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Transportation Bond Oversight Committee (TBOC)

Tuesday, February 28, 2023
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers
710 NW Wall Street Bend, OR 97703

The February 28 Transportation Bond Oversight Committee was called to order at 4:02 PM.

1. Roll Call

TBOC	Ex Officio	Consultants	City Staff	Council Liaisons
Dave Howe	Henry Stroud (BPRD)*	Chris Maciejewski (DKS)	Ryan Oster	Councilor Ariel Mendez*
Denise LaBuda*	Rachel Zakem (COIC)*		Garrett Sabourin	Councilor Barb Campbell*
Mason Lacy	David Amiton (ODOT)*		Mary Packebush	
LeeAnn O'Neill	Sharon Smith (BLSD)*		Michael Selkirk	
Sean Perkins - **Chair**			Corey Johnson	
Scott Robinson - **Vice Chair**			Nancy Watson*	
Sharlene Wills (*joined at 4:35 PM*)*			Jake Sherman	
Gina Franzosa			Tory Carr*	
Will Green (*joined at 4:25 PM*)*				
Travis Widdifield				

**Virtual*

2. Review 01/31/2023 Meeting Minutes

A spelling error in Scott Robinson's name in section five was called for correction. LeeAnn O'Neill motioned to approve the January 31 minutes as corrected, seconded by Mason Lacy. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

David Green (Bend Bikes) commented on the importance of Portland Ave. as an East to West key route. A suggestion was made to reduce traffic speeds, separate bike lanes from traffic, and add graded crosswalks to improve safety for people biking and walking on Portland Ave. A recommendation was made to prioritize completing bike lanes so that people aren't riding in traffic uphill on the west end of Portland Ave., and to add designated buffers to bike lanes.

Jim Elliot (Bend Bikes) commented on Portland Ave. not being safe enough for children to walk or ride bikes to Highland School alone and that most adults aren't brave enough to ride on Portland Ave. A suggestion was made to add grade-separated bike lanes and raised crosswalks to improve safety and make drivers more aware.

4. Committee Updates

Five TBOC position two-year terms will conclude in July 2023. The five affected members will be notified via email, and interest in reappointment needs to be voiced prior to May. An update for the Reed Market Study will be provided in May. A group discussion and opportunity for TBOC feedback regarding recent or upcoming public meetings will be arranged, including a discussion for appointing a TBOC representative to attend public meetings and report back to the committee. The new dashboard will be updated quarterly (first week of Jan, Apr, Jul, and Oct). The next quarterly GO Bond Video Update will be recorded tomorrow and released in March.

5. **Bond Program Highlights**
A three-month overview of upcoming procurement and public meeting highlights was presented. In response to a question, there will likely be limited opportunity for input into the Aune Extension East initial study. In response to a question, the last Wilson contract should still be substantially the same after the public engagement process.
Councilor Mendez and Councilor Campbell provided an update from last week's Community Building Subcommittee meeting, including conversations of potential interest in expanding transportation committee work to all transportation projects.
The Neighborhood Leadership Alliance (NLA) is getting an update on the Neighborhood Street Safety Program on March 14.

6. **Portland Avenue Project Considerations**
Michael Selkirk provided information and confirmed understanding regarding potential conflicts of interest. TBOC members were provided the opportunity to declare potential conflicts of interest before participating in upcoming deliberation and voting on upcoming recommendations or actions. Mason Lacy declared a potential conflict of interest as owner of the property at 527 NW Portland Ave.

Chris Maciejewski (DKS) was introduced. The action item for this discussion is to decide whether to continue with rescoping the Portland Ave. project or to provide Council with a recommendation to shift funds to an alternate project. A high-level overview of the Portland Avenue considerations was presented.

In response to a question, topography & standards and specs constraints, considerations, and decision points were explained. Using slides, a map of TSP Key Routes and the concept for Portland Ave. was presented. A discussion ensued regarding traffic calming strategies and tools available to reduce speed. In response to a question, costs and concepts for creating better separation between road and bike lanes were considered and discussed. A suggestion was made to consider using delineators as a low-cost option to provide more separation for bike lanes. A suggestion was made to add delineators/buffers at high-impact areas to avoid repainting every year. A discussion ensued regarding raised crosswalks and raised intersections. In response to a question, the evaluation criteria and framework focus for Portland Ave. was safety, traffic calming, and connectivity. Feedback collected by the Riverwest Neighborhood Association Board was shared regarding the Awbrey Rd. and Juniper St. intersections on Portland Ave. A recommendation was made to keep the funding on Portland Ave., and a workshop/open house session to collaborate and come up with solutions was suggested. A suggestion was made to utilize flashing crosswalk signs and focused safety improvements at low-stress network crossing locations as focal points to improve safety for the whole Portland Ave. corridor. A discussion ensued regarding the option for an alternatives analysis and making Portland Ave. a one-way corridor.

Scott Robinson motioned to keep funding on Portland Ave. and to move forward with rescoping the Portland Ave. corridor, Seconded by Denise LaBuda. There was consensus to move forward with rescoping the Portland Ave. corridor as modified. The project team will continue communications and providing updates to TBOC and will move forward with rescoping the Portland Ave corridor.

The tentative schedule for design and construction of the Awbrey Waterline Project was presented using a slide.

7. **Annual Bond Financial Update & Biennial Budget Updates**
A high-level schedule of the 24/25 Biennial Budget Update was presented using a slide. Updates to the 2020 GO Bond 5-Year CIP (Draft 2024-2028) were presented. The Draft 5-Year GO Bond CIP was presented. A graph of Debt Issuance (comparing Prior vs. Proposed in the Draft CIP) was presented. The next Debt Issuance is in 2024. In response to a question, Council approved the addition of two Project Managers with this

budget adoption, which will make a total team of six staff assigned to deliver the GO Bond projects identified in the Draft 2020 GO Bond 5-Year CIP. A discussion ensued about the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) projections and allocations. In response to a question, ITS does integrate into emergency, transportation, and other services as part of the ITS plan. Clarification was requested to identify TBOC's role in recommending reprioritizing projects as funding starts getting spent. In response, City Staff anticipates that the topic will be visited in the next year, following upcoming Council deliberations and conversations.

Sean Perkins motioned to recommend that City Council adopt the Draft 2024-2028 CIP for the 2020 General Obligation Construction Fund as presented, seconded by Sharlene Wills. By taking a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

8. **Public Comment**
   Eric Lint (Cascade East Transit) commented on ITS impacts and benefits to transportation services. Modern signal prioritization systems will help buses get through routes more efficiently and improve timing capabilities.

9. **Future Meeting Topics**
   Future meeting topics were presented. TBOC expressed interest in receiving summarized updates from City Staff following future public engagement events.

10. **Meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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