

A work session of the Astoria Common Council was held at the above place at the hour of 9:00 am.

Councilors Present: Price (via telephone), Brownson, Jones, and Mayor LaMear.

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Staff Present: City Manager Estes, Public Works Director Harrington, and City Engineer Crater. The meeting is recorded and will be transcribed by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.

ODOT ARTS PROGRAM FOR MARINE DR – COLUMBIA TO 9TH ST CIRCULATION OPTION PROJECT

Staff and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) representatives Amanda Salieri, Traffic Investigation Engineer, and Ken Schunk, Area 1 Planner, provided details about the All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS) Grant Program and the Marine Drive (D21) Circulation Project via PowerPoint. They explained how the circulation project fit the program's goals and noted that this one project had the potential to take care of five projects identified in the Transportation System Plan (TSP). Staff and ODOT representatives described the work that would be done, the potential impact of this project on capacity, safety enhancements for pedestrians and bicyclists, and gave an overview of the project timeline. They displayed simulations showing the effects of the D21 project completed as proposed in the TSP and explained how each of the changes made would reduce traffic congestion and enhance safety for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Staff asked City Council to consider supporting the ARTS Grant application to fund this project.

ODOT representatives responded to questions and comments from Staff and Councilors, and discussed the presentation with the following key comments:

- Any work done should be planned using 10-year projections to accommodate expected development between the bridge and the port.
- Creating enhancements for pedestrians could result in an increase in pedestrian traffic in that area. However, the crossings would be located at more appropriate locations than they are now.
- Applying for the grant would not commit the City to the project. The project could be cancelled at any time for any reason. A lot more work would be done to determine whether the project was appropriate and feasible.
 - The 8th and Commercial St project would not initially be included in the grant application because the main focus would be from Columbia to 7th Street. ODOT could consider adding 8th and Commercial to the project. However, ODOT already has a project to put rectangular rapid flashing beacons at that intersection to address safety without impacting traffic.
- Pursuing the grant would not cost the City anything other than Staff time.
- If ODOT was selected to receive funds for these projects, the first analysis would be implemented as part of the 2021-2024 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). By 2021, more analytical data would be available to inform the feasibility of the D21 project.

The City Council unanimously agreed that the City should support the ARTS grant.

Ms. Salieri made several handouts available to Councilors and Staff.

BOND ST SLIDE REPAIR

City Manager Estes briefly reviewed the City's efforts to reopen Bond Street to two-way traffic, which was included as a project in the Urban Renewal District when it was expanded several years ago.


City Engineer Harrington gave a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the Bond Street slide, the geology of the area, building a retaining wall, reopening Bond Street to two-way traffic, and restoring the intersection at Hume. This project could not be completed last year as planned because there was higher than average rainfall. With less rain expected this year, Staff planned to restore the roadway to two, 10-foot lanes and build a retaining wall during dry weather in late summer/early fall. Staff has taken and would continue to take all precautions to

minimize risk during construction. The project would cease and be reevaluated by the geotechnical consultant if any problem occurred. Staff's next step would be to ask the Development Commission to authorize Staff to solicit bids.

ADJOURNMENT

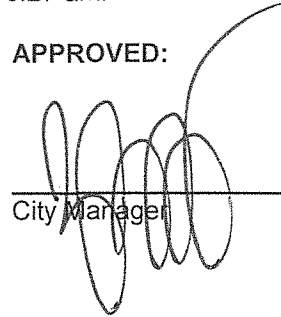
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 am.

ATTEST:



Finance Director

APPROVED:



City Manager