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Transportation Bond Oversight Committee (TBOC)

Tuesday, May 30, 2023
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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

1. **Call to Order**
The May 30 Transportation Bond Oversight Committee was called to order at 4:03 PM.

2. **Roll Call**

TBOC	Ex Officio	Consultant	City Staff	Council Liaisons
Dave Howe	Robert Townsend (ODOT)*	Brian Nigg (KPFF)*	Ryan Oster	Councilor Ariel Mendez
Denise LaBuda	Sharon Smith (BLSD)*		Garrett Sabourin	Councilor Barb Campbell*
Mason Lacy*			Mary Packebush	
LeeAnn O'Neill (*joined @ 4:06 PM*)			Elizabeth Oshel	
Scott Robinson - **Vice Chair**			Kevin Howard	
Sharlene Wills (*joined at 4:40 PM*)*			Sarah Hutson	
Gina Franzosa			Russell Grayson	
Will Green				
Travis Widdifield*				
Kim Ely				

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

3. **Review Previous Meeting Minutes (2/28/2023)**
Gina Franzosa motioned to approve the February 28 meeting minutes, seconded by Dave Howe. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Public Comment**
No public comments were received.

5. **Committee Updates**
   - Updates on the ODOT Reed Market Study and discussion points & takeaways from the recent stakeholder advisory committee meeting were shared.
   - Feedback was shared by attendees of the Wilson public meeting and the Butler & Boyd virtual open house. A suggestion was made to display existing conditions for the Butler & Boyd virtual open house. A recommendation was made to present information and graphics illustrating project ties to key routes.
   - An update was provided for the new GO Bond Dashboard schedule and 30-day usage statistics were shared. A suggestion was made to monitor user engagement with the dashboard. In response to a question, city staff will follow up with Colleen Miller to inquire further about tracking analytics and will report back.
   - An update was provided for the quarterly GO Bond video. The next video is scheduled for June. Dave Howe & Denise LaBuda volunteered to represent TBOC in the next GO Bond video update.

6. **Bond Program Highlights**
Procurement highlights and upcoming public meetings were announced for the next three months.

7. **TBOC Public Outreach Tools**
In response to a request made during the February 28 meeting, city staff presented a matrix outlining TBOC

public outreach tools. In response to a question, The Bulletin is typically very responsive to press releases and interviews and could be a useful resource for TBOC outreach.

8. **Transportation Fee & Funding Discussion**
City staff presented funding needs and constraints for the Council goal of implementing a transportation fee. Critical needs & benefits of implementing a transportation fee now, including efficiencies in completing at the same time as the System Development Charge methodology update, were presented. Direction received from Council, and the Scope for the transportation fee was presented. City staff is seeking two representatives from TBOC to participate and provide input in up to three future advisory group roundtable stakeholder meetings. The proposed timeline for developing a transportation fee was presented.

In response to a question, it was confirmed that city staff is actively seeking funding through grant programs available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and some safety grants. So far, efforts to acquire grant funding have yet to be successful; however, city staff is awaiting to hear back regarding three of the eight submittals. The City has also applied for state-level funding. Proposals have been put in for the Hawthorne Bridge and the Reed Market Bridge.

In response to a question, the scale structure for the transportation fee is detached from assessed values. How the fee will be assessed will be scaled by impacts on the transportation system using trip generations from the IT Manual and evaluated based on residential or non-residential criteria.

In response to a question, the goal is to reduce the reliance on the general fund to fund transportation projects and programs.

In response to a question, the allocation of funding and methodology necessitates further discussion throughout the development process.

In response to a question, residential utility accounts will generate most of the revenue earned from the transportation fee. The transportation fee would be applied to the utility bill of every property owner. Equity issues and impacts across all segments of the community need to be evaluated throughout the development process.

A comment was made regarding the bike & pedestrian programs being crucial in keeping traffic service levels consistent with TSP forecasting. Agreement was expressed that there is a critical need for road maintenance, and this transportation fee funding needs to be dedicated to that; however, a recommendation was made to emphasize the importance of funding the bike & pedestrian programs as well.

A comment was made in support of the transportation fee as proposed, as this additional revenue will help maintain residential streets and provide significant improvements for bike & pedestrian use. A suggestion was made to find a way to scale the transportation fee so that the people who can pay higher fees do pay higher fees.

TBOC volunteers for the upcoming advisory group roundtable stakeholder meetings were Will Green, Gina Franzosa, Denise LaBuda, and Dave Howe.

9. **Community Building Subcommittee Discussion: Connected & Protected North-South & East-West Key Route and Wayfinding**
Using an interactive map, city staff presented an overview of the twelve key routes and the proposed networks that were shared with the Community Building Subcommittee and the guidance that came from that committee

meeting. Discourse revolved around wayfinding for the key routes and alignment decisions, aiding city staff in alignment for formulating scope and improvement design.

In response to a request, city staff will work to provide an overview that describes all twelve of the key routes in an ADA accessible-friendly format.

A recommendation was made to include the Bend Parks & Recreation Department (BPRD) in coordination with these alignment decisions. City staff confirmed that BPRD has been very open to conversations and coordination efforts.

Elizabeth Oshel provided legal guidance regarding Key Route requirements in relation to the Council adopted Bond package. The map presented by city staff ultimately aligns with the Council adopted resolution and funding. If there's any deviation from the original Bond package, it would require Council approval.

A discussion ensued regarding shared use paths and identifying lanes for different modes of use.

A comment was made regarding Franklin Avenue being wider than necessary, and by using inexpensive paint and delineators, it could be a very safe bikeway.

A comment was made regarding the requirement to have an all-ages & abilities network, and that some of these direct route options do not meet that requirement. It was suggested that by using more indirect routes the initial North-South & East-West connection would encourage mode-shift and provide safer options for users to reach their destination safely.

The proposal will be presented to Council for direction in June/July. City staff will also provide public input opportunities through individual project efforts.

10. Public Comment

Councilor Barb Campbell expressed gratitude to all the members of the bike community who shared comments for the Community Building Subcommittee.

11. Future Meeting Topics

- Robin Lewis will present on the NSSP Process for additional projects in August.
- A 2-yr Bond Highlights Summary will be presented in August.
- Portland Avenue Open House & Alternatives Analysis Open House results will be shared.

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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