



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

### Meeting #3

March 12, 2013/ 5-7 pm

Sandy Public Library, Sandy, Oregon

### MEETING SUMMARY

#### ATTENDANCE:

**GAPS:** Simon DeBruin, Marge Stewart, Steve Bates, Karin Verdoorn, Jerry Hein, Diane Crane, Bob Reeves, Marc Slater, Todd Felix, Kathleen Walker

**Staff/Consultants:** Karen Buehrig, Erin Ferguson, Kelly Laustsen, Ellen Rogalin

#### WELCOME/MEETING PURPOSE

Karen 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.). Almost all the County's revenue from state gas tax will go to maintenance instead of capital projects.

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.)*

- How does ADT (average daily traffic) fit with the 70% growth analysis? *[The 70% applies only to future demand, not to current ADT.]*

- Does "adding paved shoulders" mean bringing a road up to standard? *[Yes, up to the County rural standard, which is not dictated by ODOT.]*
- When we prioritize the ODOT projects list, do we then make requests through the STIP (state transportation improvement program) process? *[We will use the list to let ODOT know what we think is most important. There are several processes a project would have to go through to be approved.]*
- Can a project leapfrog forward at the state level if there's a significant safety need? *[Yes.]*

## 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

- U229 --Richey Rd: add paved shoulders from Kelso Rd to Highway 212; add left-turn lane at Highway 212 intersection
- U227 --Compton Rd: remove vertical curve near Orient Dr and relocate intersection; add paved shoulders from US 26 to 352nd Ave
- U226 --282nd Ave: add paved shoulders from Highway 212 to Multnomah County line
- U231 --Amisigger Rd/Kelso Rd: add paved shoulders from Highway 224 to Kelso/Richey; add turn lanes at Amisigger/212 and Kelso/Richey; smooth curves
- U233 --Kelso Rd: from Orient Dr. to the Sandy urban growth boundary, remove vertical curve, relocate intersection, add paved shoulders and turn lanes at major intersections; investigate speed zone
- U241 --Welches Rd: from US 26 to Salmon River Rd, add paved shoulders; add pedways in Welches rural center ***[Need to widen and improve the shoulder on the east side of Welches Rd from US 26 to the Resort or just beyond the Resort to Birdie Lane at the south end of the golf course; don't need it to go to Salmon River Rd now. It's needed for safety and economic development. The fiscally responsible score and the local business & jobs score should be higher.]***
- 2063 --282nd Ave: traffic safety study from US 26 to Richey Rd ***[This fits with another project (U226) -- might as well study the road before paving the shoulders.]***
- 2005 -- Wildcat Mountain Dr: add paved shoulders from Highway 224 to Firwood Rd ***[\$1.8 million is not enough money for this -- it's an 11-mile stretch and ditches were just added on both sides.]***

### Tier 2 Projects (in priority order)

- 2069 --Eagle Creek Rd: traffic safety study from Firwood Rd to 6th Ave
- 1062 --362nd Ave: add paved shoulders from Skogan Rd to Highway 211
- U232 --Kelso Rd: add paved shoulders from Richey Rd to Orient Dr
- U745 --Eagle Creek Rd: add paved shoulders from Highway 211 to Rivermill Rd
- 2007 --Arrah Wanna Blvd: add paved shoulders from US 26 to Fairway Ave
- 2008 --Fairway Ave: add paved shoulders from Arrah Wanna Blvd to Salmon River Rd
- U254 --Hayden Rd: add paved shoulders and turn lanes at major intersections from Springwater Rd to Highway 211

- U502 --Firwood Rd: add paved shoulders and turn lanes at major intersections from Wildcat Mountain Dr to US 26 ***[There's a major safety issue here with school buses.]***
- 1010 -- 282nd Ave: lower speed limit and install traffic signal at Haley Rd intersection ***[There's a 2,000-member church at the end of Haley Rd. Probably should do a safety survey first.]***

#### **Other**

- 2067 should be Wildcat Mountain Road, not Firwood Road.
- 1011 is an ODOT project. It's a spacing issue related to overcrossings and Haley Rd.
- U454 (US 26/Firwood intersection) is an ODOT project. There is so much congestion that a reduced speed zone would really help. There's no need for an eastbound right-turn lane, but we really need an enforced speed zone.
- For U427 (installing a signal at the Eagle Creek/Highway 224 intersection), what kind of signal do you mean? [A full traffic signal.]
- Some projects on the ODOT list are already taking place.

#### **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