# Meeting Minutes

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# Midtown Crossings Sounding Board – Joint Subcommittee Meeting

Location: City Hall, Council Chambers (Hybrid Meeting)
Date: Monday, September 29, 2025
Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Facilitator: Garrett Sabourin
Committees Represented: Core Area Advisory Board (CAAB) and Transportation Bond Oversight Committee (TBOC)

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### Call to Order

The September, 29, 2025, Transportation Bond Oversight Committee (TBOC) & Core Area Advisory Board (CAAB) joint subcommittee meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM.

### Roll Call

Attendees:
CAB: Dale Van Valkenburg; John Fischer; Corie Harlan (CAAB Chair)
TBOC: Kristin Reidelberger (virtual); Sam Johnson (virtual); Will Green (TBOC Chair)
Staff: Garrett Sabourin; Ryan Oster; Mike Gaffney; Mary Packebush

Conflict of Interest disclosures: Dale Van Valkenburg disclosed potential conflict (employer, Brooks Resources, is a partner in property at 181 Franklin Avenue). No other conflicts were reported.

### Public Comment

David Green (Bend Bikes): Emphasized need for safe, connected bike infrastructure to support objective of increasing bike use. Expressed Support of Greenwood quick-build continuation and Franklin corridor completion with a safe crossing at 3rd Street, protected bike lanes, improved lighting, safe underpass crossing, and movement of retaining wall for uphill bike lane. Opposed to shared-use path along the commercial section of Franklin. Encouraged stepping up network planning.

Doug Dryden: Supported Franklin as most essential east-west connection corridor; highlighted benefits of cycling (social connectiveness, congestion, health, and environmental goals) that could be unlocked with efficient bicycle infrastructure improvements.

James Teeter: Advocated for maintaining Greenwood quick-build safety improvements, thoughtful Hawthorne connectivity planning, and a continuous protected bikeway on Franklin (no gaps, no sidewalk detours).

### Midtown Crossings Update

Objective: Seeking TBOC/CAAB recommendations on prioritization of remaining Midtown project funding to help inform City Council at October 8 work session. Key proposed questions from the September 24 City Council discussion were highlighted.

Background: Staff presented a summary of the 2022 recommendation outcomes from CAAB and TBOC, Council direction, and the prioritization list for Franklin. A map and overview of active Midtown projects was shared. A map of key walking and biking routes from the Transportation System Plan was presented. Schedule considerations for each corridor were presented. In response to a question, staff provided further details about funding obligations.

Greenwood Ave. Considerations: Greenwood quick-build completed; performance monitoring planned for Spring 2026 after Olney is open; ODOT design for 2nd Street crossing ongoing; construction funding for 2nd Street crossing; permanent corridor improvements (e.g. transportation quick-build improvements, stormwater improvements at undercrossing).

Franklin Ave. Considerations: GMP3 (4th Street – 8th Street) fully funded and under construction; GMP4 (4th Street – Harriman) pending approval; Remaining GMP4 segment estimated at $13.8M and $14.3M budgeted; Guaranteed maximum price (GMP) negotiations will likely take place early 2026. Value engineering considerations were presented. Uphill bike lane west of undercrossing estimated at $1M. Shared use path/protected bike lane considerations were shared for GMP 4 design. 90 ft right-of-way recommended for separated bike/ped facilities; 80 ft right-of-way would require shared-use paths.

Hawthorne Overcrossing Considerations: Opportunity to fund initial planning for Hawthorne extensions utilizing existing on-call contract without reducing Franklin's budget or requiring value engineering on Franklin; Initiate a scope of work to develop concepts for Harriman corridor and connection from 3rd Street to Juniper Park (link with Bend Bikeway); Estimated cost is $100K-$150K for concept-level work; City Council approval required to authorize scope and spending to proceed with extensions, and broader funding priorities (including Reed Market and other projects) will be revisited in next year's bond program discussions.

## Discussion

In response to a question, it was confirmed that the recommended 90' right-of-way for Franklin includes parking on both sides. Discussion ensued about City-owned parcels on Franklin, right-of-way acquisition progress, and remaining easements needed. In response to a question, staff shared general feedback that businesses have expressed impacts by the loss of parking with the Greenwood project. Discussion ensued regarding a proposed option to pull in lanes and eliminating the center turn lane now for the Franklin concept for 1st to 2nd Streets. Staff expressed concern about needing to maintain width and access needed for Fire & Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Discussion ensued regarding value engineering considerations for Franklin. Discussion ensued regarding Franklin (move forward, split up the project, or delay it?). Consensus was reached to move forward with Franklin, fully funded, as soon as possible once Olney is open and as a full closure to complete construction as soon as possible.

Summary of consensus:

- Support current direction from Council and Staff for Greenwood (maintain quick-build, proceed with 2nd Street crossing design, and performance monitoring).
- Proceed with Franklin as designed (90 ft right-of-way and climbing bike lane), full closure for shortest duration (begin as soon as possible after Olney opens and complete before the Hawthorne closure) and manage to the $14.3M budget (value engineering only if over budget, particularly for 1st Street - 2nd Street.)
- Allocate $100K-150K to move planning efforts for Hawthorne Extension forward, which can be achieved with the current design without value engineering. Revisit funding priorities in mid-2026.

Will Green motioned to direct staff to prepare a recommendation for City Council reflecting the summarized consensus among CAAB and TBOC, seconded by Dale Van Calkenburg. Motion passed unanimously.

## Next Steps

- Staff to draft joint recommendation for City Council by October 2, 2025. Will Green and Corey Harlan to serve as points of contact for refinements.
- Council work session discussion scheduled for October 8, 2025.

## Public Comment

- No additional public comments were received.

## Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Coleman
Senior Administrative Support Specialist

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