

MINUTES

Eugene City Council
Harris Hall, 125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401

June 19, 2013
12:00 PM

Councilors Present:

Councilors Absent: Mayor Piercy, George Brown, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, George Poling, Mike Clark, Chris Pryor, Claire Syrett, Greg Evans

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION Harris Hall

A. WORK SESSION: South Willamette Street Improvement Plan

Her Honor, Mayor Piercy opened the June 19, 2013 City Council Work Session.

CM introduced the item, introduced Transportation Planning Engineer, Chris Henry to discuss this issue. Ellen Tinity from Cogito was introduced to review the public outreach and involvement strategies. Scott from the engineering firm.

Fix water leakage

Make it safer for all users

Improve sidewalks

Better bike access

Minimize negative business impacts

Choices:

1. 4-LANE
2. 3-LANE WITH BIKE LANES
3. 3-LANE WITH WIDE SIDEWALKS

Transportation Analysis:

Considered peak travel times, level of service, longer queue lines, speeds reduced, safety is increased, lane reduction.

Crossing enhancements, bike parking, lighting, signing, landscaping, wider sidewalks will enhance the area. Next steps, case studies, more data to review, coordination of traffic signal, driveway access, roundabouts instead of signals, corridor access improvements also.

Council Discussion:

Concerns about congestion, vehicle speeds, roundabouts, More data about crashes, turn lanes and backed up traffic, angry drivers, bus stops, conflicts with buses stopped and vehicles waiting or bikes having to go around a stopped bus. vehicle issues with stopped buses. Plans will not include bus pull outs. More data needed, please. Discussion about 'flow' how often vehicles have to stop to allow others to turn.

B. WORK SESSION: South Willamette Concept Plan Update

Mayor: The Eugene City Council will now meet in Executive Session to consult with counsel concerning legal rights and duties regarding current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. The executive Session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h).

Representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session. All other

members of the audience are asked to leave the room. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, we will return to open session and welcome the audience back into the room.

Robin Hostic and Trish Thomas presented the South Willamette Concept Plan PP, overview, public engagement, plan itself, and next steps. This plan helps us meet the goal of zero expansion of the UGB as our city grows larger. Historical perspective provided, future goals and current uses.

Greg Evans arrived at 1 pm

Plan: EmX bus addition

Walkable areas

Sidewalk access

types of buildings

street scapes

Council Discussion:

How many units would this increase by? It seems the density should be higher.

we are working with some assumptions, one of them being the cost of redevelopment.

Councilor Brown feels we should update the refinement plan.

GB wants estimated infrastructure cost

make these changes possible within the 20 year timeframe.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm