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Meeting Summary

South US 97 Corridor Plan Implementation
Technical Advisory Group – Meeting #2
Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Redmond City Hall Conference Room A – 10:00 AM to 12:00PM

Attending: Karen Swirsky, DLCD, Heather Richards, Community Development Director, James Lewis, Planning Manager, Mike Caccavano, City Engineer, Scott Woodford, Associate Planner

-AGENDA-

1. **Review of PAC Meeting #1** – Mr. Woodford reviewed the first meeting and felt it was a productive one and brought everyone up to speed and was a thorough review of the Corridor Plan. The group noted that the questions surrounding how the improvements would be funded came up and was an unresolved issue and that a big chunk of the costs were the frontage/backage roads. Possible resolutions: phased improvements, reimbursement district (can allow up to 10 years to pay back), which could be used for streetscape improvements by the City and property owners reimburse as they develop/redevelop. No consensus was reached, but Mr. Caccavano was asked to prepare a staff report outlining all the different options for funding to present to the PAC at the next meeting.
2. **Near Term Projects:**
 - a. **Speed Zone Investigation**
 - i. **Strategy**
 - ii. **Timing**
 - iii. **Roles and Responsibilities**

Mr. Woodford reviewed that the City and ODOT have discussed the City submitting for a Speed Zone Investigation to reduce the speed limit on South US 97 from 45 to 35MPH. Discussion centered on the need to meet the 85 percentile for speed in order for the request to be approved and whether speeds have gone down any since the last time they were monitored. The consensus was to talk more with ODOT about doing some temporary speed reduction measures, such as the Speed Feedback signs to help reduce speeds so that the likelihood of the Speed Zone Request being approved.

- a. **Median at the Yew Avenue/US 97 Interchange & Speed Feedback Signs**
 - i. **Scope of project**
 - ii. **Timing**

iii. Funding sources

Mr. Woodford said that ODOT was investigating funding for a median adjacent to the Yew Avenue interchange where the highway is designated as expressway and that sidewalks along the on and off ramps on the north side of the Yew Avenue/US 97 interchange could be installed. Mr. Woodford said that David Boyd of ODOT was investigating funding for this, but was not feeling it would be available at this time. The group had questions: what type of median is being considered? Was it its width? Would landscaping be allowed in the median? If so, can these improvements dovetail with future gateway improvements? The jug handles of the Yew/US 97 intersection could be one location for welcome to Redmond signage/landscaping. Staff will float some of these ideas with ODOT representatives at their next meeting.

c. Sidewalk infill from Wickiup Avenue to Yew Avenue Interchange

- i. Scope of project**
- ii. Timing**
- iii. Funding sources**

The group reviewed conceptual plans for sidewalks from ODOT and wondered if this was the best location for precious sidewalk dollars – feeling that this may not be area of highest need for pedestrians, although it was noted there are hotels in the area that could generate users. It was mentioned that those users will be able to use the canal trail. The group wanted any sidewalks built to be detached and also incorporate street trees. The cost to do all the sidewalks and street trees along the corridor was about \$10 million.

3. Unresolved Issues from Plan:

- a. Overlay District**
- b. Street Cross Sections**
- c. Access Management**

At the next PAC meeting, we will discuss the unresolved issues that were brought up in the presentation by Heather Richards. The biggest issue is the trip threshold – at what point is access from a secondary street required? Staff will put together a staff report detailing each unresolved issue, including discussion summaries from the Corridor Plan from several years ago when the issues were first contemplated.

4. Wrap – Up/Next Steps/Next Meetings