised crosswalks create issues for emergency services. Our standard policy is not to use them on collectors or arterials.

Grayson asked the following of the subcommittee: All projects are coming in over budget. Is Council willing to overspend in the GO Bond?

Grayson asks for feedback from subcommittee – should we:

1. cut projects and stay within budget?
2. defer the project to a later date when more funding may be available? or
3. start increasing budgets? (which will cause a ripple effect to remaining projects on the list)

Councilor Mendez stated that reducing speeds on NE Butler Market Rd would go a long way to improving safety.

Councilor Broadman recognized the need for all of this work, but is cognizant of Council's direction on the bikeway and supports prioritizing work on Butler Market.

Councilor Norris agreed with prioritizing the key route and is less inclined in funding the Portland Ave/Awbrey Waterline (because the Newport corridor so close).

Councilor Broadman suggested adding delineators to Portland at a later date.

Councilor Broadman prioritized 1. Butler Market, 2. Olney, 3. Portland Ave

Grayson suggested reporting this conversation at the next Council meeting and bringing to TBOC for recommendation to Council. Meanwhile, Engineering can continue working on design to maintain timeline.

Grayson will talk to City Manager Eric King, who will work with Council on determining direction, targeting November TBOC meeting for discussion.

6. Adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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