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Agenda

Meeting: Tualatin Valley Highway Safety and Transit Project Steering Committee

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2024

Time: 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Place: Washington County Public Services Building, Room 120D; 155 N 1st Ave, Hillsboro, OR 97214
 Zoom option
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Purpose: Present details of fall engagement effort, including locations for in-person engagement. Provide update on timing and process for local match funding strategy.

Outcomes: Steering Committee members are informed about fall engagement effort and able to respond to potential questions regarding the effort. Steering Committee members are aware of process and timeline for determining local match funding strategy.

4:00 p.m.	Welcome and introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Are there any updates related to TV Highway you'd like to share from your community?</i> 	Metro Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez
4:10 p.m.	Approval of July meeting minutes	Councilor Gonzalez
4:15 p.m.	Fall public engagement preview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Do you have any questions about the outcomes or process for engagement?</i> 	Jess Zdeb, Metro Bernadette Le, TriMet
4:45 p.m.	Local match funding strategy update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Do you have any clarifying questions about the expected process and timing for identifying local match funding?</i> 	Kelly Betteridge, Metro
5:15 p.m.	Public comment	Councilor Gonzalez
5:20 p.m.	Next steps	Councilor Gonzalez

Upcoming TV Highway meetings

- *Technical Working Group (October 18)*
- *Policy Group (tbd)*
- *Steering Committee (November 14)*

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Meeting minutes

Meeting: **Tualatin Valley Highway Steering Committee meeting**

Date/time: Thursday, July 11, 2024 | 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 Attending

Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Co-chair
 Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Co-chair
 Councilor Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg
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Councilor Timothy Rippe

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City of Forest Grove

Panelists Attending

Jess Zdeb
 Tanja Olson
 Bernadette Le

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Welcome and introductions (Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro)

Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro, called meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and welcomed the attendees to the meeting. He gave a brief overview of the meeting agenda. The committee members provided updates from their jurisdictions pertaining to TV Highway project.

Councilor Gonzalez asked the committee for approval of the meeting summaries from November 9, 2023 and December 12, 2023. With all in favor, the meeting minutes were accepted unanimously.

Presentation: Round 2 CIG project elements and cost (Jess Zdeb, Metro)

Jess Zdeb gave a brief overview of presentation agenda items, which included round 2 CIG project elements and cost estimate, non-CIG project elements and cost estimate, and comparing project

options: elements, funding, timeline. She started with round 2 CIG design, which included following features:

Safety and accessibility

- Enhanced crossing or traffic signal at all stations
- Elimination of partial pullout stop design
- Station platforms with curbs and waiting areas
- No lessening of existing bike accommodation

Rider experience

- Consistent stations amenities aligned with CIG requirements
- Elements to increase speed and reliability

Additional assumptions

- Incorporates ODOT feedback on pullouts
- No assumption of posted speed reduction
- Assumed accommodation of 60’ vehicle – decision on vehicle size happens later

FX brand service for CIG project

- TriMet’s FX Plan recently established standard for service
- TV Highway would be upgraded to 12-minute service

She continued her presentation with an overview of CIG cost estimate of approximately \$300M, which included following key elements:

- Elimination of partial pullout stop design and safer bus/bike iterations at stations
- Station amenities and platforms at 41 station pairs
- Accommodating UPRR requirements for station location
- Four rebuilt intersections
- 17 new vehicles, bus chargers, bus facility upgrade (Note: Since this meeting, estimate has been updated to 15 vehicles and may continue to change over course of project.)
- 59 signal upgrades to accommodate transit signal priority

Jess Zdeb explained that cost savings were realized through smaller footprint of roadway rebuilds at station locations due to smaller offset/no chicanes, re-use of existing stop infrastructure, elimination of continuous access control medians and pedestrian bridges, and reduced station quantity. She noted that round 2 design workshops included general agreement that the design and cost work fulfilled the direction from Steering Committee, and that participating staff expressed interest in making sure safety is not compromised for cost, openness to refining station locations, and in understanding necessary local commitments to move project forward. In conclusion, Jess reviewed edits on revised station locations map and noted that it would be used in public engagement efforts for comments and feedback before being finalized.

Discussion (Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro)

The committee members were asked the following discussion question:

- Do you have any clarifying questions about what is included in the CIG project design and cost?

The committee members expressed gratitude for project team’s dedication and hard work but did not have clarifying questions about the work presented.

Presentation: Non-CIG project elements and cost (Jess Zdeb, Metro)

Jess Zdeb started presentation with a reminder that goal was to understand what benefits may exist in pursuing a non-CIG project and focus more on investments on safer transit access, and less on speed, rider experience, reliability improvements. She explained that design approach included retaining all existing stop locations, rebuilding stops where major safety benefit existed (keeping many partial pullouts), and meeting UPRR requirements for distance from rail centerline. It would also provide safer crossing and curbed waiting area at all stop locations, and limited focus on travel speed and reliability.

Jess stated that amenity provision would be guided by TriMet standards for stop ridership, meaning that not all stops would have shelters and that amenities would vary generally throughout the corridor. All stops with shelters would also have real-time arrival information, lighting, seating, and non-shelter locations would include seating. Cost estimate for non-CIG project would be approximately \$150M, and key project cost elements would include: re-use of 111 stops, 21 reconstructed stops, 4 major intersection rebuilds, 5 new signals, 7 enhanced crossings, 60 signal updates for transit signal priority.

Discussion (Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro)

The committee members were asked the following discussion question:

- Do you have any clarifying questions about what is included in the non-CIG project design and cost?

The committee members thanked project staff for their work of presenting information on non-CIG project, and inquired about CIG project rating for TV Highway and if non-CIG project would have the same criteria as CIG project. Jess Zdeb responded that non-CIG project does not have the same requirements that would need to be met for CIG project.

Presentation: Comparing project options: elements, funding, timeline (Jess Zdeb, Metro)

Jess Zdeb shared information comparing CIG and non-CIG elements, that included those with similarities: pedestrian safer access infrastructure, station/stop accessibility, adherence to UPRR ROW requirements, physical priority, queue jumps. She continued with list of elements that were different, such as: service frequency, service speed/reliability, station/stop amenities, station/stop branding, station consolidation/relocation, vehicle fleet, and vehicle support infrastructure.

She commented on the projects cost comparison, noting that it would cost approximately the same for local jurisdictions and organizations for both, CIG and non-CIG projects, however federal match of the cost would allow for much greater improvements with CIG project. Jess explained CIG match funding definition and gave an overview of potential CIG match sources breakdown, potential project timeline. She continued with an overview of funding a non-CIG project, noting that local funds would not be matched and RFFA bond funds would likely not be available.

Discussion (Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro)

The committee members were asked the following discussion question:

- What are your initial reactions to the comparison of CIG and non-CIG costs and projects?
- If asked to select a path today, would you support moving forward with a CIG project?

The committee asked about non-CIG project timeline, what determines each jurisdiction's contribution. Jess Zdeb responded that it would be similar to CIG project timeline, and contributions from each jurisdiction most likely would be based on data, while also recognizing that every jurisdiction has different unique characteristics that might affect distribution proportion. Committee members noted that the RFFA bond program definition does not exclude projects without a federal match, but they are generally preferred. In addition, members of the committee and project staff discussed the importance of project to the communities, how it is presented in legislature, and expressed support for the project to continue.

Motion (Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro)

Councilor Rick Van Beveren moved to approve CIG project as a preferred choice for moving forward with Tualatin Valley Highway transit project. Rian Windsheimer seconded the motion.

Action

With all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Presentation: Engagement strategy refresher (Bernadette Le, TriMet)

Bernadette Le started presentation with an overview of CIG engagement strategy, which included:

- Goal: develop an overarching approach that meets partner needs throughout the corridor
- Presented draft/ revised approach to Technical Working Group and Policy Group in September and October, Steering Committee in December
- Met separately with CBO Steering Committee members for input/feedback

She noted key engagement topics that included transit station placements, general gauge of community support for this suite of investments, and space for open-ended comment. Bernadette gave an overview of virtual engagement that consisted of online open house and targeted email follow ups with EDS stakeholders. She continued that in-person engagement would include tabling at high-ridership stops, some community events with tablets for survey taking, and presentations at community committees and business groups to update and promote online engagement.

Bernadette explained how findings would be reported, noting the importance of understanding different populations' opinions and investigating opportunities to disaggregate data.

Discussion (Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro)

The committee members were asked the following discussion question:

- Do you have any feedback on the proposed CIG engagement strategy?

The committee members inquired about communication and language barriers for some of the communities and emphasized the importance of separating feedback from transit system users versus members of the impacted communities.

Public comment

No public comment was submitted.

Next steps (Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro)

Co-chair Gonzalez gave a brief summary of the upcoming meetings. There being no further business, he adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Yuliya Lee, TV Highway Steering Committee Recorder

Attachments to the Public Record, TV Highway Steering Committee meeting, July 11, 2024

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