

Infrastructure Advisory Committee (IAC) Meeting Summary	November 18, 2013 3:00- 5:00 City of Bend, Boyd Acres Training Room
Chair: Frank Turek	Note taker: Adele McAfee
Committee Members: Andy High, Casey Roats, Ray Auerbach, James Gattey, Tom Stutheit, Nancy Loveland, Frank Turek COB Staff: Jeff England, Tom Hickmann, Carolyn Eagan, Paul Rheault	
Agenda item: Joint Meeting with Extra Strength Advisory Group	Presenter: Carolyn Eagan

The ESC is scheduled to present the recommendation on ESC program and ordinance to council on Nov 20. The IAC convened so they could hear and provide comments to this recommendation.

Carolyn Eagan, City of Bend Business Advocate updated the IAC on the proposed changes to the ESC program which is outlined in the proposed ordinance Chapter 15.90 (provided handout and initial rates).

ESC recommendations:

1. Include all non-residential sewer customers
2. Developed 5 strength categories
3. Program pay for itself
4. Reclassification process - Make it easy for businesses to show that they are keeping waste waters at lower levels
5. Appeal process
6. Program outreach
7. Implementation of new program completely terminates old program
8. Incentivize onsite treatment
9. Ordinance stands alone and in compliance with state and federal regulatory standards

IAC Questions:

How expensive is pretreatment?

Approximately \$1,000 if it is limited to a grease trap.

Residential loading is high – is this taken into account with regard to the financial modeling?

Residential loading was started at a higher mark. The current data coming through SIAG may have the loading higher.

How are other cities regulated?

They are regulated the same as City of Bend with random sampling.

Discussion ensued regarding the administrative requirements on implementation.

- Landlords identified a group that will be highly impacted
- Processes to integrate over time.

IAC suggested language be “tighten up”. Example: document refers to manhole but should be referred to as sampling port.

For all existing commercial and mixed use buildings do we know what percentage already have sampling ports/ manholes?

The team did not have this information but will find out

Rates

Ms. Eagan reviewed the information that was provided to the rate consultants and their process and determinations. Three and half million dollars were identified as cost associated with treatment for the commercial accounts.

The initial rates were discussed (cost of service and four options).

If the residential use is more problematic (pharmaceuticals etc.) why are most of the costs shifted to the businesses?

When considering loading, most of the impact is coming from businesses.

The four groups of users that would be most affected by the proposed rates were contacted (Breweries, current extra strength water customers, large water user, and landlords).

Implementation

Some businesses may see a more than 50% increase in sewer bills. A discussion with council will be scheduled on how to implement this program for business that will see these large increases.

How do you make up the revenue gap?

The rate consultants may be asked to run an analysis on how long the city can afford for implementation.

How do we prevent blanket categories that undermine the integrity of the fee structure?

For example, commercial users that really don't produce extra strength discharge compared to the residential users that have garbage disposals.

The rate structure will need to be revisited with the current data the city has gotten as a result of the public outreach.

Why would you include the standard strength customers in the program?

What is the impact on the program when you take the low/standard users out?

What happens on the businesses in strip malls with one meter, and there is a specific sq. ft. dedicated to a high and low users?

The city will have to work with the landlord on how they would be charged. This was the purpose of the outreach letters, to identify and talk to these individual account holders.

The committees discussed the impact on the brewing industry that may see significant increases in their bills.

IAC final Comments

IAC will not provide a recommendation at this time but supports the ongoing work the ESC is doing. As the work evolves, the IAC would like to be updated.

Additional Rate Scenarios :

- standard users should be eliminated from the program.
- Look at the costs for administration and try to bring costs down. (It is currently \$265,000)

The Extra Strength Committee adjourned at 4:34 and its members left. The IAC meeting continued.

Agenda Item: Approval of Sept 23,2013 Meeting Summary	Presenter: Frank Turek
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Ray Auerbach moved to approve the meeting minutes from Sept. 23, 2013; Nan Loveland seconded. Motion passed.

Agenda Item: CSMP Update	Presenter: Andy High, Casey Roats and Aaron Collett
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IAC members Andy High and Casey Roats (and also SIAG committee members) gave a CSMP brief update before the presentation be staff: Investments in optimatics will save rate payers significant dollars. The decisions the SIAG are struggling with include the South East Interceptor (SEI). Every optimatic solution included the SEI. A decision to move forward with SEI must be made in the next couple of weeks and the current design may not be large enough. A redesign would set the project back a year or two. Mr. Roats and High will bring the IAC concerns or comments back to the SIAG committee.

Aaron Collett P.E., City of Bend CSMP project Manager presented a powerpoint on the initial optimization results.

- Good news on the initial costs
- Short term solutions previously identified were validated in the initial optimatics results.
- Some areas were bumped up with initial loading (OSU)
- Included a 40 year life cycle cost
- Looked at upsizing existing system
- Thousands of scenarios and variations were run
- Discussed long term investment costs
- R=Rainfall events – Everything in the mid R is in the high R option

The SIAG committee members will conduct a public outreach to various community groups in an effort to educate the general public on the CSMP project.

Mr. Collett reviewed the next steps.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32.