



City Council & Planning Work Session

July 27, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting – Coburg City Hall

91136 North Willamette St.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: John Lehmann, Paul Thompson, Mayor Ray Smith, Nancy Bell, John Fox, Patty McConnell, Markus Alexander, Kyle Blain, William Wood.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Seth Clark.

STAFF PRESENT: Sammy Egbert, City Recorder; Anne Heath, City Administrator; Gary Darnielle, City Attorney.

GUESTS: Jake Callister, Lane Council of Governments(LCOG)

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Ms. Egbert took roll and a quorum was present.

3. Committee Business

Mayor Smith announced that they were there to discuss the transportation system plan(TSP) in a joint session with the Planning Commission and City Council.

Ms. Heath began a presentation by noting that she had heard many concerns and complaints about transportation and the need to update the transportation plan for several months. She said that the plan that was moving forward was only a band-aid and needed a full update. She hoped to come up with a plan that dealt with current issues and also planned for the future and emphasized how to grow as a community and maintain a walkable, safe community.

Ms. Heath outlined several topics to be considered including local and county jurisdiction, street designations and design, the downtown corridor, safe routes to school, commuter and truck traffic, and urban growth boundary(UGB) access.

Ms. Heath showed pictures of country roads that were within the City limits that the City could consider taking ownership of.

She shared examples of collector streets which may not be designated correctly, noting parts of Skinner which were very narrow and Coleman with no sidewalks or bike lanes. She added that E Van Duyn probably wouldn't be large enough to serve the new industrial zone.

Ms. Heath shared that the downtown corridor had varied areas of concern including Mill St. and Harrison, in front of the antique mall which had merchandise near the street, McKenzie from Harrison facing west which was a common school drop off, and in front of Coburg Pizza which had many close calls reported by residents. She noted that some areas of the City may want to be considered for sidewalks or bike lanes.

Ms. Heath noted that safe routes to school was very important and gave examples of McKenzie and Harrison and the road running past the fire station which weren't necessarily safe for school children to travel.

Ms. Heath explained that truck traffic was very heavy and noted an alarming amount of trucks driving within the bike lane and blocking the view of traffic pulling out while parking.

Ms. Heath shared that access to the urban growth boundary and to some residential areas were currently landlocked and the developer had to pull their application due to lack of access to the land. She shared some comments and concerns from the community which included the need for more off-street parking and traffic flow through town affecting noise level and safety.

Councilor Bell asked about the developer pulling their application due to lack of access and Ms. Heath clarified that they had resubmitted with fewer homes and would come back with another application once the City had addressed the access issue.

Mr. Callister shared that there were some clear persisting issues which were culminating and needed to be appropriately addressed. He said that the original plan was to try to adopt the 2014 TSP and noted that the current TSP was from 1999. He suggested it would be great to adopt the 2014 TSP while leaving out the UGB piece. Mr. Callister shared that a land conservation development representative suggested looking into the opportunity to engage in a planning process and take advantage of state funding. He stressed the need to stick with a plan.

Mr. Callister outlined the transportation and growth management objectives which involved the furthering of wise consistent planning of both transportation and land use. He shared the objectives for developing a TSP including ensuring methodic public and inter-agency coordination, seeking feedback and guidance from elected officials, producing a written document containing comprehensive documentation and distillation of the transportation planning process and conclusions, and the community's policies, standards, and priorities for achieving the transportation system that meets the community's identified needs.

He outlined seven tasks designed to help develop a transportation system plan following ODOT's structure while integrating the custom components of Coburg's situation. These tasks included ensuring public involvement and inter-agency coordination to provide feedback, establishing TSP update goals and objectives and deciding what to add and what to keep, conducting literature review and reviewing existing plan policies, standards, and laws, taking inventory of the existing transportation system, determining transportation needs and how to optimize land, developing and evaluating alternative objectives from capital projects to traffic operations, and developing the transportation system plan. He noted that the plan adoption process included presenting the plan to the community and included work sessions to vet questions and concerns.

Mr. Callister shared that the estimated project cost was \$100,000 and had an estimated timeline of 18 months. He explained that this work was conducted and managed by state consulting firms. He added that these grants were available biannually.

Mayor Smith suggested to be careful not to go beyond the 2014 update as they would have to deal with new laws and requirements.

Ms. Heath noted that a TSP was not required for a city of this size but explained that the funding involved was essential.

Councilor Fox asked when the biannual cycle began and Mr. Callister answered spring of 2023.

4. Adjournment

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Coburg this 14th day of October, 2021.

Ray Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sammy L. Egbert, City Recorder

APPROVED by the Planning Commission of the City of Coburg this 20th day of October, 2021.

Paul Thompson, Planning Commission Chair

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