Transportation Bond Oversight Committee (TBOC)
October 5, 2021

Attendees:
TBOC Members: LeeAnn O'Neill (Chair); Scott Robinson (Vice-Chair); Dave Howe; Mason Lacy; Sean Perkins; Travis Widdifield; Iman Nazeeri-Simmons (left at 5:00 PM); Courtney Van Fossen | **Ex Officio:** Rachel Zakem (CET); Bob Townsend (ODOT); Sharon Smith | **Facilitator:** Joe Dills (Angelo Planning Group); Matt Kittelson (Kittelson & Associates); Chris Maciejewski (DKS Associates) | **Staff:** Sinclair Burr; Ryan Oster; Elizabeth Oshel | **Council Liaisons:** Councilor Melanie Kebler (left at 6:04 PM); Councilor Barb Campbell

1. **The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM.**
2. **Review August 31, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

   The August 31, 2021 Meeting Minutes were approved as written.

3. **Public Comments**

   a. **Written Comments:**

      Twenty written comments were received and summarized for the committee.

   b. **Verbal Comments:**

      - Neil Bondsgard (The Environmental Center) – City staff was asked to provide more time to review materials and consolidate materials to be more readable by the general public. Further clarification was requested regarding the timing for Midtown Crossings. Support was expressed to include the Olney Crossing in the first round of projects or an accelerated timeline with a larger bond issuance.
      - Gina Franzosa (TBOC Alternate) – City staff was asked to draft a full schedule of the bond projects, make conceptual designs available to TBOC, and make materials more readable for the general public.
      - Karen Johnson – An overpass over 3rd Street was recommended to provide safe passage and connect east-west bicycle traffic.
      - John Fischer – Support was expressed to continue prioritizing the Local Street Safety Program and prioritize a bicycle and pedestrian network connecting east-west for the Midtown Crossings.
      - Corie Harlan (Central Oregon Land Watch) – A clear description of the 12 key routes identified for bicycle and pedestrian traffic was requested. Support was expressed for prioritizing early investments in safe and abundant walking & biking routes and improving east-west connections for the first round of funding. Support was expressed to include the Midtown Crossings in the Five-Year CIP.

4. Review Final Project Scoring

The equity score for Aune Street Extension (East) was changed from a half circle to a full circle.

Empire-OB Riley Intersection was missed during the original scoring, but it's now added. The same equity scores were applied from the Empire Avenue Interchange Improvements project.

Clarification was given regarding the purpose of the Final Project Scoring Summary in relation to the deliberation on developing the 5-Year CIP.

Scott Robinson proposed amending the scoring for Sidewalk Network Completeness for the 8th Street & 4th Street intersection and the Penn Ave. & Olney Ave. intersection.

5. Staff Presentation - Draft Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Sinclair Burr presented a slideshow of the 2020 Transportation Draft 5-Year CIP.

An overview of the Recommended Construction Schedule was presented.

A map of the construction sequencing was presented for 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, and long-term projects.

A construction schedule of an alternative larger package with cost estimates was presented.

a. Questions Comments & Potential Revisions

A suggestion was made to consider pulling the Onley Bike & Ped project into the end of the 5-Year CIP to allow time to analyze and manage impacts from the Central Interceptor.

A recommendation was made to make cuts early when possible and for a contingency in case project costs escalate. Mr. Burr confirmed that there is some contingency built into the planning level costs, and inflation is built-in as well.

A discussion ensued about the North Corridor Coordination Project. Mr. Burr advised that TBOC can make a recommendation to Council if the committee decides against allocating GO Bond funding to ODOT in 2024.

Mason Lacy expressed support for requesting a detailed schedule and conceptual designs for the projects. A request was made for ODOT to provide an overview presentation of the North Corridor project at a later meeting that provides more detailed information on funding allocations. A request was made for more information on what the feasibility study for the Midtown Crossings is expected to provide. Ryan Oster announced that the feasibility

study is expected to be completed Spring of next year and will provide further context and information needed to plan and prioritize the Franklin, Hawthorne, and Greenwood crossings.

Councilor Barb Campbell announced that tax increment financing (TIF) will be coming in for the Core Area Project and could possibly help fund the Midtown Crossings.

In response to a question, Mr. Burr confirmed that the GO Bond does not fund the Neff & Purcell Intersection Project. The Neff & Purcell Intersection Project was listed as working together with the Purcell Extension Project.

A discussion ensued regarding the pros vs. cons of breaking up the Reed Market Project.

A discussion ensued regarding design costs for the Archie Briggs Project and Deschutes River Trail (DRT) crossing. It was clarified that the DRT crossing is not part of the Archie Briggs Project; the project is currently only slated for bridge reconstruction.

6. Public Comment

- David Abbas – The City has been able to work into the Archie Briggs Project with ODOT to include sidewalk connection on the west side up to the DRT and to the east connecting into an existing neighborhood. An RFP should be out in a couple of weeks.
- Chase Drum – Support was expressed for expanding the Wilson Corridor and the improvements mentioned for Franklin Ave.
- Gina Franzosa (River West Neighborhood Association) – Frustration was expressed regarding rapid timing and the minimal information that was provided when the list of projects was released. Frustration was also expressed regarding construction fatigue affecting northwest Bend. Support was expressed regarding the comments of pushing Reed Market out. More clarity was requested on local residential street safety. Lastly, a recommendation was made for sharing the Midtown Crossings Feasibility Studies with the committee.
- Brian Canady – A comment was shared on the idea to push the Reed Market Corridor out. A comment was also shared regarding connectivity with the parkway on the south side of Bend and the opportunity to alleviate pressure from the Reed Market Corridor.

7. **Vote Decision – Final CIP**

   The consensus was reached that TBOC is not yet ready to vote on a recommendation to Council at this time. Mr. Oster clarified that there is no pressure or expectation for TBOC to vote or decide on a 5-Year CIP until the committee is ready.

8. **Check-In: TBOC Discussion – Draft CIP**

   The consensus was reached that City staff will work to pull together the following requested materials and information to distribute to TBOC for review on October 26:

   - Send out a CIP Memo that describes the rationale behind the timing of the projects.
   - Discussion of Olney Ave. about why it's scheduled out in the years it is or what work can be done sooner rather than later (Central Interceptor discussion)
   - The timing for Reed Market Rd. (ideas regarding phasing)
   - North Corridor – briefing/overview on what the big project is all about
   - How equity is being addressed in the CIP
   - A summary of how east-west and north-south bike & pedestrian connectivity is being advanced and how key routes are being advanced
   - Reconsideration of a 9th Street delay (section south of Wilson)
   - Acknowledge that the Midtown Feasibility Study will identify some potential low-hanging fruit and clarify on timing for what improvements might be done.
   - Information about the 10-year picture
     - Level of detail to be defined for 10-year picture vs. 5-year picture.
   - Benefits vs. risks of a larger package
   - Provide clarity on Archie Briggs – what GO Bond funds would be spent on vs. the mix of dollars going into it.

   A consensus was reached to schedule the next TBOC meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2021. The committee will approach the next meeting as an action meeting that will involve cross-committee discussion and roundtable input.

9. **Meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

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