Meeting Minutes

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Transportation Bond Oversight Committee (TBOC)

Location: City Hall, Council Chambers (Hybrid Meeting)

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Facilitator: Garrett Sabourin

In Attendance

TBOC	Ex Officio	City Staff	Council Liaisons
Scott Robinson (Vice-Chair)	David Amiton (ODOT)*	Ryan Oster	Councilor Ariel Méndez
Travis Widdifield*	Kim Crabtree (BLSD)*	Garrett Sabourin	
Denise LaBuda		Mary Packebush	
Sharlene Wills*		Elizabeth Oshel	
Dave Howe		Russell Grayson	
Will Green		Corey Johnson	
Kim Ely*		Torey Carr	**Consultant**
Mason Lacy			Matt Kittelson (Kittelson & Associates Inc.)

**Note: Attendees marked with * were present virtually.*

The February 25, 2025, Transportation Bond Oversight Committee meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM.

1. **Review Previous Meeting Minutes**
   - Mason Lacy motioned to approve December 12, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Denise LaBuda. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Public Comment**
   - Todd Tortson (resident of Wood River Village) presented a proposal regarding the Bond St./Reed Market Rd./Brookswood Blvd. roundabout. Safety and evacuation concerns were emphasized. Mr. Tortson proposed a phased lane expansion, as well as moving & consolidating sidewalks. Due to time constraints to maintain the schedule, TBOC encouraged Mr. Tortson to submit his written comment to TBOC for further review.
3. **Chair and Vice-Chair Elections**
   - 2025 TBOC Chair Nominations: Will Green
   - 2025 TBOC Vice Chair Nominations: Scott Robinson

- Mason Lacy motioned to elect Will Green as the 2025 Chair for the Transportation Bond Oversight Committee, seconded by Dave Howe. Motion passed unanimously.
- Will Green assumed facilitation of the meeting.
- Will Green motioned to elect Scott Robinson as Vice-Chair for the 2025 Transportation Bond Oversight Committee, seconded by Dave Howe. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Committee Updates

a. Recap of the Advisory Body & Council Goals Summit

- TBOC attendees: Sean Perkins; Will Green; Sharlene Wills; Denise LaBuda
- Discussion on TBOC's unique scope and limitations due to its bond-defined mandate.
- Potential interest in expanding TBOC's advisory capacity or forming a broader transportation committee.
- Noted lack of cross-committee communication with overlapping work and impacts
- Opportunity to increase meeting frequency to increase efficiency
- The committee expressed interest in receiving a summary from the City outlining lessons learned and feedback gathered from committee members.
- Suggestion to consider a formal proposal or ordinance to increase meeting frequency or expand TBOC's role. Council Liaison Input: Informal discussions and feedback from members to the Mayor and Council were encouraged. Councilor Méndez confirmed that considering the potential to expand TBOC's scope or form a new committee is on the Council's long-term work schedule. A potential proposal is anticipated for TBOC in April or May.

b. Bond Program Highlights

- Upcoming Contracts:
  - Aune St. Key Route (Design) March 19, 2025
  - Hawthorne Overcrossing Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Amendment – April 2025
- Upcoming Public Meetings:
  - Neff Corridor – March/April 2025
  - Greenwood Performance Results (Council Work session) – March 19, 2025

c. Future TBOC Appointments

- Terms expiring July 2025: Kim Ely; Dave Howe; Mason Lacy; Travis Widdifield. The recruitment and reappointment process is to be confirmed and communicated soon (estimated to begin in April).

d. GO Bond Dashboard Analytics

- Dashboard analytics for item views this period and average views per day were presented.
- Committee feedback: Social media communications for the Olney Improvements Project should include the major sewer and water infrastructure work in correlation with the prolonged road closure.

5. Project Sequencing Discussion

- Using a slide, Matt Kittelson (Kittelson & Associates Inc.) presented comparisons between:
  - SE 15th St. & Ferguson Rd. (Reed Market Corridor) – Prioritization Score: 12
  - NW Empire Ave. & O.B. Riley Rd. (Empire Interchange) – Score: 7
- Discussion ensued on feasibility of reprioritizing 15th St. & Ferguson Rd. ahead of 15th St. & Reed Market Rd. Due to staffing and consultant assignments, reprioritization with 15th St. & Reed Market Rd. would likely not be feasible.
- Will Green motioned to update the GO Bond Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to exchange the O.B. Riley Rd. & NW Empire Ave. intersection with Ferguson Rd. & 15th St. to present to Council for that change, seconded by Sharlene Wills. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Annual Program Financial and Biennium Capital Improvement Plan Update

- Presented by: Corey Johnson (Engineering) and Tori Carr (Finance)

- Reviewed:
    - Budget performance and spending trends.
    - Personnel and project management costs.
    - Debt issuance schedule and homeowner impact.
    - The proposed 5-year CIP with project cost adjustments
    - Overall program outlook and next steps.
- Discussions:
    - Cost overruns due to scope expansion and inflation.
    - Transportation Construction Funds will no longer contribute to Bond projects moving forward after the new biennium.
    - Importance of securing federal funding (especially for Reed Market Bridge); contingency planning discussed.
    - Potential need to reprioritize or defer projects if federal funding does not materialize.

7. Draft Annual Program Report

- The draft framework was introduced and will be circulated to TBOC for feedback.
- Committee to designate a point person at next meeting to finalize the report.
- Final Version to be submitted to Council at the end of fiscal year.

8. Public Comment

- Todd Tortson expressed concern that the bike improvements made to Wilson Ave. & 3rd St. were not a good use of funds due to proximity to busy streets, citing safety concerns and personal experiences.

9. Next Meeting Topics

- Denise LaBuda announced her upcoming resignation; the next meeting will be her last.
- Finalize Annual Program Report
- Discuss potential expansion of TBOC's role

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM.

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