



## Northwest County Area: Geographic Area Projects (GAPS)

### Meeting #3

March 12, 2013/ 9-11 am

Development Services Building, Room 119, 150 Beaver Creek Rd, Oregon City

### MEETING SUMMARY

#### ATTENDANCE:

**GAPS:** Skip Ormsby, Paul Edgar, Al Levit, Karen Mohling, \_\_\_\_\_

**Staff/Consultants:** Larry Conrad, Karen Buehrig, Martha Fritzie, Erin Ferguson, Ellen Rogalin, Sarah Abbott, Kelly Laustsen

#### WELCOME/MEETING PURPOSE

Larry welcomed everyone. The TSP projects have been scored and ranked relative to one another. The purpose of this meeting is to review these preliminary rankings and determine what trade-offs should be made between project rankings to better reflect the needs of the community.

#### PRESENTATION

*(The presentation and handouts are available online at [www.clackamascountytsp.com](http://www.clackamascountytsp.com).)*

Erin explained that the goal is to recommend projects that should be in the top 15% (20-year capital projects) and the second 15% (preferred capital projects) by cost. All other projects will go into a long-term capital project needs category. The initial project scoring process was based on the evaluation criteria for goals 1-6, 70% housing and employment growth analysis, and identified needs (impact on gaps and deficiencies). County projects will also be prioritized based on input from the Project Management Team, Public Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, the public and other stakeholders.

Karen said the estimate of projected future revenue is conservative, and came from looking at anticipated local, state and federal revenue over the next 20 years, as well as revenue from other sources (development fees, etc.).

Erin reviewed the meaning of the data in each column on the draft project list, and then asked everyone to take 15-20 minutes to identify on a large project map which projects they think should be rated higher or lower or about which they have questions, and write their comments on the Project Rating Comment sheets. Once the projects of interest are identified, the group will discuss them as a whole and come to consensus on recommendations for any changes.

#### GENERAL DISCUSSION

*(NOTE: Comments/questions from GAPS members and the public are first; responses/comments from staff follow in brackets, italicized.)*

- What about projects inside cities? *[Those are the responsibility of each city and will be included, as they deem appropriate, in their TSP.]*

- Is there any inherent allocation process so, for example, rural areas receive a certain percentage of funds? *[No, but many funds come with restrictions on where or how they can be used.]*
- Have we considered economic development visioning related to freight mobility, SDCs, etc.? *[We have considered employment areas.]*
- Are the goal scores weighted? *[No, the PAC decided all the goals would have equal weight.]*
- SDCs have historically been a significant source of revenue. How is that reflected on the map? *[That's part of our discussion today, to consider projects that are a priority to do if funds become available. Right now the Stafford area is not scheduled to come into the Metro urban growth boundary (UGB) until at least 2040.]*
- ODOT isn't doing its job on I-205 from Stafford to Oregon City, including the bridge. Why isn't that on the project list? We should list it so ODOT knows it's important. *[We have no authority over interstate highways. A portion of I-205 is mentioned in the ODOT projects list for the Southwest County Area.]*
- Is high-speed rail still being considered for I-205? *[No, I don't think so.]*
- Why is the synergy score column empty? *[That will be filled in after today's discussion.]*
- On the 70% growth analysis, does zero mean the project doesn't matter? *[It means that reducing the projections to 70% does not impact the need for the project, for example safety or multi-modal projects.]*
- If a project is of benefit to just a small area of the County rather than county-wide, should we be looking for an LID (local improvement district) or something else to bring in some local funds? *[This is such a big county, that almost no project is of county-wide significance. The PAC will sort the projects county-wide -- we need to focus today on just those projects in our area.]*
- We need to know funding sources.
- I see Stafford as a massive economic development area within the next 20 years.

## DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS

After discussion, the group placed the following projects in the top 15% (Tier 1) and the next 15% (Tier 2). Comments are in bracketed, bold italic type after the project description.

### Tier 1 Projects

- U925 -- construct a French Prairie ped/bike bridge over the Willamette River near I-5 ***[This is important for safety, bicyclists and tourism. This is a ped/bike bridge that may also be used for emergency vehicle access, but not a bridge for general vehicle use.]***
- U168 -- add paved shoulders and turn lanes at major intersections on Stafford Rd, Rosemont Rd to I-205
- U927 -- add pedways, bikeways and turns lanes at major intersections on Childs Rd from Sycamore Ave. to 65th Ave. ***[Needs local participation in funding.]***
- U702 -- add bikeway and pedways, and analyze for turn lanes, on Carman Dr., Lake Oswego city limits to Roosevelt Ave.
- U180 -- construct a roundabout at the 65th Ave/Ellingsen Rd/Stafford Rd intersection ***[This needs to be corrected. It's needed for safety and development.]***
- U167 -- add paved shoulders and turn lanes at major intersections on Borland Rd, Tualatin city limits to Stafford Rd ***[Important for safety and emergency access.]***

## Tier 2 Projects (in priority order)

- U177 -- add paved shoulders and turn lanes at major intersections on Stafford Rd, I-205 to Advance Rd ***[You'd have to get into a lot of private property to make any improvements along here. There are some places along here that are just dangerous -- perhaps there could be some spot improvements. Traffic counts along here are some of the highest in the area -- perhaps it should be Tier 1?]***
- 2033 -- add paved shoulders on Advance Rd from 65th Ave to Mountain Rd ***[This is needed because of schools going into the area.]***
- 1077 -- realign roadway and improve grade on Advance Rd from 65th Ave to Mountain Rd ***[Development is coming in the nearby area of Wilsonville, including two schools.]***
- U741 -- add paved shoulders on Borland Rd from Stafford Rd to the West Linn city limits

## Other

- Perhaps projects that are almost surrounded by Lake Oswego (like U700, Bonita Dr. and U702, Carman Dr.) could be paid for by Lake Oswego.

## NEXT STEPS

### Upcoming meetings and activities:

- TAC Meeting #7 to review and comment on prioritized project list-- March 28
- PMT review and comment on prioritized project lists and identify probable funding sources
- PAC Meeting #5b to review the recommended prioritized project list and divide the projects into countywide categories of the first 15%, second 15% and final 70% of funds - April 23, 6-9 p.m., Development Services Building
- PAC Meeting #5c -- In May, if needed for additional discussion
- Public outreach/virtual open house -- May-June