

<b>Infrastructure Advisory Committee (IAC) Meeting Summary</b>		February 14, 2011
		3:00- 5:00
		City of Bend, Fire Boyd Acres Campus, Eisenhower Room

Committee Chair	Frank Turek	Note taker:	Adele McAfee
In Attendance:			

**Committee Members:** Andy High, Casey Roats, Nancy Loveland, Michael Magee, Ray Auerbach, Frank Turek  
James Gattey

**COB Staff:** Paul Rheault, Tom Hickmann, Adele McAfee, Jeff England, Gary Firestone, Nick Arnis, Courtney Snead

### ***Meeting Summary***

Agenda item:	Approval of Meeting Summaries for 11/29, 12/13, & 1/24	Presenter:	Frank Turek
Discussion:			

A motion to accept meeting summaries for **11/29, 12/13, & 1/24** was made by Ray Auerbach seconded by Casey Roats. Jim Gattey abstained. Motion passed.

Agenda item:	City of Bend Transportation Improvement Bond (General Obligation Bond)	Presenter:	Nick Arnis, City of Bend, Transportation Engineering Manager
Discussion:			

The City of Bend Transportation Improvement Bond Measure would authorize the City to issue up to \$30 million in general obligation bonds to improve major street corridors and intersections. The city held an open house on February 10<sup>th</sup> to educate and receive comments from the public (copies were handed out). Generally, the impression was favorable.

There are three options:

- Option A Complete Reed Market and other projects
- Option B Complete Empire extension and other projects
- Option C Complete Murphy Rd and other projects

In response to a question raised by Jim Gattey, Nick Arnis explained that the selection of projects was decided in a segment approach. A concentrated area will bring cost efficiencies to the project. Paul Rheault added that this plan will provide a sense of completion and minimize the inconvenience of the affected citizens. The project criterion was public support, project readiness and geographic distribution to make sure a project was in each quadrant of the city.

In response to a statement made by Jim Gattey, Paul Rheault stated that the council has not made up their mind on an option and that they wanted to hear the public comments gathered at the open house and the recommendation of the IAC committee. Andy High said council made a decision to retain the 27 cents (per \$1000 of assessed value). Jim Gattey stated that a general bond measure do not have to specify projects. Gary Firestone, City of Bend Assistant City Attorney has looked at several transportation bond measures and those that included specified projects passed and those that did not generally failed.

The committee had a general discussion on the merits of specifying projects and it was a general consensus that this was crucial to the Measure's success.

Frank Turek opined if the options were presented in a list it would difficult to prioritize by public input because choices would not be made for the good of the community but instead by personal impact. He suggested the committee listen to staff's presentation on the three options instead starting at ground zero. The committee should consider public input and the committee can tweak any option.

Nick Arnis stated all of the estimates are high. There are a lot of contingencies built in. If the contingencies are not used than the savings are put into the alternative projects.

Andy High recommends any option should include Mt. Washington – Simpson round-about. He also would like the committee's recommendation to keep the 1.1 million dollars in the general fund for road maintenance. The committee's mission to protect the infrastructure. Michael Magee agrees with that policy statement. If the roads are allowed to continue to deteriorate it will be more expensive to repair. It was stated that bond money cannot go to maintenance.

Mr. Magee stated that one of the charges is to find an option that will pass and be successful. He thinks the projects should be more specific. He feels it is important to see the projects go to completion.

Tom Hickmann would like to have the flexibility in the recommendation - if savings are found in a project the savings can be rolled into the next project on the list.

Gary Firestone stated that the committee recommendations do not have a 30 million dollar cap. They can include in the recommendation that projects can go a little over.

In response to a question raised by Casey Roats, Tom Hickmann stated when looking at the City's infrastructure on the whole the lowest cost opportunity for future growth is southeast corner of the city. The only piece that is missing is transportation.

Nan Loveland made a motion to accept Option A excluding 14<sup>th</sup> street add the round-about at Simpson and include a recommendation of retention of the 1.1 million for ongoing maintenance. Second by Andy High . After a discussion the motion was amended to : 'Option A', with the addition of a traffic circle at Mt. Washington / Simpson, as the project list for the transportation improvement bond measure. The Committee recognized that adding the Mt. Washington/Simpson roundabout created a project list that could potentially raise the total project list to \$32 million, and as a result recommended that the lowest priority in Option A should be 14th Street. It should remain on the priority list either through cost savings or by phasing the project. Additionally, the Committee recommends that the Council maintain the current General Fund allocation for Street Maintenance in the 2011-13 biennial budget. Additional discussion ensued regarding flexibility of the recommendation and timeframe. The motion was reread again for clarity. The motion was passed unanimously.

Andy High was asked to make the presentation to council. He agreed.

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Committee members roles regarding electoral matters	<b>Presenter:</b>	Gary Firestone, Assistant City Attorney
<b>Discussion:</b>			

The state has restriction on legislative advocacy. This restriction applies to city employees or committee members. Once the matter is submitted to county the restriction is in place until the ballot is closed . Privately members may support or oppose the matter but you may not support or oppose as a committee member or as a committee. To answer the question, " when are you a committee member?" Mr. Firestone stated 1) when you are in a meeting or 2) when you acting as a committee member. You can give factual information you may give both sides. As private citizens you may advocate. If any committee members are contacted they should notify the City of Bend Legal Dept. If there is any doubt please call Gary Firestone. Any committee member may serve on a PAC as an individual not as committee member.

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Introduction to the five year Capital Improvement Project List	<b>Presenter:</b>	Tom Hickmann			
<b>Discussion:</b>						
<p>The CIP project list was presented to the committee. This list has not been approved at the director or city manager level. Mr. Hickmann would like the committee to get familiar with the projects</p>						
<p>In response to question raised by Casey Roats the projects on the list are funded by the issuance of bonds. Every project fund is made up through general funds, collection of SDC's, and contingency or grant funds. Projects funds have money in them they are not allocated every year as with the general fund. There is money available to leverage for bonds.</p>						
<p><b>Airport</b> :Gary Firestone stated that the Airport projects are generally 80% to 90% funded by Federal Funds. In addition to available funding for the projects Mr. Hickmann said they also made sure there was available staff to so the project. Big ticket item is the taxi way. New projects – is the water system looping . Some of the other items on the airport CIP Budget are the Heliport, and Security fence. Federal funds are allocated every year to approved Airport projects. The city match is 5% to 10%.</p>						
<p><b>Stormwater:</b> Mr. Hickmann stated the underpasses are the biggest priority - 3<sup>rd</sup> Street is at the top of the list. Funding in this budget is the least problematic. There are staffing issues. Mr. Roats opined that the public does not understand the mandates the city is under and complain about the stormwater fee. Stormwater does not have SDC's funds associated with it. It is rate based. Stormwater also has an operational budget that includes street sweeping, and labs. Place holders were placed in the budget for Minnesota and Wall , Roosevelt and McKinley. There are drainage problems in these areas.</p>						
<p><b>Transportation</b> – the biggest continuing project Brooks, new projects are Empire. We are staff limited on the transportation side. Gary Firestone stated that there are some substantial grants for transportation regarding the UGB study but it will not cover everything.</p>						
<p><b>Water:</b> Main project is the surface water project. There are funding for Juniper Utility there is a new agreement the dollars for funding will come from that agreement with the homeowners.</p>						
<p>Water modeling was not done until a few year ago the line item is for maintenance. There are fees associated with this. Funds appearing for water rights are for implementing the program.</p>						
<p><b>Sewer:</b> Focus on interceptors and plant expansion. The Vahalla sewer problem has to do with odor.</p>						
<p>Meeting adjourned 5:00</p>						