



Management Update Minutes

OREGON

Tuesday, March 29, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem
5th Floor, Suite 5231, Commissioners Boardroom

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Kevin Cameron, Danielle Bethell, and Colm Willis, Jan Fritz, Chad Ball, Lani Radtke, Jon Heynen, Tanisha Bush, Matt Lawyer, Jessica Stanton, Kelli Weese, Eli Heindricks, Tamra Goettsch, Sherry Lintner, Ed Chamberland, Anna Henson, Tom Kissinger, Brian May, Jane Vetto, Brian Nicholas, and Robert Manier as recorder.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

I-5: Aurora-Donald Interchange Phase 1 Update

-Anna Henson, Ed Chamberland

Summary of presentation:

- Following is the progress to date:
 - Completed an alternatives analysis:
 - The final build is a diverging diamond interchange.
 - Completed environmental documentation that was approved by the Federal Highway Administration; and
 - Completed an Interchange Area Management Plan that was approved by Marion County and the Oregon Transportation Commission.
- The project was broken into phases due to funding;
- Phase 1A construction started in January 2022 and includes:
 - Realigning Bents Road on the west side of I-5, and disconnecting it from the southbound ramp intersection;
 - Installing a new traffic signal at the intersection of Ehlen Road and the realigned Bents Road;
 - Reconstructing the northbound exit ramp on the east side of I-5:
 - It will be approximately twice as long as the old ramp, and it will be two lanes.
 - Building a sound wall on the east side by the RV park; and
 - Building a retaining wall on the east side by the RV park to accommodate the widening of the ramp.
- K & E Excavating was awarded the contract for Phase 1A;
- The project is scheduled to be finished in the fall;
- Phase 1B is the interim solution if the funding is not received for the full build, and it includes:
 - All the freeway work for the full diverging diamond;

- Interim improvements on Ehlen Road;
- Installation of signals at the two ramp intersections; and
- Lengthening and widening of the southbound exit ramp.
- Phase 1B has a limited life span and is not the ultimate solution;
- Phase 2 is the ultimate solution;
- Stakeholder outreach is continuing;
- The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is buying the right of way for the full build;
- An open house will probably be held; and
- ODOT is working on a contract amendment with David Evans and Associates (DEA) to move into the final design phase.

Board discussion:

- DEA is working on an updated Phase 2 estimate;
- Approximately \$34 million in additional funding is needed to complete Phase 2:
 - This is a rough estimate since construction costs have increased dramatically.
- Need the funding secured for Phase 2 by this fall:
 - Looking at grant opportunities.

Franchise Agreement (SKRTS) Amendment No. 2

-Brian May

Summary of presentation:

- Getting estimates next week for the cost of facility repairs at the Salem-Keizer Recycling and Transfer Station:
 - The intent of the repairs is to address safety concerns.

Discuss Potential Option for the Auburn Conversion Project and Seek Board Direction on Next Steps

-Thomas Kissinger

Summary of presentation:

- In 2019 Marion County agreed to sell Auburn Park to the Salem-Keizer School District for \$360,000;
- Auburn Park was a part of the Land & Water Conservation Fund portfolio, so the land must be replaced with park property of equal or greater recreational value, and equal or greater appraised value; and
- Public Works has identified a potential option for the project that would add additional acreage and river access to Scotts Mills Park:
 - The property is approximately six acres, is zoned farm/timber (FT), is mostly forested and has good river access.

Board discussion:

- If purchased, the parking could be expanded at the existing park; and
- Trails would be built on the new property.

Proposed Internal Broadband Strategy for Economic Development

-Eli Heindricks, Kelli Weese

Summary of presentation:

- Economic Development has developed a list of project priorities:
 - It took over a year to develop; and
 - It will be used to direct grant applications.
- The document is broken into priorities and projects:
 - Also lists when a project can be done;
 - The priorities are broad targets that staff is recommending the county focus on as funding becomes available; and
 - The projects are short-term proposals, including known gaps in difficult-to-reach areas of the county.

Board discussion:

- The estimated total cost listed for each project is a rough estimate:
 - The funding could come from a variety of sources.
- The cost of fiber to home connect varies depending on several factors:
 - Homeowners may need help funding this.
- The City of Scotts Mills does not have fiber; and
- Work has been done in the canyon to get fiber there:
 - The cities of Detroit and Idanha have fiber; and
 - The communities of Gates, Mill City, Niagara, and North Fork have fiber in limited areas.

Recommended Updates to Marion County Administrative Policy 203 Appointments to Advisory Boards, Committees, Commissions, and Councils and Procedure 203-A Appointments to Advisory Boards

-Jessica Stanton, Sherry Lintner

Summary of presentation:

- Looking for feedback from the Commissioners on the first draft of the recommended updates.

Board discussion:

- Working on updating the policy and procedure because there was the addition of a step in the process for advisory appointments:
 - Departments must now come before a Management Update meeting:
 - This is a significant change.
- As they are now, the policy and procedure are not accurate;
- The Commissioners need time with the draft; and
- The Commissioners would like a list of all advisory boards.

Wildfire Update

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Summary of presentation:

Danielle Bethell:

- Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) reviewed their expenditures to jurisdictions that had fires:

- Marion County is falling short in OHCS's investment in housing recovery; and
- Commissioner Bethell has been asked to come up with a housing project in the wildfire area that could receive a \$2.5 to \$3 million investment:
 - Preferably a home ownership project.
- The order has been placed for the tiny homes going into Gates:
 - Once the build is started the homes will be ready in six weeks.

Legislative Update

-Tanisha Bush

Summary of presentation:

- Congressional delegated funding requests are due April 1, 2022:
 - Ms. Bush will provide the Commissioners with letters to sign for the Detroit Lake Marina and Opal Creek; and
 - If the Commissioners agree, a letter could also be submitted for the North Santiam Canyon wastewater improvement project.

Board discussion:

- Ms. Fritz will investigate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the wastewater improvement project:
 - The Commissioners will sign a letter that can be sent if no other funding source is found.

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Tamra Goettsch:

- Opal Creek update:
 - Many of the items from the original plan have received funding due to the wildfires;
 - There are still important items that have not been funded;
 - The area covered goes from Lyons/Mehama to Idanha;
 - The funding is meant to replace revenue lost due to timber sales;
 - The county will soon receive the first \$2 million of the total \$15 million in funding;
 - The first \$2 million is being spent on a three-mile trail project in Gates that will have access to the river and parks:
 - Estimated groundbreaking will be in late August.
 - The funding is for economic development:
 - The new trail will promote tourism in the area.

Board discussion:

- The new trail will be gravel;
- The trail will help promote tourism in the area;
- Canyon communities desperately need economic gains;
- The trail should be finished by the end of September:
 - Some parts of the trail already exist.
- Commissioner Willis is concerned that the state will not get the county the \$2 million in a timely manner.

Jon Heynen:

- Four of the five Fire Defense Board members have resigned; and
- Have received six applications for the four positions.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners would like to open the application process for one week, and then they will review the applications;
- Commissioners Bethell and Willis would like to meet the applicants:
 - Zoom interviews will be set up with the applicants, and then the Commissioners can deliberate.
- Commissioner Cameron reviewed the current applications, and all the candidates are good.

Jessica Stanton:

- Ryan Matthews would like the Board's approval to move forward with accepting the Community Mental Health Program (CMHP) grant funds for behavioral health housing.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Willis is okay with moving forward if the state does not dictate specific projects that the funds can be spent on; and
- Salem Health may be interested in partnering to fund a secure residential treatment facility.

Tamra Goettsch:

- The dog shelter continues to be extremely full;
- The Willamette Humane Society and the Oregon Humane Society are merging:
 - The Oregon Humane Society will be taking over the operation of the Willamette Humane Society facility.
- The Willamette Humane Society has changed its policy on dog surrenders, making it more limited to what dogs they will take:
 - This has increased the number of dogs being taken to the shelter.
- The shelter would like to participate in the Bissell Empty the Shelters adoption event again this year:
 - The application is due this Wednesday;
 - Would need Board permission to put the Bissell logo on the county's website; and
 - The event will be from May 2 through May 8, 2022.
- Salem Police is no longer handling barking dog complaints, even though barking dogs are in their noise ordinance:
 - They are referring callers to the dog shelter, which does not have the capacity to handle this.
- There is a work session regarding economic development on the 14th; and
- The Commissioners had mentioned that they wanted to be involved in a conversation around youth workforce development opportunities, including the Career and Technical Education (CTE) youth workforce.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners support the dog shelter participating with Bissell;
- The Commissioners suggested that the shelter refer barking dog complaints that happen within the City of Salem, back to Salem Police;
- Staff will continue to work with Salem Police on the barking dog issue, and will come up with a protocol for shelter staff to handle barking dog complaints that occur within the City of Salem; and
- CTE and youth workforce development opportunities should be discussed at the work session.

Lani Radtke:

- April 11 through April 15, 2022, is National Work Zone Awareness Week:
 - This is a national safety campaign that Public Works would like to recognize; and
 - That Wednesday is Go Orange Day where individuals are encouraged to wear orange:
 - Asking the Commissioners to wear orange at Board Session.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners support this; and
- It should be a proclamation.

Colleen Coons-Chaffins:

- Update on His Place:
 - Met with the neighbors again and there was no progress on obtaining the easements;
 - Brian Nicholas suggested making monetary offers based on square footage:
 - \$7 to \$14 per square foot, depending on what easement estimates are for the area; and
 - Starting offers will be at \$7 per square foot.
 - On tomorrow's Consent agenda will be an item to give Commissioner Bethell authority to sign off on the house; and
 - The house will close tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Betsy Young**

Reviewed by: Shawnnell Fuentes