Agenda



Carlos Gonzalez

Meeting: Tualatin Valley Highway Safety and Transit Project Steering Committee

Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Place: Washington County Public Services Building, Room 120D; 155 N 1st Ave, Hillsboro,

OR 97214

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Purpose: Provide a year one update on the operations and ridership of the FX2-Division line.

Present draft proposed station locations for feedback from Steering Committee

members.

Outcomes: Committee understands year one analysis findings regarding FX2-Division.

Committee understands process to date for identifying draft proposed station locations and analysis of impacts/benefits of locations. Committee provides initial

feedback on station locations.

4:00 p.m. Welcome and introductions Metro Councilor Juan

• Are there any updates related to TV Highway you'd like to

share from your community?

4:10 p.m. Approval of September meeting minutes Councilor Gonzalez

4:15 p.m. FX2-Division year one report out Jesse Stemmler, TriMet

Do you have any questions about the operational and
mid and his findings should?

ridership findings shared?

4:45 p.m. Station locations engagement approach outline Jess Zdeb, Metro

• Brief update with discussion at next meeting

4:50 p.m. Draft proposed station locations Jesse Stemmler, TriMet

• Do you have feedback on team's methodology and analysis to date?

• What are the most important locations for stations? Other station impressions?

 Anything else important you'd like to share on work done to date? 5:50 p.m. Public comment Councilor Gonzalez
5:55 p.m. Next steps Councilor Gonzalez

Upcoming TV Highway meetings

- Technical Working Group (October 20)
- Policy Group (October 25)
- Steering Committee (November 9)

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Meeting minutes

Meeting: **Tualatin Valley Highway Steering Committee meeting**Date/time: Thursday, September 14, 2023 | 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Place: Hybrid meeting held at Washington County Public Services Building (155 N 1st Avenue, Hillsboro,

Oregon), Room 120D and via Zoom webinar

Members, Alternates AttendingAffiliateCouncilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Co-chairMetroCouncilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Co-chairMetro

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Councilor Rick Van Beveren City of Hillsboro

Panelists AttendingAffiliateJess ZdebMetroYuliya LeeMetroJesse StemmlerTriMet

Welcome and introductions (Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro)

Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro, called meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and welcomed the attendees to the meeting. He gave a brief overview of the meeting agenda and welcomed new committee member, Veronika Nunez, representing Adelante Mujeres.

Councilor Gonzalez asked the committee for approval of the meeting summary from April 13, 2023. With all in favor, the meeting minutes were accepted unanimously.

The committee members proceeded to introduce themselves and provided updates pertaining to TV Highway project.

<u>Presentation: Upcoming project process and schedule</u> (Jess Zdeb, Metro)

Jess Zdeb started presentation with a reminder of where the committee left off, which was realization that breaking up the corridor geographically doesn't work for phasing a transit investment and receiving strong direction from the committee to serve the whole corridor with safety and transit amenity improvements. She restated the goals for TV Highway project, which included:

- Improves the travel experience (safety, time, reliability) for transit riders, in particular communities of color and low-income communities
- Advances local goals related to land use, transportation, equity, and climate
- Supported by the community, in particular transit riders and communities of color
- Feasible to fund, construct and operate
- Able to move into the next phase, Project Development

She also noted that some of these goals are in tension with one another: identifying a project that addresses corridor needs and is feasible to fund will continue to be a challenge. She continued with an overview of hypothetical funding strategy (Phase 1 design) and informed the committee that known full-corridor project cost would be \$550 million, Small Starts maximum contribution is \$150 million, and remaining \$400 million needs to come through other sources, such as local jurisdictions, State legislature, other federal programs.

Jess Zdeb brought to the committee's attention Phase 2 approach, which included:

- Develop lower cost design more likely to have feasible funding strategy
 - o Executing and presenting two design approaches: 1) CIG-eligible and 2) locally-funded
- Funding strategy likely still reliant on a 2025 state legislature ask
 - Reframe project as an umbrella corridor project for safety and transit ->stronger legislative pitch

Jess Zdeb summarized design for lowest cost, permittable option approach, which consisted of maintaining core purposes (access and safety improvements, transit rider amenities), finding flexibility in cases with significant benefit to project cost (minimize impact to north side ROW and curb line, investigate elements), and presenting cost of CIG and non-CIG projects along with benefits and tradeoffs.

In conclusion, she gave an overview of the Steering Committee timeline, which included:

- September 14 Project approach; station locations introduction; EDS update
- October 12 Station locations mapping; revised Public Involvement Plan
- November 9 Approve station locations for public comment
- **December 12** Hold for further discussion of station locations
- **January/February** (work outside of meeting) Review draft Phase 2 design and cost with staff prior to workshops; public comment period on station locations
- March 14 Phase 2 design and cost, plus high-level funding plan presented
- **Spring/Summer 2024** Project steps to be determined by outcomes of design/cost exercise and funding plan discussions

Discussion (Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro)

The committee members were asked the following discussion question:

 Do you have any questions about the upcoming project work and the Steering Committee's role in it?

Mayor Malynda Wenzl, City of Forest Grove, inquired about plan to involve state legislators with the committee's work. Malu Wilkinson, Metro, encouraged the committee members to have conversations about TV Highway with their representatives, but also noted that the committee needs a better understanding of what they will be asking them to invest in. She emphasized the importance of the next few months during which the committee will be working to define a project that feasible and fundable. Other committee members commented on the importance of staying on track with committee's work and continue keeping legislators aware of the needs for improvements on TV Highway that would require investments.

<u>Presentation: Equitable Development Strategy and public input report</u> (Mohanad Alnajjar, Unite Oregon)

Mohanad Alnajjar, Unite Oregon, started presentation with an overview of EDS process, which consisted of Coalition meetings, Leadership Cohort and Public Workshops that guide work progress with needs assessment, recommendations, and strategic actions.

He continued with a list of priority areas, which included:

- Affordable Housing: preservation and new development
- **Economic Prosperity:** business and workforce development
- Healthcare: healthy food, culturally competent providers, ADA facilities
- Environmental Justice: green spaces, electric vehicles
- Education: early childhood, cultural sensitivity
- **Transportation:** safety and equitable access

Mohanad Alnajjar summarized priority actions that were identified as part of the Equitable Development Strategy and presented action implementation tactics, such as continued community engagement, partnership with local jurisdictions, and funding. He elaborated on the RTP engagement transportation-related priorities, which included:

- Safety and well-being driving, riding transit, biking, and walking
- Service accessibility sidewalks, crosswalks, ADA access, station shelters
- Commute time transit service reliability
- Project information at the development and implementation stages

He concluded RTP process update with an overview of community concerns, such as pricing policies, safety benefits, project prioritization, climate protection, community participation, RTP implementation. He also informed the committee that TEC (TV Highway Equity Coalition) submitted a letter to Metro Planning outlining community concerns and will have community members testify

during the public hearing on September 28, 2023.

<u>Discussion</u> (Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro)

The committee members were asked the following discussion question:

• Are there any aspects of the public input that surprise you or you want to highlight to provide direction to the project team?

The committee members inquired about partnering up with other stakeholders to utilize existing communication channels to inform the communities about ongoing projects, emphasized the importance of taking communities' input into consideration, and the need for funding mechanisms to accommodate future development and ongoing population growth. In addition, the committee members highlighted the need for creating positive connection and partnership between marginalized communities and transit safety officers and achieving transit rider safety through increasing number of transit riders.

Presentation: Introduction to identifying general station locations (Jesse Stemmler, TriMet)

Jesse Stemmler, TriMet, gave a brief overview of his presentation points, which consisted of review of the existing conditions, station investment, destinations and ridership, and station location criteria and process. He presented information on existing conditions with an overview of Line 57, and highlighted need to improve the line's performance, reliability, bus stop amenities and infrastructure. In addition, Jesse Stemmler shared numbers of fatal crashes in the corridor, emphasizing the need for safety.

He continued presentation with an overview of station investments with focus investments at key station areas and improving transit service through optimizing stop locations and improving infrastructure.

The committee members and project staff commented on the various needs for improvements in the corridor, highlighting approaches that would create consistency, expectations, safety, elevate dignity and awareness among all users withing the corridor. Councilor Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg, City of Beaverton, inquired if there was an increase in ridership on FX2 Division bus line due to elevated transit rider experience. Jesse Stemmler responded that FX2 Division bus line travel times are performing as expected or better, and ridership numbers are bouncing back more quickly than the rest of the TriMet bus lines.

Jesse Stemmler continued his presentation with information on improving safety through station investments, which will include:

- Accessible, ADA compliant sidewalks and ramps
- Safer pedestrian crossings
- Improved lighting
- Other safety treatments

He noted that all stations will be paired with an enhanced crossing (existing or new) and sidewalk infill (if currently missing). He briefly elaborated on station features and amenities. Jesse summarized station spacing comparison among various BRT systems and explained existing stop spacing in the TV Highway corridor.

Jesse Stemmler presented maps of ridership patterns and important destinations in the corridor and concluded his presentation with timeline and process for corridor design and stations. He gave an overview of the station location criteria with highlight on equity considerations, which included:

- Important Places & Destinations transfers; existing and future frequent service; nearby public services
- Ridership
- Environmental & Land Use
- Bike & Pedestrian connections
- Population & Employment density
- · Accessibility & Lift data
- Safety & Operations
- Transit performance

<u>Discussion</u> (Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro)

The committee members were asked the following discussion questions:

- Do you have any feedback on the team's stations-related methodology and work to date?
- Do you have input for the team as they continue station/Phase 2 design work and plan for future community conversations and engagement?
- Is there any other feedback you would like to share on the work to date?

The committee members thanked project staff for their presentations and work and inquired if equitable development strategy can be combined with station location criteria to have a better understanding of pros and cons of station selection process, and if restrooms can be considered as station investments. JC Vannatta, TriMet, noted high operational costs for restrooms and stated that they were not considered in station improvements, however, public restroom facility proximity can be used as one of the criteria in station location preference and selection. Committee members also highlighted the need to connect with current transit riders about the project, suggesting printed outreach materials with QR codes at bus stops.

Public comment

No public comment was submitted.

Next steps (Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro)

Co-chair Gonzalez gave a brief summary of the upcoming events and meetings. There being no further business, he adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yuliya Lee, TV Highway Steering Committee Recorder

Attachments to the Public Record, TV Highway Steering Committee meeting, September 14, 2023

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