



METRO

**SOUTH CORRIDOR STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
Monday, May 14, 2007**

ATTENDEES PRESENT

Sam Adams
Jim Bernard
Fred Hansen
Robert Liberty
Brian Newman
Alice Norris
Jason Tell

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
City of Milwaukie
TriMet
Metro Council
Metro Council
City of Oregon City
ODOT

MEMBERS ABSENT

Maria Rojo de Steffey

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County

STAFF PRESENT

Matt Bihn
Richard Brandman
Joyce Felton
John Gray
Tony Mendoza
Brian Monberg
Ross Roberts
Jamie Snook
Mark Turpel
Bridget Wieghart
Karen Withrow
Phillip Kennedy-Wong
Sean Batty
Ann Becklund
Jennifer John
Phillip Sellinger
Claudia Stienberg
Dave Unsworth
Roland Chlapowski
Ralph Drewfs
Elissa Gertler

AFFILIATION

Metro
TriMet
TriMet
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TriMet
City of Portland
ODOT
Clackamas County

Kenny Asher
Katie Mangle
Mike Swanson
Rachel Blakeman
Karen Schilling
Wayne Kingsley

City of Milwaukie
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PDC
Multnomah County
Portland Spirit

I. WELCOME

Chair Brian Newman called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Approval of February 12 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jim Bernard moved to approve the February 12, 2007 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PROJECT UPDATE

Overall

There have been significant changes in the northern and southern sections of the alignment since the adoption of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in 2003. The proposed bridge and the southern terminus will need to be re-evaluated as part of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS).

Four northern bridge proposal concepts were developed and analyzed throughout the refinement phase: Meade–Caruthers, Porter–Division, north of the Ross Island Bridge and Naito Parkway. These alignments focused on strong connectivity to the Tram and surrounding development. In the southern section, two alignments were analyzed in addition to the LPA: an extension of the LPA south to Sparrow and Park Avenue and the Tillamook Branch (Working Group alignment) with a terminus at Park Avenue.

Lastly, station locations in Milwaukie were discussed: Harrison, Monroe, Washington, Lake Road, Blue Bird, Sparrow and Park Avenue.

Public Involvement

Ms. Karen Withrow and Mr. Phillip Kennedy–Wong referred to four handouts, "Summary: March 5, 2007 Open House," "Summary: April 9, 2007 Open House," "Report: Milwaukie Segment Meetings," and "Public Outreach Calendar." (Documents at conclusion of meeting summary.) An estimated 25,000 people have been contacted and/or informed about the South Corridor Phase II light rail project since February 2007 through a series of public events (e.g. open houses and meetings with stakeholders and neighborhoods), project mailings and e-newsletters from Metro and project partners Clackamas County, City of Milwaukie and TriMet. Staff summarized the findings; noting various concerns but overall support for light rail.

Concept Design

Mr. Sean Batty of TriMet gave a detailed presentation on the river crossing concepts, LPA, Working Group alignment and possible extension to Park Avenue. Staff recommended that an

alignment in the band connecting the OHSU and OMSI campuses would connect LRT with major areas and while ensuring connectivity to current and future transit projects (e.g. Tram and Portland Streetcar Loop). Pedestrians, cyclists, buses and streetcar would have access to the bridge.

In addition, staff recommended that the LPA, the Working Group alignment and LPA with an extension to Park Avenue move forward into the SDEIS for further analysis. The Working Group alignment would utilize the Tillamook Branch rail from Tacoma Street to Milwaukie; mitigating impacts associated with on-street parking, truck movements and park and ride congestion in the North Industrial district. Extending the LPA to Park Avenue will allow the project to serve the Island Station and Oak Grove areas as well as provide park and ride opportunities for underserved areas further south.

Committee discussion included grade challenges, modes of transit on the bridge, South Waterfront right-of-way, station area planning and project timeline.

III. REFINEMENT FINDINGS

Ms. Wieghart referred to handout entitled, "Portland–Milwaukie Light Rail Project Refinement Report;" specifically the in-text summary matrices for the northern and southern sections of the alignments. (Document at conclusion of meeting summary.) Cost effectiveness, ridership and travel time are important evaluation criteria for the alignments. In the northern section, the LPA is the least expensive and maintains the shortest potential travel time, but also has lower potential ridership than the Mead/Caruthers and Porter/Division alignments, which better serve the South Waterfront area. For the southern terminus, the LPA is significantly less expensive than either option with the extension to Park Avenue, but has less potential ridership and park and ride potential.

Other key criteria included engineering feasibility, historic property impacts, connectivity to the Tram, bicycle impacts and traffic impacts associated with park and ride facilities.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Churchill, Father Todd Melanary and Susan Pai of Historic, St. John's Catholic School and Lake Road Neighborhood respectively, addressed the committee on behalf of the Historic Milwaukie and Lake Grove Neighborhoods, Portland Waldorf School, St. John's Catholic School and representatives of Dena Swanson. Mr. Churchill and partners submitted five statements/letters from the coalition, as well as a petition to include an alignment along McLoughlin Boulevard and Main Street in the SDEIS to the committee. (Documents at conclusion of meeting summary.) The presentation asked committee members to move the Tillamook Branch and a McLoughlin Boulevard/Highway 99W alignment forward into the SDEIS for further analysis.

Committee discussion included Waldorf School involvement historically, Harrison Station location and light rail close to schools.

V. OPTIONS PROPOSED FOR STUDY IN EIS

Ms. Wiegart referred to memorandum regarding "Refinement Study Recommendations (Approval Requested)." (Document at conclusion of meeting summary.)

MOTION: Commissioner Sam Adams moved, Mayor Alice Norris seconded, to approve the following recommendations:

- That two design options be developed by the next Steering Committee (June 19, 2007) in the area between SE Sherman and Division Place and SW Arthur and Porter Streets. These options will move forward into the SDEIS with the LPA; and
- That the ability to accommodate bus movements on all Willamette River Crossing options be further studied during the SDEIS. The SDEIS will review the various bus types and their effects on surrounding areas.

With eight committee members in favor, zero opposed and one excused (Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey) the motion passed.

MOTION: Councilor Robert Liberty moved, Mayor Jim Bernard seconded to approve the following recommendation:

- That an analysis of a Harold Street station, as a stand-alone or as a substitute for the Bybee station, be studied in the SDEIS.

With eight members in favor, zero opposed and one excused (Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey) the motion passed.

MOTION: Commissioner Lynn Peterson moved, Commissioner Adams seconded to approve the following recommendation:

- That the Milwaukie Working Group and LPA alignments both with an extension south of Lake Road in downtown Milwaukie be studied in the SDEIS along with the LPA. Additionally, the number of park and ride spaces/capacities for the Sparrow and Park Avenue lots be analyzed and defined over the next several weeks to determine the specific number of park and ride spaces to be studied in the SDEIS.

AMENDMENT: Mayor Bernard moved, Commissioner Adams seconded, that the City of Milwaukie be given until the next Steering Committee meeting to more fully examine the idea of an alignment along McLoughlin and/or Main Street. Additionally, that Metro and TriMet staff support Milwaukie by making information and staff available to these groups (Riverfront Board, North Industrial business district, downtown businesses and Planning Commission) so potential impacts of the McLoughlin and/or Main Street alignment can be better understood by all. (Letter/request at conclusion of meeting summary).

***Amendment Discussion:** Some committee members needed clarification on the amendment and the reasoning behind it. If community consensus for a McLoughlin/Main Street alignment*

appears achievable, the City of Milwaukie will ask that the Steering Committee consider including the alignment in the SDEIS. If not, the City will ask that the Steering Committee proceed with the three alignments detailed in the Refinement Report.

With eight members in favor, zero opposed and one excused (Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey) the amendment passed.

***Motion Discussion:** Committee discussion included the extension to Park Avenue and its associated costs.*

With eight members in favor, zero opposed and one excused (Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey) the motion passed.

VI. CAC MEMBERSHIP

Committee members referred to a memorandum regarding "Citizen Advisory Committee Membership Recommendation" and a spreadsheet of the recommended committee members. (Documents at conclusion of meeting summary.)

Councilor Liberty asked that Mr. Kevin Downing, who did not know of the project until after the application deadline, be considered as an alternate for the committee. Staff indicated that this possibility would be researched.

MOTION: Mr. Fred Hansen moved, Mayor Norris moved, to approve the recommended Citizen Advisory Committee membership.

With eight members in favor, zero opposed and one excused (Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey) the amendment passed.

VII. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Chair Newman adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelsey Newell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR MAY 14, 2007

The following have been included as part of the official public meeting record:

	ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
*	I.	Meeting Minutes	5/21/07	February 12, 2007 Meeting Minutes	051407sc-01
*	II. b.	Summary	3/23/07	Summary: March 5, 2007 Open House, Milwaukie, OR	051407sc-02
*	II. b.	Summary	5/14/07	Summary: April 9, 2007 Open House, Portland, OR	051407sc-03
*	II. b.	Report	N/A	Report: Milwaukie Segment Meetings, April 16, 18 & 26, 2007	051407sc-04
*	II. b.	Calendar	5/11/07	Public Outreach Calendar	051407sc-05
*	III.	Report	5/2007	Portland–Milwaukie Light Rail Project: Refinement Report	051407sc-06
**	IV.	Letter Submissions	4/25/07 – 5/14/07	Letters Submissions from concerned Milwaukie citizens	051407sc-07
**	IV.	Petition	N/A	Petition to Include Alternative Alignment for Proposed Light Rail	051407sc-08
**	IV.	Letter Submission	5/14/07	Letter submitted by Jerry Foy	051407sc-09
*	V.	Memorandum	5/8/07	Memorandum: Refinement Study Recommendations (Approval Requested)	051407sc-10
**	V.	Letter Submission	5/14/07	Letter submitted by Mayor/Committee Member Jim Bernard	051407sc-11
*	IV. a.	Memorandum	5/2/07	Memorandum: Citizen Advisory Committee Membership Recommendation	051407sc-12
*	IV.	Excel Spreadsheet	N/A	Selection category breakdown for Citizen Advisory Committee Membership Recommendation	051407sc-13
*	IV.	Map	N/A	Portland–Milwaukie Light Rail Project map	051407sc-14

* Included in packet

** Distributed at the meeting