



## MINUTES

### Transportation Safety Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting

February 22, 2024 at 4:00 P.M.

Coburg City Hall

91136 N Willamette Street

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Bell; Chair, Brandon Rhodes, John Lehmann (via zoom), McKenzie Bryant, John Marshall, Bryan Hamburger (via zoom), Jean Schapper (via zoom)

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** Michael McDonald (citizen alternate)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** none

**GUESTS/STAFF PRESENT:** Adam Hanks, City Administrator; Larry Larson, Chief of Police; Brian Harmon, Public Works Director; Megan Winner, Planning Director

**RECORDED BY:** Madison Balcom, Administrative Assistant

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bell called the meeting of the Coburg Transportation Safety Ad-Hoc Committee to order at 4:00 pm.

#### ROLL CALL

Mayor Bell called roll.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests to publicly speak and no written statements had been received.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2024

There were no requested changes to the minutes.

#### MOTION

\_\_\_\_\_ moved, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the February 1, 2024 meeting minutes as presented.

***Motion passed unanimously — 6:0.***

## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

### **1. Recap of Meeting #1**

City Administrator, Adam Hanks reviewed some details from the last meeting. Included in the packet are pictures of a bollard, jersey barriers, speed cushions, and a traffic calming/road closure device, as well as some information on the Radar Speed Signs, pictures and diagrams of the N Willamette & Van Duyn intersection, and the City of Jacksonville's traffic and speed limit proposals that were discussed and mentioned in the last meeting.

Michael McDonald asked if they were going to look at the intersection by the school. Mr. Hanks said they could add it to the scope and discuss it later on if they have time. Mayor Bell added that if they are going to create a package to present to Lane County, she thinks that topic should be included.

Mr. Hanks said the goal of this committee is to develop a fully formed recommendations document to review and fine tune by week 5, and ultimately provide to Council at the end of the six meetings. The final recommendations will likely include a package of items that will be presented to Lane County for approval after Council's review and final approvals.

Ms. Bell reviewed the few topics of concern that they discussed in the last meeting, including pedestrian safety, safe routes to school, and speed and traffic mitigation through Coburg. These topics will drive their missions and prioritize their recommendations.

### **2. N. Willamette & Van Duyn Intersection**

Mr. Hanks directed everyone toward the posters on the wall for brainstorming the goals, improvement ideas, and drawbacks for the N. Willamette & Van Duyn intersection. Committee members added and brainstormed their concerns for the posters. Their ideas are listed below.

Ms. Schapper asked about the possibility to widen the intersection. Ms. Bell explained that it would be a very costly project, but if the committee really wanted it they could talk about it. Mr. Hanks added that the alternative options provided by the engineers were not based on a ton of data analysis, and also prioritize the safe vehicular thoroughfare objective.

Mr. McDonald asked when the stoplight at Pearl & Willamette was put in. Mr. Harmon said that he believes it was a three way stop prior to 1997. Mr. McDonald then asked how long it takes for a situation to warrant a new stoplight being put in. Mr. Hanks said that some major changes and development would have to happen and didn't that it would for a long while.

Mr. Hanks mentioned the feasibility study for the alternative freight route. The funding is for the study in 2026. If everybody ends up liking the study, there is then a long process of right-of-way acquisition, environmental review, engineering design, funding, and instillation. With the whole process, they are looking at a timeline of 2035-2040.

Ms. Bell mentions that the initial concept was for an east/west bypass. Rather than coming through Coburg people would be coming off of N. Coburg Rd and going from west to east. They are now looking at many different alternatives.

Mr. Marshall expressed his concern about the bypass and its alternative and how it will affect the livability in Coburg. He asked what the county could do to improve the flow of traffic through Coburg as time goes by and traffic gets worse. Mr. Hanks' idea is to make it as much of a downtown and pedestrian friendly area as possible, and for development to be designed and constructed to follow that idea.

Mayor Bell believes that the climate friendly initiatives, especially now, are in their favor. Mr. Harmon agrees, and says the downside is that most trips are commuter traffic. Mr. Hanks says their goal is to keep the trip counts as low as they can.

The results of the N Willamette/Van Duyn intersection brainstorming is below:

#### Goals/Objectives

- Safely be able to walk across intersections (especially across N. Willamette)
- Keep bike lanes free from cars/large trucks
- Slow down vehicles/large trucks
- keep walkability, don't remove sidewalks
- keep traffic moving

#### Improvement Ideas

- having crosswalks brightly & clearly striped
- northbound bike lane striping goes through entire intersection
- clear, updated painted lanes and crosswalks
- northbound stop sign on N. Willamette
- speed cushions on N. Willamette & Van Duyn
- alternate school/pedestrian route that avoids intersection
- add crosswalks and increase visibility (trim trees) on Willamette & E. Van Duyn
- improve signage and stop bars (clearer, larger, brighter) at E. Van Duyn intersection
- convert stop sign to full stop, including right turn
- reduce speed for vehicles traveling NW
- limit truck length (semi-doubles)

#### Drawbacks/Unintended Consequences

- lose vehicular/parking access to Coburg Commons in both directions of Willamette
- preserve sidewalks
- increasing noise from speed cushions
- cars cutting through neighborhoods

- changing residents' access to their homes
- back-up of traffic

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Hanks said staff will go over the brainstormed ideas and organize them. A revised list will be brought back for the next meeting where they will discuss more on speed limits, crosswalks, and the business district.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

March 28, 2024      Transportation Safety Ad-Hoc #3  
April 25, 2024      Transportation Safety Ad-Hoc #4  
May 23, 2024        Transportation Safety Ad-Hoc #5  
June 27, 2024        Transportation Safety Ad-Hoc #6 (final meeting)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Bell adjourned the meeting at 5:25 pm.

**APPROVED** by the Transportation Safety Ad-Hoc Committee of the City of Coburg on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Nancy Bell, Chair

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Sammy L. Egbert, City Recorder