

Seaside Transportation System Plan

PMT Meeting # 6

Wednesday September 9, 2009
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Seaside Public Library

Participants

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Summary

This document summarizes the key discussion and action items for the September 9, 2009 meeting, and is not intended to serve as meeting minutes.

1. Project Update

ODOT and the City of Seaside both reported that their letters of commitment had been mailed to each other's agencies in August. Theresa distributed a copy of both letters to meeting participants. The group noted that no new stories had been published, but that Theresa had spoken with several project stakeholders to make sure they were aware of the latest project status. Theresa and Jamie will be in Seaside meeting with key stakeholders on Tuesday, September 29.

Ingrid told the group that ODOT had a meeting set up in the near future to look at work completed to date on the highway options in Seaside. Mark noted that the work needs to be done in conjunction with City Council, Planning Commission, and the community to be sure to capture and address concerns that arise from these groups.

Kevin gave an update on the school district's considerations of new lands outside the UGB. The school is considering the feasibility of lands at higher elevations east of Seaside. Much work remains to be done before any relocation occurs - including identification of needs, modification of the Comprehensive Plan, UGB amendment, schools bond, and design.

2. Present Highway Concepts

Theresa and Terry presented a total of eight concepts to the group. These concepts were comprised of two vantages of four unique alternatives:

Alternative 1: Widen US 101 between 12th Avenue and Avenue F/G

Alternative 2: Widen US 101 north of 12th Avenue and south of Avenue S

Alternative 3: Widen US 101 only at key intersections

Alternative 4: Widen US 101 and side streets at key intersections

The two advantages were that all alternatives were considered with a project to extend Wahanna Road to the south, and without. The group considered how this one improvement to the local street network affected highway operations.

This analysis also took into consideration a shift in modes due to the investment in the bicycle, pedestrian, and transit network – an approximate 6% shift in the future (2030) year operations.

Meeting handouts contain details on each of the four alternatives. Discussion from the group included:

- Describing how we determined shift in modes will be important when presenting information to the community and elected officials
- Traffic volumes crossing US 101 at Lewis and Clark and at Avenue U are very low, probably lower than they should be. Terry will check on this.
- Also important is the fact that we looked at options with and without an extension of Wahanna Road as this project may be challenging to build as the land is outside the City Limits and outside the UGB.
- Discussion about projects at 24th and Holladay being expensive items – how realistic is it that these will be built? Ingrid requested that the technical team analyze highway operations with and without these projects for at least one highway alternative.
- Queues in the southbound direction at 24th are awful (in several alternatives, greater than ½ mile in length) yet widening to include a second southbound lane only pushes the bottleneck to the south (12th and Broadway). The group discussed the pros and cons of this and asked Ingrid to discuss what queue lengths were going to be considered acceptable within ODOT.
- The City asked about the length of left turn pockets at 12th and at Broadway. Terry will look into this.
- Mark asked about a hybrid of Alternatives 1 and 4 that widened the highway just between Avenue F/G at the south to north of the Broadway intersection (around 3rd). Terry will prepare this alternative and send to the group by Monday, September 14. The PMT agreed to review this alternative and provide feedback by Friday, September 18.

3. Discuss Zoning and Access

Theresa presented a memo on zoning along US 101 in Seaside and the group discussed what types of development and access are allowed in certain zones. The group agreed that some review and feedback would be appropriate by both the City and ODOT before certain traffic generators were permitted along the highway. A few options for how to address this in the TSP were discussed:

- Overlay zone along US 101
- Trip allowances along US 101
- Model code for developments that encourage walking and bicycling
- Allowed uses vs. conditional uses

The City asked that the technical team prepare some possible ordinance language that would relate to uses along the highway, and that this language is sent out in extra time in advance of the next meeting so as to allow the City to discuss before the PMT meeting. The group had similar feelings about access. There was general agreement that the TSP would take access language a step beyond what is typical, but stop short of being a true Access Management Plan. The PMT asked that the technical team take a stab at an access management section and send it in advance of the next meeting for discussion.

4. Evaluate and narrow list of concepts

Theresa asked the team if they were comfortable not forwarding any of the four alternatives. The group responded that they were comfortable not conducting further analysis on Alternative 2 or 3 as they did not operate as well and/or had greater impacts as the others. Further, it was suggested that the team review the hybrid alternative and depending on how that operated consider just doing further analysis on that one alternative.

5. Map out next steps

Theresa and Ingrid discussed the timing of an ODOT technical review meeting and the City Council/Planning Commission Worksession. They tabled that conversation and suggested that an updated workplan be created offline and sent to the group. Action items from the meeting include:

1. Terry will prepare a hybrid alternative and send to the PMT by Monday September 14
2. The PMT will review the hybrid alternative and send feedback to Theresa by Friday September 18
3. Theresa and Ingrid will prepare an updated workplan and send to the PMT the week of Monday September 14
4. Terry will consider the number of trips crossing US 101 at Lewis and Clark and Avenue U, and will determine the length of the left-turn pocket at Broadway and at 12th Avenue
5. Once an updated workplan is ready, Ingrid will schedule the ODOT Technical Review Meeting
6. Once an updated workplan is ready, Kevin will schedule the project for a City Council and Planning Commission Worksession
7. Theresa and Jamie will meet with stakeholders in Seaside on Tuesday September 29
8. CH2M HILL will prepare draft ordinance and access language to discuss with the PMT at its next meeting