Meeting Minutes

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Transportation Bond Oversight Committee (TBOC)

Location: City Hall, Council Chambers (Hybrid Meeting)

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Facilitator: Garrett Sabourin

In Attendance

TBOC	Ex Officio	City Staff	Council Liaisons
Scott Robinson (Vice-Chair)	Henry Stroud (BPRD)*	Ryan Oster	
Travis Widdifield*	Eric Lint (COIC)*	Garrett Sabourin	
Sean Perkins (Chair)	David Amiton (ODOT)*	Mary Packebush	
Denise LaBuda*	Kim Crabtree (BLSD)*	Christopher Coleman	
Sharlene Wills*		Elizabeth Oshel	
Dave Howe		Russell Grayson	
Will Green			

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

The December 12 Transportation Bond Oversight Committee meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM.

1. **Review Previous (September 19, 2024) Meeting Minutes**
   - Motion to approve the September 19 meeting minutes by Dave Howe, seconded by Will Green. Motion passed unanimously.

2. **Public Comment**
   - **John Heylin (Owner of Unofficial Logging Co.)**: Expressed gratitude for the safety improvements and the installation of bike racks on Greenwood Ave.
   - **Joan Daley**: Raised concerns about safety and daily traffic congestion at the Ferguson Road/15th Street intersection, requesting to expedite the 15th Street/Ferguson Road roundabout schedule.
   - **Gina Franzosa, Councilor-Elect**: Stepping down from TBOC; expressed appreciation for all TBOC's important work.

   Concerns about the 15th Street/Ferguson Road intersection were discussed. Further discussion regarding options and prioritization/bundling of the roundabout segments of the Reed Market Project were tabled until after the federal rail-crossing elimination grant decision in April.

- **Dan Daley**: Commented on the traffic congestion and safety concerns caused by the curb installed during sewer improvements completed at the 15th Street/Ferguson Road intersection. Requesting its removal to improve traffic flow before the Reed Market Overcrossing closure increases detour traffic and congestion at this intersection.

3. Committee Updates

a. Bond Program Highlights

Upcoming Contracts:

- Olney Bike and Pedestrian Improvements (Construction; Construction Administration Support; Amendment to EOR Services During Construction) – December 18, 2024
- Reed Market/15th Street Roundabout (Design) – December 18, 2024
- Hawthorne Overcrossing IGA Amendment – February 2025
- Aune Street Key Route (Design) – February 2025

Upcoming Public Meetings:

- Midtown, Franklin Virtual Open House – December 2024 - January 2025
- Bend Bikeways Virtual – December 16, 2024
- Reed Market Overcrossing In-Person & Virtual – December 9, 2024
- Olney In-Person & Virtual Pre-Construction – January 14, 2025

b. Future Bond Video in December (Will Green)

c. Advisory Body Summit – Jan. 14, 2025

City Council is seeking one TBOC representative for the Advisory Body Summit. Will Green, Sharlene Wills, and Denise LaBuda expressed interest in attending. An email was sent on December 5 with a link to sign up (RSVP by January 7). One TBOC representative/speaker will be designated at the meeting.

TBOC top accomplishments & priorities expressed for Council consideration:

- Safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.
- Remind Council of TBOC's role in project prioritization.
- Highlight TBOC's efforts in public engagement through open houses and outreach.

Due to time constraints, TBOC members were instructed to email individual input to Garrett Sabourin by January 3. Staff will synthesize input and produce a staff memo to Sean Perkins by January 8.

A request was made to schedule more time for committee members to discuss and prepare as a board for future Agendas, instead of working individually to respond to City staff outside of meetings.

d. Other Updates

- Chair and Vice-Chair nominations (email to be sent next week). Confirm interest before nominating.
- Quarterly update of GO Bond Dashboard analytics was shared.

4. Mid-Biennium Bond Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Updates

a. 5-Year Program Schedule Adjustment Updates

- Anticipated 26/27 Biennial Update Schedule was shared.
- A summary of projects with schedule adjustments (added time or adjusted phase) were presented.
- A request was made to break out and include Boyd Acres into the 5-year CIP.
- Deschutes Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) implementation to be revisited early next year.
- The initial program planning schedule was shared showing planned vs actual years for design start and construction start years.
- Annual spending projection adjustments to be presented at the February 2025 meeting with annual financial update. The February financial update agenda was shared.

b. Council CIP Update (Date to be determined).

Concern was expressed regarding the possibility of federal grant opportunities being reduced or eliminated due to the current political climate.

A discussion ensued regarding options to prioritize Ferguson & 15th Street. Staff advised that if Ferguson & 15th Street was prioritized up then the Empire-OB Riley Intersection would likely have to move in its place. A suggestion was made to do an analysis to compare data and determine which is the bigger safety concern.

5. Next Meeting Topics

- Elect Chair and Vice-Chair (first meeting of the calendar year)
- Draft Annual Program Update Document
- Bond Financial Update

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

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