

**MINUTES
BROOKINGS PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL WORK-STUDY MEETING**

January 20, 2004

(Note: these minutes were amended at the February 3, 2004, regular meeting to include the petition and correspondence with ODOT and the "Concerned Dawson Tract Citizens" (attached) as mentioned by Commissioner Collis).

Chair Gilmore called the meeting of the Brookings Planning Commission to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Brookings City Hall on the above date with the following Commission members and staff in attendance.

Commissioners Present:

Jim Collis	Bob Gilmore
Bill Dundom	Randy Gorman
Ted Freeman	Bruce Nishioka

Commissioners Absent:

Bill Smith

Staff Present:

John Bischoff, Planning Director
Cathie Mahon, Community Development Secretary

Other:

Councilor Mickelson

CHAIRPERSON ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Gilmore announced the special work-study session was called to discuss submitting goals to City Council for their *Goal Setting Session* on Saturday, January 31, 2004.

Discussion began about traffic safety concerns in North Brookings. The commissioners expressed concern about assessing Highway 101 from Dawson Road, Carpenterville Road, and Seacrest Lane. The problem of assessing Highway 101 for those residents in that area is a safety hazard. A possible solution would be to reduce the speed limit. Commissioner Freeman said ODOT might not view this idea as a good one because their concern is to move traffic in a fluid manner.

Commissioner Collis, a resident of the Dawson area, stated a couple years ago the Dawson subdivision residents circulated a petition concerning the traffic-assessing problem and forwarded it to ODOT. He noted no response from ODOT was received. Discussion continued that perhaps contacting ODOT again might result in an acknowledgement of the problem.

Discussion ensued on the "Dawson Corridor" issue. Commissioner Gorman expressed interest in getting facts about traffic flow from ODOT. He added perhaps a committee could be formed to continue studying the problems, define the issues, and be involved with contacting ODOT. Councilor Mickelson stated City Council would most likely want to review the format for the committee. He added now is the time to contact ODOT before the *2004-05 Fifth Street to Thomas Creek Repaving Project* begins.

The next issue discussed was sidewalks. At issue is the safety concern with the lack of continuous sidewalks on Fifth Street, particularly at Fifth and Limbaugh Way. The opinion of the Commission was to connect to the existing sidewalks so pedestrians and school children would not have to walk on Fifth Street.

Chair Gilmore asked the Commission if they had any comments regarding Mr. Atwell's letter submitted at the last public hearing, January 6, 2004. (Note: the letter asked the commission if a new ordinance could be considered requiring builders to post their phone number at the building site, and to clean-up the site after construction). Planning Director Bischoff addressed the Commission stating there are already ordinances that address Mr. Atwell's issues. Planning Director Bischoff stated he would write a letter to Mr. Atwell explaining new ordinances are not needed because the current ones are already in place.

Commissioner Gorman asked Planning Director Bischoff what the process would be to open Hasset Street between Fifth and Seventh. He stated having that open would cut down on Fifth Street traffic and be a safe route for children to use to get to school; it would be both a safe and convenient route. Planning Director responded to forward the issue to City Council.

The following is the Memo that was forward to the City Council:

SUMMARY OF GOALS FOR CONSIDERATION TO CITY COUNCIL:

- Contact ODOT with traffic concerns in the form of a letter from the City before beginning the 2004-05 paving project. There was some question that ODOT might be unaware of North Brookings residents concern about the traffic hazard assessing Highway 101, and the "S-curve" at Dawson Road and Highway 101.
- Consider organizing a committee, perhaps "Dawson Safety Corridor Committee" to define and continue to study the Dawson Corridor from Carpenterville Road into town.
- Sidewalks: connect to existing Fifth Street sidewalks, particularly Limbaugh Way.
- Open Hassett Street between Seventh and Fifth Street(s). It was pointed out that this would keep pedestrians and children from walking on Fifth Street where sidewalks are not present in various areas.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Planning Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

BROOKINGS PLANNING COMMISSION



R. Gilmore, Chair



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October 25, 1999

FILE CODE:

Concerned Dawson Tract Citizens
17346 Holmes Drive
Brookings, OR 97415

RE: Intersection of Dawson Road and US 101

Our office has received your letter of concern regarding the safety of Dawson Road. The District Manager, Mr. Ted Paselk has assigned the coordination of looking for solutions to me. I will enlist the help of our Traffic Office and possibly the Development Review Office to see what action the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) can take to address your concerns.

I can be contacted at:

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I hope to have a reply to you regarding ODOT's intended role in about a month. Thank you for your patience while we work on this issue.

Sincerely,

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District Operations Coordinator

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Senator Veral Tarno
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September 23, 1999

Mr Ted Paselk
District Manager, Oregon Department of Transportation
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Coquille, OR 97423

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned residents of the Dawson Tract request ODOT take action to improve the potentially hazardous S curve that exists at the intersection of Dawson Road and Highway 101 north of Brookings. Discussion and justification of this action is contained in the attachment to this letter.

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Dorothy L Rice 17312 Holmes Drive.

Elaine H. Shauker 17292 Holmes Dr.

Orville Dawson 96434 DAWSON RD

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Pat Theswald 96515 Ocean Park Dr.

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Glenda R. DeLano	"	" "
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Barbara G. Frazer	17335	BlueBERRY DR
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Albert R. Jervo	96510	Susan Pl.
David A. Millett	96513	Susan Pl.
Donna F. Millett	96513	Susan Place
Corinne Sand	17167	Ocean Park Ct.
Patricia A. Bansenner	96510	Ocean Park Dr.
Yvonne R. Callaway	96385	Dawson Rd
Marie Callaway	96385	Dawson Rd.
A. L. LaCom	96384	Dawson Rd.
Lloyd E. French	96384	Dawson Rd
Jean M. Martz	96382 96382	Dawson
Duce Meador	17315	Holmes Drive
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Jack J. Holmes	17350	Holmes Drive

Attachment to Concerned Dawson Tract Citizens Letter

Mr Ted Paselk
District Manager, Oregon Department of Transportation
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We trust you are familiar with the infamous S curve on Dawson Road near it's intersection with Highway 101 north of Brookings. The Brookings Planning Officer informs us that the curve is on State property and thus any improvements have to be accomplished by your department.

The residents of this area have suffered with this curve for many years. Initially it was a blind curve with motorists unable to see on coming traffic until they were well into the turn. Then in about 1990 the Brookings Street Department took down the obstructing high bank so there was somewhat better visibility. But the turn still remains narrow and difficult to negotiate when having to avoid an on coming vehicle; with the result that significant number of people have to be towed out of the ditch.

Dawson Road with the subject curve is the only exit/entrance to the whole Dawson tract neighborhood. Initially in 1987 there were only about 60 residences in the Tract and traffic along Dawson Road was comparatively light. Since that time, however, the neighborhood has mushroomed. In the past few weeks another development of 27 units was approved with the result that in the not too distant future Dawson Road will be serving upwards of 150 residences which probably translates to well over 300 trips per day. Thus we have the potential for a serious accident.

Added to traffic safety there is also an emergency vehicles access problem. Dawson Road provides the only entrance or exit for the entire neighborhood and an accident at the 101 intersection or on the S curve could seal off fire or ambulance service to the neighborhood for an indefinite length of time.



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December 14, 1999

Concerned Dawson Tract Citizens
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FILE CODE:

RE: Request for realignment of Dawson Road

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has completed a review of the Dawson Road site and accompanying records. As near as we can determine, the current access was originally constructed in 1957 when Dawson Road was under the jurisdiction of Curry County. When the City of Brookings expanded the city limits to include the Dawson Road area, jurisdiction of the road was then transferred to the city.

Primary responsibility for the road and improvements would now belong to the city. I have contacted the city and have forwarded copies of your original letter to them.

ODOT does not own the parcel, but would not have any objections to any local public or private funded solutions, provided the approach would be meet current access standards of alignment to Hwy 101. The most critical of these standards are:

- Proper alignment with the access across Highway 101 from Dawson Road.
- Proper grade alignment for a smooth transition to and from Highway 101.
- Adequate sight distance.

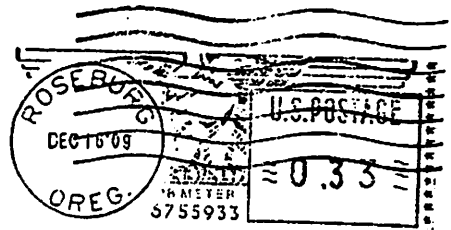
One of the difficulties with Dawson Road, is the site is somewhat limited to realignment solutions without impacting other property owners. Any alignment solutions would need to take into consideration the grade needed to accommodate the elevation change from Hwy 101 to Passley Road. The cost of a rebuild that involves extra right of way, could be several hundred thousand dollars. However, there may be a couple of short-term suggestions that might help improve the site.

- Improve the stripe delineation. This could be done at centerline with either buttons and or the newer types of paint. Buttons should not be used on the fog line, but again the newer types of paint might help.

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- The curve at the top of the hill could be widened and repaved with a better super-elevation. Currently the curve super-elevation rolls to the outside of the curve. Raising the outside of the curve should help the downhill traffic, provided that the traffic speed remains about the same. If the traffic speed increases, we are back to the same problems, only at a higher intensity.

There are a couple of items that would need be addressed in a large scale solution. Besides the grade issue mentioned before, there are 2 accesses that connect to the road in the upper corner. Any large change in the super elevation would need to take these accesses into consideration. Also it appears that Dawson Road Right of Way could be a concern, as it connects to the private road. If there is major widening on the inside of the upper curve, extra property may need to be purchased and the private road connection rebuilt.

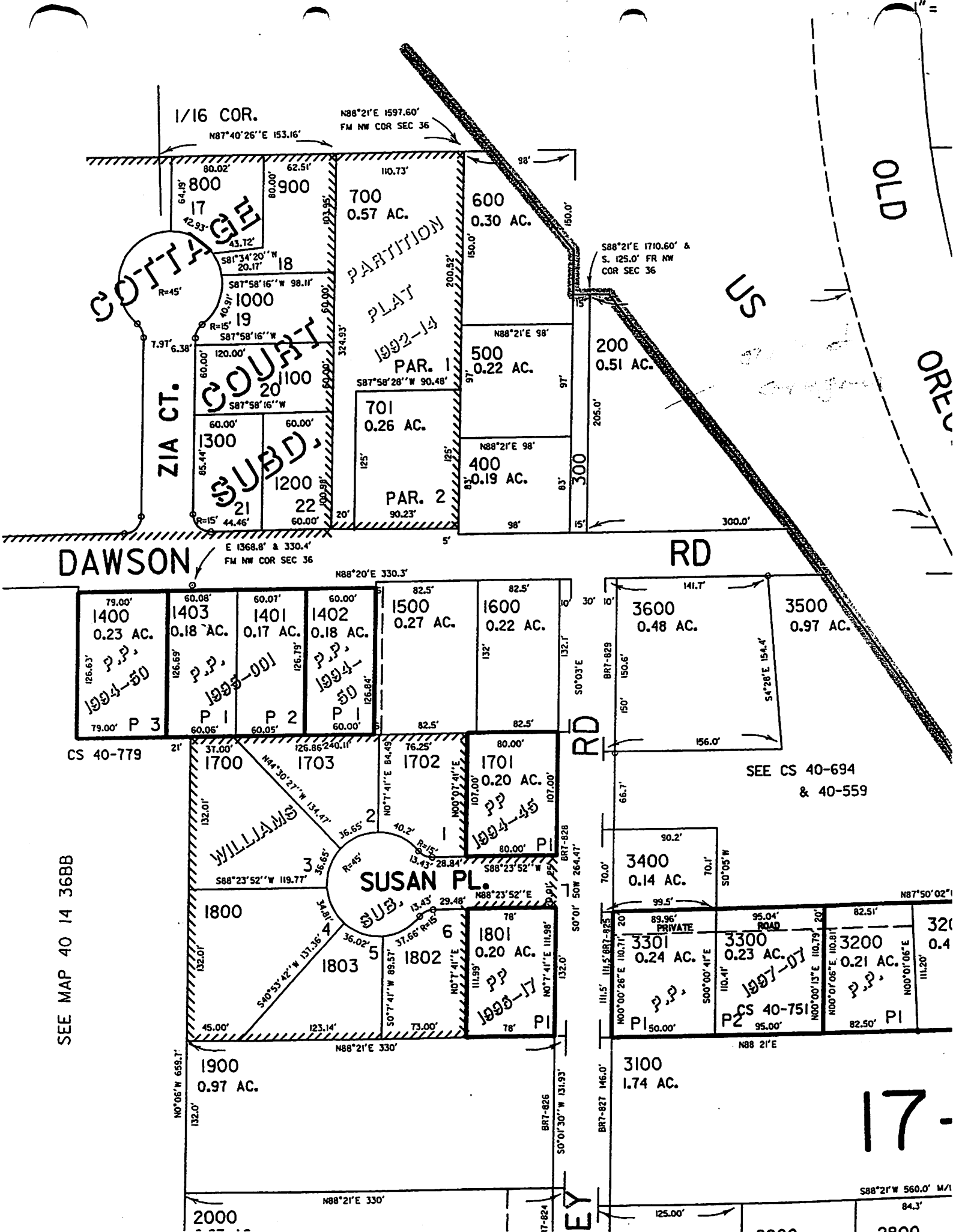
Thank you for your patience. If you have and further questions, I can be contacted at 541-957-3586 or by email at john.w.oltman@odot.state.or.us .

Sincerely,



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Cc: Tom Weldon, City Manager
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