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**SOUTH US 97 CORRIDOR PLAN IMPLEMENTATION
PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING #1**

Redmond Fire and Rescue Training Room, 341 NW Dogwood Avenue

Thursday, April 18, 2013

6:00-8:00 PM

Meeting Summary

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order about 6:03PM
- II. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** - Scott Woodford, project manager welcomed everyone to the first PAC meeting.
- III. **PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT** - Mayor Endicott made some introductory remarks stating that there have been some changes in the access management rules that may provide more flexibility and the City's participation on the TRIP 97 committee, which seeks to change the way ODOT looks at traffic management-trying to have them look at management from a corridor perspective - LaPine all the way to Madras and that they are receiving positive feedback.

Mr. Woodford provided a brief overview of the why the City is initiating the project and what we hope to accomplish. The master plan was completed in 2010, but not adopted. The Redmond Development Commission made the implementation of the South US 97 Master Plan a priority to implement aspects of the Plan that all of the stakeholders could agree on. This step is not to open up the Plan contents, but there is flexibility on how we moved forward and that is the reason for convening the PAC.

Charley Miller inquired as to why the Corridor Plan was never adopted.

Community Development Director, Heather Richards said the Plan was taken to the Planning Commission who reviewed it for several months, but due to some controversial and budget issues, it was never approved and passed on to Council.

At this point, the group went around the room and introduced themselves, the property or business they represent or as a community member and why they wanted to be on the committee.

- IV. **BACKGROUND OF SOUTH US 97 CORRIDOR PLAN** - Ms. Richards provided a thorough background of the Plan via a Power Point Presentation, including the elements of the Plan, the history of the discussion, and the resolved and unresolved issues that the PAC will need to deliberate about.

Paul Rodby inquired if the community and others have the money to achieve all of the items on the implementation wish list.

Mayor Endicott replied that the TRIP 97 might provide some funding.

Prompted by questions from the PAC, Ms. Richards said that TRIP 97 is a collaborative multi-agency effort focused on a practical approach to planning and funding transportation improvements in the US 97 corridor and removing transportation-related obstacles to growth. It tries to create a corridor and area-wide travel time-based mobility standard, instead of the typical intersection-by-intersection volume-to-capacity ratio method mobility standard. It also looks at funding mechanisms that take small bites from many different sources tied to growth and growth-related congestion and other system mobility issues.

Ms. Richards continued that other funding sources may be public and private dollars, SDC (Service Development Charges) funds, local improvement district, or extension of the urban renewal authority.

Mayor Endicott added that there is starting to be pushback from the taxing districts with TIF financing because of a freezing of property taxes associated with that type of funding.

Mike Caccavano, City Engineer, provided a brief overview of the Quartz Avenue extension and the fact that it won't likely extend to the east over the railroads due to the railroads' objection to any new crossings of the track.

Charley Miller asked if we would be able to resolve all of the outstanding issues.

Ms. Richards replied that we may not be able to, but we don't have to give up on the process because of the good possibility of implementing some of the items.

Solomon Kaleialoha asked if someone from the Canal District would be on the PAC.

Mr. Richards replied that we could invite them and see if they are interested, otherwise we can bring them into the discussion when we need their feedback.

Jake Ertle said that some of the proposed implementation measures, such as the design standards, could have an impact on those trying to lease out spaces, so he asked if there any commercial brokers on the PAC.

Mr. Richards said we could add that if the members of the PAC agreed, which they did. She recommended Ken Streater and said we would contact him.

V. **PURPOSE AND ROLE OF PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)** - Mr. Woodford explained the role of the PAC which was to help the City and ODOT work through the unresolved issues from the Corridor Plan and refine the Implementation Plan for presentation to Council and to discuss possible funding sources. Mr. Woodford outlined how the PAC was formed in that broad representation was sought and there was strong response and not everyone was able to get on, but that it was likely someone who was appointed represented their viewpoint. The city will keep a list of emails for those not on the PAC, but interested in staying abreast of the discussion. We have one ad hoc member who is from outside the area, but travels through Redmond often and we wanted to include that perspective. Each member has a vote, but not the ad hoc member.

VI. **PURPOSE AND ROLE OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)** - Mr. Woodford explained the role of the TAC which was to provide technical analysis of concepts raised in the PAC meetings and that it consisted of city staff, ODOT and the Department of Land, Conservation and Development.

VII. **CITY PROCESS AND THE ROLE OF LIAISONS TO REDMOND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND PLANNING COMMISSION** - Since this is a RDC project, there are several liaisons on the committee who will monitor the discussion and be able to report back to the full committee so that there is continuity when this comes in front of them later. The same is true with the Planning Commission - there is one liaison from that group.

Mr. Rodby suggested we have a City Council liaison for the same reasons as noted above. Staff said they would inquire about interest.

VIII. **PROCESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN** - Mr. Woodford provided the process for implementation, which should take approximately 6-7 months and we will review the list of unresolved issues and attempt to refine the Implementation Plan for presentation to RDC and City Council for acknowledgement, after which amendments to the Development Code, the Comprehensive Plan, and the Transportation Systems Plan will commence along with planning for possible physical improvements.

IX. **NEXT STEPS/ADJOURN** - The meeting was adjourned at about 7:45PM