Greater McLoughlin Area: Geographic Area Projects (GAPS) Meeting #3

March 11, 2013/ 6:30-8:30 pm Development Services Building, Room 119, 150 Beavercreek Rd, Oregon City

MEETING SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE:

GAPS: Chips Janger, Lynn Fisher, Eugene W. Lutten, Kim Buchholz, Bernhard Masterson, Jerry Foy, Carol Mastronarde, Dick Jones, Mike Foley, Pat Russell, Tom Civiletti, Thelma Haggenmiller, David Kelly, Julie, Dimick, Jim Knapp

Staff/Consultants: Karen Buehrig, Marc Butorac, Shari Gilevich, Erin Ferguson, Ellen Rogalin

WELCOME/MEETING PURPOSE

Karen welcomed everyone and asked people to introduce themselves. 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.)

Marc 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.). Chips noted that the numbers are tenuous and fluid.

Marc 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 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.)

• Traffic safety could be another deficiency.

- Do any other projects in this area have scores that have changed since the last Public Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting? [Yes, a number of projects have changed scores because of finetuning that has been done with estimated costs, input from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), etc.]
- Check to make sure the updated lists are on the website. [That will be done.]
- Is it a coincidence that the total cost of McLoughlin area projects is 10% of the County total? [Yes.]
- Where did the cost estimates come from? [Reviewing available data and developing cost estimates by planners and engineers.]
- Are projects weighted differently if they around or in an employment area compared with around or in a residential area? [The rankings do take into account whether a project was in a current or expected employment area.]
- Will we discussion the designations of roadways? [That is being discussed by the Policy Working Group.]

DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS

Move to higher priority: The following projects were identified by at least one person and agreed by the group to be moved to a higher priority list; comments are in bracketed bold, italic type following the project description.

- 1016 add a pedestrian crosswalk on Rupert Rd and Rupert/Oak Grove Blvd intersection
- U145 -- add southbound and eastbound left-turn lanes on Oatfield Rd at the Oatfield/McNary Rd intersection
- 2045 -- fill pedway and bikeway gaps on Courtney Avenue from McLoughlin Blvd to Oatfield Rd
- U141 -- install traffic signal and add turn lanes on Oatfield Rd at the Oatfield/Park intersection
- U795 -- construct and fill in pedway gaps on south side, and add bikeways on Courtney Ave. from River Rd to McLoughlin Blvd.
- U824 -- add bikeways and pedways on Thiessen Rd between Oatfield Rd and Webster Rd [This is a high priority safety issue.]
- U149 -- widen to 2-lane standard with bikeway and pedway infill on Jennings Ave. from River Rd to Webster Rd [Concern about it's designation because of street widths.]
- 1042 -- fill pedway and bikeway gaps on Oak Grove Blvd from Laurie Ave. to Rupert Dr

Move to lower priority: The following projects were identified by at least one person and agreed by the group to be moved to a lower priority list; comments are in bracketed bold, italic type following the project description.

- U154 -- bikeway and pedway infill on Johnson Rd/McKinley Rd from Highway 224 to I-205 multi-use path
- U137 -- fill bikeway and pedway gaps on River Rd from Lark St. to Rinearson Rd [Portions of River Rd are a priority, but not the entire road. Can this be split into more than one project?]
- U150 (design elements) -- fill bikeway and pedway gaps on Webster Rd from Highway 224 to Gladstone [We want sidewalks and a continuous bike lane, but it depends on the design. Not the whole road -- there are already sidewalks in some places.]
- U798 -- add pedways to Greenview Ave from Thiessen Rd to Clackamas Rd

- U816 -- fill pedway gaps on Risley Ave from Arista Dr to Hager Rd
- U724 -- add bikeways and pedways on Rusk Rd from Highway 224 south to Aldercrest Rd
- U146 -- add bikeways and pedways on Aldercrest Dr from Thiessen Rd to Oatfield Rd
- 1038 -- open intersection of Naef Rd and Oatfield Rd to through traffic
- 1039 -- pave Risley Ave across the Trolley Trail
- U813 -- add pedways to Naef Rd from Oatfield Rd to River Rd

Miscellaneous: The following projects were identified by two or more people who had different views on them; the consensus reached by the group is in bracketed bold, italic type following the project description.

- 2112 -- add right-turn lane on Thiessen Rd; consider converting Thiessen Rd/Hill Rd intersection to two-way stop-controlled or installing a roundabout [This is a floodplain area - to move to a lower priority.]
- 2113 -- add turn lanes on Thiessen Rd at the Thiessen/Aldercrest intersection; consider converting to two-way stop-controlled [Keep the three-way stop as it is. Makes sense to move to a lower priority or converted to a study instead of a project.]
- U815 -- add pedways on Park Ave. from River Rd to McLoughlin Blvd [We need sidewalks, and will especially need them to connect to the new light-rail station move up in priority.]
- U140 -- fill pedway gaps and add turn lanes a major intersections on Concord Rd from River Rd
 to Oatfield Rd [Add some isolated right-turn lanes. The area around Walmart and Concord
 school needs to be studied. It's a safety issue for pedestrians and traffic. The intersection will
 be a real problem]
- 2087 -- conduct safety study on Jennings Ave. from Webster Rd to McLoughlin Blvd [Keep this and move up in priority.]
- 1037 -- construct bike/ped crossing over Willamette River from Milwaukie Bridge to Lake
 Oswego [There might be an effort to add this to the current railroad bridge move up in
 priority.]

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