

**CITY OF NEWBERG
CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION &
NEWBERG URBAN AREA MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING MINUTES
February 15, 2007
7:00 P.M.
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING – TRAINING ROOM**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Andrews called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

City Council Members:

Present:	Bob Andrews	Mike Boyes	Robert Soppe
	Jeff Palmer	Roger Currier	Bart Rierson
	Bob Larson		

Planning Commissioners:

Present:	Daniel Foster	Devorah Overbay	Phil Smith
	Cathy Stuhr	Lon Wall	Michael Shelton
	Nick Tri (8:20 p.m.)		

Absent: Matson Haug

Newberg Urban Area Management Commission (NUAMC):

Present:	Leslie Lewis	Alan Halstead	Michael Sherwood
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Absent:	Sally Dallas	Matson Haug	Warren Parrish
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Staff Present: James Bennett, City Manager
Terrence D. Mahr City Attorney
Barton Brierley, Planning and Building Director
Norma Alley, Deputy City Recorder

Others Present: Lisa Ansell, ODOT Project Leader; Dave Siegel, Director of Planning and Communications; Tim Potter, Mid-Willamette Valley Area Manager; Norm Rauscher, Environmental Project Manager; Jerry Rosenblad, Region 2 Senior Roadway Designer; and Terry Cole, Senior Region Planner.

III. JOINT MEETING OR COMMUNITY FORUM AGENDA

Presentation from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Parametrix regarding:

- Roadway and interchange design options that ODOT is evaluating in the Design Draft Environmental Impact Statement.
- Interchange Area Management Plans.
- What's ahead for 2007.

Lisa Ansell introduced her team Dave Siegel, Tim Potter, Norm Rauscher, Jerry Rosenblad, and Terry Cole. Lisa Ansell a PowerPoint presentation (see official record for presentation).

Commissioner Leslie Lewis asked what record of decision means.

Lisa Ansell said it is the decision of the federal highway as the location of the corridor. Then the next charge is to try to fit the roadway design inside that corridor.

Dave Siegel presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Interchange Area Management Plan (IAMP) process (see official record for presentation).

Commissioner Cathy Stuhr asked what going on regarding funding and land use acquisition.

Tim Potter stated in December ODOT received the Tier 1 Report from the OTIG Group, which provided options for funding. We now have a consultant out of New York to look at the report to see if the report is correct. Right now we do not know if the funding is relative to the projected costs. We did get earmarks through congressional districts to obtain rights-of-ways and we are looking at hardship areas (people who need to sell the property) and the protective acquisition (properties on the marketplace ready to be sold). We have about \$23 million of the \$117 million we need. We have acquired a couple properties so far and we are in negotiation of a few more.

Commissioner Phil Smith asked what is ODOT's policy in helping communities maintain affordable housing.

Norm Rauscher said we look at the project and see if there is a minority group in there that is disproportionate and look at how we can help meet the community needs.

Lisa Ansell said we will be developing some location for affordable housing.

Commissioner Phil Smith asked how do people who live on Corral Creek Road and east of Newberg get to 99W without going through Newberg first.

Terry Cole answered what has been discussed to connect to Providence Drive as a frontage road and keep the interchange as a directional interchange. It is different than what they are used to, being they would have to go back about a 1/8 of a mile.

Councilor Rierson asked how far along are you in the design process and is there still opportunity for public input on the configuration.

Tim Potter said the opportunity for input will definitely be there especially when we bring out the environmental impact statement. We currently are trying to lock the general location and then look at the impacts, if we do not we get stuck into a perpetual move.

Councilor Rierson asked are there some express connections.

Tim Potter said yes, just past the airport there will be one 11-12 feet below the grade, around SP Newsprint it will be at grade, and just west of SP Newsprint, around river street, the two options are either up and over the local roads or below the local roads.

Commissioner Devorah Overbay asked what about on Fernwood Road.

Tim Potter said it is about 12 feet below grade there.

Commissioner Devorah Overbay asked as you go up toward the Rex Hill interchange will it gradually go above grade.

Jerry Rosenblad confirmed the comment that they will go above grade. We are trying to make the alignment of the road as smooth as possible to fit the terrain.

Commissioner Devorah Overbay asked will part of sound effects in the EIS be based at grade level.

Tim Potter answered yes it will.

Councilor Boyes asked what kind of overpasses or underpasses will go to the south side of town and how easy will emergency vehicles be able to get through there.

Jerry Rosenblad answered emergency vehicles will have access off River Street.

Councilor Larson asked in order to get the necessary funding will we need to toll.

Commissioner Leslie Lewis said I believe we will need to toll.

Councilor Soppe asked if I want to get on the bypass where do I go.

Jerry Rosenblad answered 219 will go over the bypass, Wynyoski will continue over the bypass, and River Street will remain at grade with the bypass being above or below.

Councilor Soppe asked where is the access going to be to for the south side of the bypass.

Terry Cole said we are not anticipating another access to this area at this time.

Discussion commenced regarding concern for residence on Corral Creek Road having bypass access.

Councilor Soppe asked are other options for funding being pursued besides what is in the report.

Tim Potter said we are looking at other options through the legislative process.

Commissioner Leslie Lewis said they are looking at general obligation bonds, left over money from the 2003 Oregon Transportation Investment Act, lottery money, and legislators that have proposals that might raise gas tax or registration tax.

Councilor Palmer asked for a briefing on the discussion of Corral Creek Road and Old Parrot Mountain Road having an in/out at Old Parrot Mountain Road and 99W.

Terry Cole said yes that is still an option. With the current location of where it comes in, we would look to have it come up more toward Haugen Road. The connector road originally talked about was designed to be very steep, difficult to do, and close to peoples back yards. We did not see this as a good option and not advisable. It has remained in the document per the request of the County.

Commissioner Michael Sherwood asked how the bypass is going to accommodate for changes in the east interchange.

Terry Cole said the effort is to try and get in front of the concerns that might occur. We are trying to look at what the forecast is for this road and we are hoping to put a plan together for this area.

Councilor Currier asked what is the plan to help with the flow of traffic at the 99W interchange.

Terry Cole said a truck only lane is going to be provided to help with the traffic to keep the trucks over and not impede with traffic.

Councilor Currier asked will be done with the land purchased if the bypass does not get built.

Tim Potter said if it identified as dead property then it is considered surplus and goes up for sale.

Discussion commenced on costs for having a road go under or over the bypass.

Commissioner Deborah Overbay asked are bike lanes included in the bypass.

Tim Potter said there will not be bike lanes on the bypass. The bike and pedestrian paths are going to be along 99W and not a high speed area like the bypass.

IV. SUMMARY AND CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

Mayor Andrews thanked everyone for coming.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Andrews adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.