

Oversight Committee Meeting #1 Summary

Date: June 29, 2015

Members in attendance:

Angelynn Pierce, LTD Board of Directors
Gary Gillespie, LTD Board of Directors
Alan Zelenka, Eugene City Council
Greg Evans, Eugene City Council
Frannie Brindle, ODOT
Robin Hostick, City of Eugene Planning (for Sarah Medary)
Mark Schoening, City of Eugene Public Works (for Kurt Corey)
Lydia McKinney, Lane County
Ron Kilcoyne, LTD General Manager

Staff in attendance:

Chris Henry, City of Eugene Public Works
Terri Harding, City of Eugene Planning
Sasha Luftig, LTD
Tom Schwetz, LTD
Kristin Hull, CH2M
Lynda Wannamaker, Wannamaker Consulting

Public in attendance:

Pat Hocken, League of Women Voters

Welcome and introductions – Hull

Kristin reviewed the meeting agenda and led the group in introductions.

Charter and protocols – Hull

Kristin reviewed the draft charter. The group made the following revisions to the charter:

- Add the Lane County Transportation Manager as a non-voting member.
- Designate LTD Board, City Council representatives and ODOT representative as voting members.
- Designate Eugene Public Works Director, Eugene Assistant City Manager, LTD General Manager and County Transportation Manager as non-voting members.
- Invite the Lane County Board of Commissioners to nominate one person to join the Oversight Committee as a voting member.
- Modify dispute resolution protocol #1 to say "PMT members may follow up with Oversight Committee members to resolve or clarify individual issues."
- Public comment will be heard at the beginning of each meeting.

The group discussed the role of the City of Springfield. Staff explained that Springfield wished to be briefed on MovingAhead but to maintain an informal role. Frannie asked for more explicit guidance on who she is responsible for being a liaison to.

Project schedule – Henry

Chris reviewed the project schedule with emphasis on the Oversight Committee's milestones. An Oversight Committee member asked if Better Eugene Springfield Transit (BEST) was involved in MovingAhead's Sounding Board. Sasha explained that BEST did not have a representative on the Sounding Board – the Sounding Board includes representatives of existing City and LTD advisory committees/commissions – but that project staff meets with BEST at their request. The Oversight Committee asked to set the date for the next meeting as soon as possible.

Purpose and Need and Goals and Objectives – Luftig

Sasha reviewed the Purpose and Need and Goals and Objectives (PNGO). She explained that the PNGO is a document that is required as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and that its primary audience is FTA. In response to a question, Sasha explained that the difference between the Purpose and the Needs is that the Purpose is broader than the Needs.

The Oversight Committee discussed the following:

- Review criteria and try to convert as many activity measures as possible to performance measures. Councilor Zelenka suggested that staff at the City of Eugene have experience in this area.
- Modify Objective 3.6 and the Need statement about building public support to be stronger and more measurable.

Concept Review and Workshop Input – Hull

Kristin reviewed the concepts developed for each corridor based on public workshop input. She began by providing an overview of the Level 1 screening process and criteria. An Oversight Committee member asked about pedestrian crossings. Kristin explained that the team has developed a "toolbox" of pedestrian crossings recognizing that streets wider than 6 lanes will require refuges. She said that the design team will develop pedestrian crossings for each corridor advanced to Level 2. An Oversight Committee member suggested that the team should pay special attention to providing new pedestrian crossings of Amazon Parkway between 24th and 29th Avenues.

The Oversight Committee asked Frannie how future improvements to the River Road/Beltline Highway interchange might impact MovingAhead. Frannie said that ODOT is just beginning the NEPA process for the highway.

An Oversight Committee member asked why concepts for the Beltline Highway were not developed. Sasha explained that the Beltline Highway would be pursued as a connector (frequent service) rather than EmX or Enhanced Corridor treatments at this time.

The Oversight Committee agreed that the range of concepts makes sense for Level 1. They also agreed that advancing only the Enhanced Corridor option for the Valley River Center Corridor makes sense.

Public comment

There was no public comment at this meeting.

Adjourn and next steps

The Oversight Committee's next meeting will be in September.