



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING FOR MAY 26, 2020

Present: Mayor Frank Bubenik, Council President Nancy Grimes, Councilor Bridget Brooks, Councilor Robert Kellogg, Councilor Paul Morrison, Councilor Maria Reyes, Councilor Valerie Pratt

Mayor Bubenik called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

1. Metro Presentation on Get Moving 2020.

Metro Council Craig Dirksen and Metro Staff Tyler Frisbee presented an update from Metro. Councilor Dirksen stated Metro is working on an investment package for transportation due to the growing population in the area. He stated the package will provide new safety measures, reliability, access to transportation, and economic opportunity. Councilor Dirksen stated this is a region wide project with 16 investment corridors. He noted region wide programs include: safe routes to school, safety hot spots, regional walking and bike connections, and revitalization of main streets. He added additional programs will include anti-displacement strategies, affordable housing strategies, student fare affordability, and investments in the bus system. Councilor Dirksen stated specific Washington County investments include the Southwest Corridor, TV Highway, SW 185th, Burnside, Hwy 217, and Pacific Highway 99W. The overall measure is estimated to have \$4 billion in construction spending and create 37,500 construction jobs. Councilor Dirksen stated Metro will be working with community partners to finalize the project definitions. He stated in July Metro is set to finalize the package, hold hearings, and make a decision on referral.

Councilor Pratt asked about reduced transit cost for youth and seniors. Councilor Dirksen said discussions are being held on reduced youth costs. He noted there is already a program for seniors.

Councilor Pratt asked if there will be bike and pedestrian improvements towards the PCC Sylvania campus. Councilor Dirksen stated that hasn't been specifically identified as a project but the safe routes to school dollars could make improvements in the area if needed.

Councilor Pratt asked if the Bridgeport Terminus could be used to connect to Wilsonville in the future. Councilor Dirksen stated no design would prevent a future extension.

Councilor Morrison stated he hasn't received good reception to the plan. He stated he is concerned that nothing is planned for the northern portion of Clackamas County and SW Washington County. Councilor Morrison also expressed concerns with the inadequate amount of parking that is planned at the Bridgeport Terminus.

Councilor Kellogg stated full funding for the SW Corridor needs to happen so the new transit line makes its way to the Bridgeport Transit Center. He stated the Bridgeport station will provide an estimated 15% of ridership on the new line. Councilor Kellogg added that connectivity between the WES and the line at Bonita Station will be important to increase accessibility and ridership. He added an above grade crossing at Boones Ferry and Carmen Drive will also be needed to help with congestion.

Mayor Bubenik concurred an above grade crossing is necessary at the Carmen intersection. He added a pedestrian bridge over 72nd Street will also be needed for pedestrian safety.

2. ODOT | Tolling Project Update.

ODOT Tolling Program Director Lucinda Broussard presented an update on the I-5 and I-205 Tolling Project. She stated HB 2017 tasked ODOT with looking at two tolling projects: I-5 SW Multnomah Boulevard to N Going/Alberta Bridge and I-205 at or near the Abernethy Bridge. The projects have dual objectives to generate revenue and manage demand. Mrs. Broussard stated they have started to look at revenue generation. She noted the price of the tolls and the times of day when tolls may be in place have not been determined. She added tolls will be determined by the Oregon Transportation Commission during project development. Mrs. Broussard shared the timelines for the I-205 Toll project, I-205 widening project, and I-5 Toll project. She noted the I-205 Toll Project is slated to begin the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) technical process in July with completion in 2022.

Mrs. Broussard provided feedback that ODOT has received including traffic congestion being a key concern for the region, equitable tolling, lack of a robust transit system in Clackamas County, and tolling creating diversions into communities along the corridors. She stated ODOT is working on income impacts by working with Community Based Organizations to conduct discussion groups, obtain input using a variety of targeted multi-lingual engagement methods, develop and obtain input on income-related qualitative and quantitative performance measures, and engaging the Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee to provide recommendations. ODOT is also addressing transit impacts by collaborating with the Transit and Multi-Modal Working group to understand how planned transit improvements are associated with shifts related to tolls. Mrs. Broussard stated they are evaluating diversion impacts by using a Regional Travel Demand model that illustrates demand over the course of the day and analyzing rerouting patterns on the local street network during peak hours. She stated this data will be shared with all regional partners soon so it can be evaluated and questions answered. Mrs. Broussard stated there will be several upcoming opportunities for input from the community. She stated they launched an I-205 Toll Project Travel Preference Survey to provide insight into traffic patterns. She stated the survey will be open until the fall of 2020.

Mrs. Broussard stated they are starting to incorporate equity into their projects through an Equity and Mobility Advisory committee (EMAC). She stated members represent a variety of equity and mobility interests and perspectives in the Portland Metro and SW Washington areas. She stated the purpose is to advise on how tolling can benefit historically underserved and underrepresented populations, consider needs and opportunities for achieving community mobility and equity, and provide input to the Oregon Transportation Commission and ODOT on how to implement tolling.

Councilor Morrison asked what the purpose of tolling is when there is no money for construction available. Mrs. Broussard stated tolling could fund construction but money wouldn't be available for at least four years.

Councilor Morrison stated his problem with tolling is equity fairness. He noted he also has concerns with traffic diversion into Tualatin based on where the toll booths are placed.

Councilor Pratt asked if teleworking becoming common would affect the tolling fees. Mrs. Broussard stated they will be evaluating that. Councilor Pratt asked if they are taking into account the planned growth in the region and the effects of diversion onto smaller roads. Mrs.

Broussard stated their models are using data from Metro. Councilor Pratt stated the bus lines now are not sufficient for people traveling over to I-205, she asked if that is being considered in this process. Mrs. Broussard stated their Transient Group will be evaluating the bus system.

Councilor Brooks expressed concerns with equity and sees this as a regressive way of paying for something. She stated she is not in favor of tolling in our area.

Councilor Kellogg stated HB 2017 didn't specify what areas needed tolling, it was just assumed that it would be these area. He asked if it was ever considered to have the tolls placed at the three major bridges. Mrs. Broussard stated she would have to research that and send an answer later. Councilor Kellogg asked how effective tolling is at reducing congestion. Mrs. Broussard stated it is very effective. Councilor Kellogg stated he questions the effectiveness of these tolls since there will be the ability to divert around them. Mrs. Broussard stated that is what they are hoping they find out from the study. Councilor Kellogg asked if funding from the tolling could go to help ease some of the diversions points. Mrs. Broussard stated it would be years down the road because construction would need to be paid for first. Councilor Kellogg asked how congestion would be reduced since the population forecast is set to increase. Mrs. Broussard stated the Commission will evaluate revenue generation and managing demand to help provide a reliable trip for everyone.

Councilor Reyes asked when the community will be able to give feedback. Mrs. Broussard stated they are informing people now of the discussions. She stated the next public comment period will be from July 13- August 24.

Council President Grimes stated she is opposed to all of the suggest tolling areas along I-205. She stated she is concerned with equity that can't be addressed effectively right now, transit difficulties in regards to the bus system, and travel times for essential workers.

Mayor Bubenik asked if all the lanes on I-205 will be tolled or will there be free lanes. Mrs. Broussard stated all lanes will be tolled. Mayor Bubenik asked if modeling from existing tolling systems across the country are being used. Mrs. Broussard stated they are taking data from Metro and applying that to their models.

Councilor Kellogg asked if there is a presumptions about who would operate the system. Mrs. Broussard stated a vendor would be selected to manage the system.

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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