

SKATS Endorsement

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Minutes

Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study (SKATS)
Policy Committee Meeting
November 24, 2009
109 High St. SE
Salem, OR
Noon

Policy Committee Members Present

Commissioner Sam Brentano, Marion County
Councilor Cathy Clark, 2009 Vice Chair, City of Keizer
Councilor Dan Clem, 2009 Chair, City of Salem
Robert Krebs, Salem-Keizer Transit District
Tim Potter, ODOT
Commissioner Tom Ritchey, Polk County

Policy Committee Members Absent

Ron Jones, Salem-Keizer School District
Mayor Carly Strauss, City of Turner

Others Present

Nancy Boyer, MWVCOG Staff
Nate Brown, Keizer Community Development
Darnell Caruth, MWVCOG-SKATS Staff
Dan Fricke, ODOT Region 2
Dave Fridenmaker, Salem-Keizer School District
Ray Jackson, MWVCOG-SKATS Staff
Eric Lundgren, Bicycle Transportation Alliance
Richard Schmid, MWVCOG-SKATS Staff
Mona West, Salem-Keizer Transit District

Agenda Item A. Call to Order

Chair Dan Clem called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Agenda Item B. Minutes of October 27

Following introductions, motion was made by Tim Potter, seconded by Tom Ritchey, to approve the minutes of the October 27, meeting as submitted. Those voting in favor of the motion were Sam Brentano, Dan Clem, Robert Krebs, Tim Potter, and Tom Ritchey. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item C. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Agenda Item D. Highway 22 West Expressway Management Plan (EMP)

A presentation of the EMP was given by Dan Fricke. The Plan has been reviewed and endorsed by the Polk County Board of Commissioners and is scheduled for review and adoption by the Oregon Transportation Commission. Traffic and safety issues along the Highway 22 corridor between the Derry Overcrossing (Greenwood Road) and Doaks Ferry Road are addressed in the plan.

Cathy Clark arrived at 12:15 p.m.

Dan Clem asked about the closed park near that area. It would be a perfect access to Doaks Ferry Road. Eric Lundgren said that there has been talk of building a BMX bike park, but there isn't a concrete plan.

If endorsed the EMP would become part of the illustrative list in the RTSP until funding is available.

Motion was made by Tom Ritchey, seconded by Sam Brentano, to endorse the EMP and include it in the illustrative list of the RTSP.

Cathy Clark expressed concern that there would be no left turn from Doaks Ferry Road. Once you are coming down Doaks Ferry toward Highway 22 you are committed. There is no other place to go. Clearly marked alternatives are needed so people don't get lost. Dan Fricke said that the State Traffic Engineer would need to approve the striping.

Those voting in favor of the motion were Sam Brentano, Cathy Clark, Dan Clem, Robert Krebs, Tim Potter, and Tom Ritchey. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item E. Update on TIP and RTSP Amendment

Richard Schmid presented a memorandum dated November 17, 2009, regarding proposed Regional Transportation Systems Plan (RTSP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments for public review. Richard pointed out that the amounts listed on the first page of the memorandum for the Aumsville Highway and the Kuebler Boulevard and I-5 interchange were reversed. There are several projects that the local jurisdictions have nominated for potential funding but are not currently in the adopted RTSP. A 30-day public review for these kinds of major amendments to the RTSP or TIP is required by the Public Participation Plan (PPP). The RTSP and TIP amendments are needed now so they can be released for public review by December 23, 2009. The RTSP would also be amended to include the "alternative measures" required by the Oregon Transportation Planning Rule (TPR). Salem and Keizer have already addressed the projects in their plans.

Dan Clem asked if the counties need to do anything. Richard responded that since the projects are not outside the urban growth boundary, nothing is required of the counties. Dan asked if the Alternative Mode Study was a part of this. Richard answered no.

Motion was made by Cathy Clark, seconded by Tim Potter, to include the projects listed in the November 17, 2009, memorandum to the SKATS Policy Committee from Ray Jackson and Mike Jaffe in the RTSP/TIP Amendments along with the “alternative measures” to be released for public review and comment. Those voting in favor of the motion were Cathy Clark, Dan Clem, Robert Krebs, Tim Potter, and Tom Ritchey. Sam Brentano abstained from voting. **The motion passed with five votes in favor of the motion and one abstention.**

Agenda Item F. ODOT Draft FY 10-FY 13 STIP

Dan Fricke shared a power point presentation with the committee reviewing the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) after the House Bill 2001 funding changes: where the additional funding will come from, how it will be split between the regions, and how it will be used. The draft FY 10-FY 13 STIP is currently out for public review. Public comments will be accepted until December 31, 2009.

Sam Brentano asked about the barriers that were put up on Highway 22 from I-5 to Sublimity. Tim Potter said that since stimulus money was used, the project went through the normal process but was pushed through and was done very quickly.

Agenda Item G. Other Business

Dan Fricke gave an update on the Salem Rivercrossing Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). There is a lot of work coming up soon for the technical staff. Reports are due soon for review. The project is on track for both cost and calendar. It will be discussed at the Salem City Council meeting on December 14, 2009.

Dan Clem encouraged everyone to attend the next Greenhouse Gas Task Force meeting which is December 4, 2009. Mr. Clem would like the task force to look into a statewide plan. 67 percent of the green house gases in our area are from commuters coming from outside our region. Cathy Clark pointed out that the focus has been on reducing vehicle miles traveled, but there hasn't been any increased funding for alternative modes.

Richard Schmid announced that there would be no December meeting unless something comes up that needs to be addressed.

Chair Dan Clem adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.