Meeting Minutes

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Transportation Bond Oversight Committee (TBOC)

Location: City Hall, Council Chambers (Hybrid Meeting)

Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Facilitator: Garrett Sabourin

In Attendance

TBOC	Ex Officio	City Staff	Council Liaisons
Travis Widdifield*	David Amiton (ODOT)*	Ryan Oster	Councilor Ariel Méndez
Denise LaBuda*	Kim Crabtree (BLSD)*	Garrett Sabourin	
Sharlene Wills*	Henry Stroud (BPRD)*	Elizabeth Oshel	
Dave Howe (*arrived at 4:41 pm*)		Mary Packebush	
Will Green (Chair)*			
Kim Ely			
Mason Lacy			**Consultant**
Sean Perkins*			Matt Kittelson (Kittelson & Associates Inc.)

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

The May 22, 2025, Transportation Bond Oversight Committee meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM.

1. Review Previous Meeting Minutes

- Sharlene Wills motioned to approve February 25, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Denise LaBuda. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Comment

- Todd Tortsen (Wood River Village): Advocated for prioritizing the Reed Market/Bond roundabout due to concerns with traffic congestion and potential wildfire evacuation safety. A request was made to bump the Reed Market/Bond roundabout project up to FY2025 and for advocacy from TBOC to prioritize transportation and safety concerns for the Reed Market corridor.
- Scott Nelson: Requested greater transparency on project contracts and requested clearer public access to project and financial data.

3. Committee Updates

a. Bond Program Highlights (Procurement, Open Houses, Other)

- Upcoming Contracts:
  - 2025 NSSP Construction (June 4)
  - Hawthorne Overcrossing IGA amendment (May or June)

    - Olney Construction Amendments (June 18)
    - Ferguson & 15th Roundabout design contract (July)
    - Butler Market East construction (July)
    - Neff Corridor design finalization (July)
  - Portland Ave. and Wall/Olney intersection reopened
  - Bear Creek/Purcell/Pettigrew intersection closure (June 2)
  - Upcoming open house events: Butler Market, Reed Market Overcrossing & 15th Street Roundabout, Franklin Avenue (Council Work Session), and Bend Bikeways

b. GO Bond Dashboard Analytics

- Increase in dashboard views (from 1,800+ to 2,100+)

c. TBOC Open Positions – Closed May 15

- Four vacancies expected due to term expirations (Dave Howe, Mason Lacy, Travis Widdifield) and Denise LaBuda stepping down
- 16 applications received; interviews scheduled
- Council to finalize appointments in June; going into effect July 2025

4. Mid-Biennium CIP Draft Update

- Ferguson & 15th bumped forward to FY2025–2026
- Empire and OB Riley pushed back to FY2028
- Reed Market Corridor funding awaiting confirmation of Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) grant
- Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) updates presented to the Budget Committee; approval anticipated in July

5. Draft Annual Program Report

Matt Kittelson (Kittelson & Associates Inc.) presented the proposed draft of the TBOC Annual Report.

Key components: TBOC message; program progress; project highlights; financial overview (including grant funding highlights); public engagement efforts; public involvement; TBOC oversight

TBOC feedback:

- Add percent complete and spent to date vs. anticipated total spending metrics to project highlights
- Clarify if project is complete or in-progress or identify phase of projects
- Consider adding totals at the bottom of tables
- Consider ordering project cutsheets by project scale vs. alphabetical
- Include a map and full list of projects early in the report
- Emphasize public engagement tools, outreach opportunities, and completion celebrations
- Highlight grant leverage and debt issuance
- Acknowledge construction fatigue

TBOC members can send further comments and feedback to City staff. Will Green to draft TBOC message to Council with support from City staff. Final draft to be reviewed and approved at the August TBOC meeting.

6. August Meeting Topics

- Construction mapping, agency coordination, grant pursuits, and biennium CIP approval.
- Cascade East Transit (CET) program funding update; suggestion made for possible BPRD update
- Continue review of draft annual report & TBOC message

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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