

City of Newberg
Transportation Task Force
March 14, 2001
7:00 p.m. Newberg City Hall

City Manager Duane Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance:

Present

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Doris Brandt	1609 Aldersgate Lane	503 538 2742	
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Leonard A. Rydell	601 Pinehurst	503 538 5700	larydell@teleport.com
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Absent

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The mission of the Task Force was reviewed and was reviewed as follows:

1. Review, revise, prioritize and recommend the specific projects to be built to improve the transportation system. Determine if the community supports the identified projects.
2. Review, revise and recommend funding solutions, if any, that will be used to pay for the transportation system improvements identified on the priority list, including a time-line for completing the projects. Determine if the community would support funding the projects.
3. Provide a report to the City Council within four (4) months from the date of the first meeting of the task force.

The agenda was reviewed and Leonard Rydell reminded everyone that the Task Force needs to be open to considering less expensive alternatives than those proposed in the Transportation System Plan.

Barbara Brown, Executive Director of the Chehalem Valley Senior Citizen (CVSCC) bus system and member of the Yamhill County transportation planning committee provided a presentation on the efforts to provide a local public transportation system. The County has been involved in the process of developing a comprehensive public transportation feasibility study and the first phase was completed last

year. (The City has a copy on file and Barbara said she would provide copies for the Task Force to review.) Barbara outlined in detail the services provided by the CVSCC. These include a Dial-a-ride service for the Senior and disabled population. It operated 14 hours each week Monday through Friday. The Newberg Town Flyer that operates 6 hours each day Monday through Friday and a Link Service that operates 14 hours per day Monday through Friday. There is also a Link Express that has been added to provide access to Washington County. Schedules and route flyers were presented and these will be provided to the City to hand-out.

The Task Force members asked a number of questions. Trip reduction is not provided in detail in the County public transportation feasibility study since the bus system serves many residents who do not have transportation, but the study does indicate that traffic is affected as the system is expanded. Efforts are underway to find a downtown location for a transportation center. Industries in the area have requested service from the bus system. These opportunities are being explored. The service is changing from 24 passenger buses to 15 passenger buses in order to be more efficient. Barbara indicated that there are seats available on the CVSCC Board if anyone is interested.

The Task Force members then spent time identifying specific projects that should be built in Newberg. No limitations were set on identifying the projects. The projects proposed at this time will also not be limited in the future. These are simply a preliminary list in order to begin to think about what might be done to improve the livability of Newberg and address the mission set forth by the City Council for the Task Force. The projects identified and in no order of priority were as follows:

- Improve Springbrook from 99W to Crestview
- Intersection improvements to improve capacity: Hawarth and Springbrook, Villa and Fulton, Villa and Hawarth, North Main and Illinois, Columbia and Main
- North Main Improvements
- Widen Sierra Vista
- College Street improvements for pedestrians
- Downtown to River front pedestrian access
- Construct a Northern Arterial from 99W to Mountainview
- Redesign and build the Springbrook, 219, Wilsonville Road intersection
- Redesign and build Second Street and 219 intersection North of Airport
- Improve College Street from Hancock North. (Make it a City street and reduce traffic through the older part of the City.)
- Improve Villa Road from 99W to Mountainview
- Build a Southern Arterial — Re-align 219 to 99W (Truck route on the South side of the City.)
- Redesign and rebuild Second Street to move traffic away from First Street.

The Task Force held a lot of discussion regarding these projects. Some of the points included making sure that as the projects are prioritized some evaluation of the comparative 'value added' of each project is considered. Gauging the cost versus the benefits gained would be important. There was discussion regarding the relationship of the transportation improvements to the future land uses in the city. It was identified that few of the projects were in the South core area of the city and this is because of the existence of the grid system in that part of the City. A grid system provides access everywhere for lots of traffic.

Duane Cole indicated that at the next meeting the Task Force would hear a presentation about rail if it can be arranged, review Leonard Rydell's letter, receive additional financial information, and discuss the projects generated at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.