

- June 9, 2015
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Upon motion by Harden, seconded by Nissen and passing 5-0, the Consent Calendar was approved.

PRESENTATION: DRAFT EASTSIDE BUS SERVICE PLAN

Alan Lehto and Vanessa Vissar of Tri-Met gave the presentation. Lehto stated that they are here to gain feedback on the draft plan, and to learn about the needs and future goals for transit in this area. Lehto stated that Tri-Met does the basics of maintaining the system, and ensuring that it operates on time. As services increase, the goal is to have those additions be part of a coherent plan of the community's vision and needs.

Lehto stated that Tri-Met is in a better position than it has been in years. The financial stability is good in the long term, and there are no longer any long term unfunded liabilities. Lehto explained that Tri-Met is on track to have services back to the same level that it was prior to the cuts made during the recession.

Lehto stated that several factors are reviewed when Tri-Met looks at expanding services. Those factors include demand, growth areas, and connections. Lehto explained that for this overall vision for expansion, the entire region was split up into five different sections. There will then be a shared vision for the entire region. Lehto stated that the final plan will be worked into the regional strategies plan, and the transportation plans.

Vissar stated that historical transportation plans focused on getting people into downtown because that is where the jobs were. Vissar explained that there have been a lot of changes since those times, and the system needs to be modified to meet the new demands. Vissar stated that Tri-Met has been doing extensive outreach with stakeholders including city staff, riders, and other community members on how transit needs can be met.

Vissar stated that the initial outcomes for this area included adding more north and south connections. The draft plans include adding a new service on 223rd, and on Wood Village Blvd. Vissar explained that additional routes will be added to meet the needs of the new employment centers including the TRIP and VISTA properties. There are also plans to add additional routes to service the college and high school.

Vissar stated that this is the review of the first draft of the updated plans and service updates. There will be an additional update based on comments this fall, with the final draft being completed in 2016. Vissar explained that a new bus line called line E is proposed for the City. This line would provide service on 238th/242nd to the Gresham Transit Center. Line 21 would be rerouted to also serve the Gresham Transit Center. Vissar stated that line 77 would have increased frequency, and line 25 would extend to service Glisan and Cherry Park.

Clark asked if there was a ranking system for the new lines, and how these projects get accomplished. Lehto stated that it is an interactive process, and making sure that something is not on the plan that would not be productive for the system. Lehto explained that the plan is about addressing the needs and concerns that have been raised in the community. The draft plan will probably not change a lot compared to the final plan.

Clark asked how long the timeframe is on the overall plan. Lehto stated that this is a 20 year vision for the full network. The goal is to make incremental work towards the completion of the plan. Lehto explained that the plan will be continually evaluated and implemented over the next 20 years.

Smith asked about the new line E. Vissar stated that line goes on the freeway to have a fast connection to the TRIP properties in Troutdale. The freeway was selected because line 77 already serves Halsey Street. Smith asked how this would be funded. Lehto stated that Tri-Met has stable funding, and they can accomplish additional projects as the payroll tax revenue increases from employment growth. Lehto explained that Tri-Met is also considering implementing the final stage of the payroll tax amount. This new funding would not go to backfill costs, but it would go to pay for additional services.

Smith asked if any project priorities had been set at this time. Lehto stated that is all part of the interactive process and what the community wants. Frank asked if there was any priority on where the actual stops will be located, and if there would be turnouts for the buses. Lehto explained that Tri-Met takes several factors into place when putting in a stop. Lehto stated that having the bus pull out of traffic can increase transit times, but they also do not want to block traffic either. Lehto stated that Tri-Met is looking at other technology to increase the efficiency of loading and unloading passengers.

Clark asked about the percentages of riders that own cars or have access to a vehicle, but choose to ride mass transit instead. Lehto stated that he does not have the exact number off hand, but about 87% of riders are choice riders. That means that they choose to ride mass transit even though they have access to other modes of transportation.

Harden stated that a lot of work has been done to improve the west side of town, and asked what will be done to prioritize other service areas. Lehto explained that not a lot of actual construction was done on the west side, but their vision and service plans were updated. The overall goal is to enhance each service area about every other year with a new project.

Peterson asked how improvements to this area can be induced. Lehto stated that Tri-Met first needs to know the needs of the area, and if things have changed. Lehto explained that it is important to know if areas have had pedestrian improvements, or if housing or employment has increased in an area.

Harden asked how the big projects like the rapid transit service would work compared to some of the smaller service improvement projects. Lehto stated that there is a difference between the large and small projects. While the larger projects can take several years, the smaller ones can be completed relatively faster.

Peterson stated that to follow up with Tri-Met on this matter, he is requesting that the Council authorize a letter indicating their support of specific features that were identified in the draft plan.

Upon motion by Clark, seconded by Harden and passing 5-0, the Council authorized that a letter be sent to Tri-Met indicating their preferences for improvements as discussed.

RESOLUTION 23-2015: SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM GRANT AWARD

Peterson presented the resolution and stated that the Council had a presentation at their last meeting from the Baptist Church regarding the summer lunch program partnership with the school district. Peterson explained that since the involvement with the program, the church has begun providing lunches to adults of the children as well. There has also been 60-70 people regularly attending the lunch program a day. Peterson stated that because of the inducement the school district has also been providing two hot meals a week to the site. Peterson explained that the contribution of \$3,000 was a quick calculation formed at the last meeting, and there is an open invitation to request additional funds if needed.

Upon motion by Harden, seconded by Nissen and passing 5-0, Resolution 23-2015 authorizing the summer lunch program grant award to the Wood Village Baptist Church was approved.

Harden stated that the Reynolds School District named the Baptist Church and the City as the Community Partners of the Month because of this support.

RESOLUTION 24-2015: SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX ELIMINATION

Minter presented the resolution and stated that the City has a safety deposit box, and this resolution would close that account. Minter explained that the safety deposit box has been in place for decades, but it is not being used. The box also requires two signers to open the box, and none of the current employees are signers on that account. Minter stated that technology has changed, and a safety deposit box is no longer needed. Closing that account would save the City about \$55 a year.

Upon motion by Nissen, seconded by Clark and passing 5-0, Resolution 24-2015 authorizing the elimination of the City safety deposit box was approved.

DISCUSSION: MAYOR'S CORNER DESIGN

HR/Records Manager Greg Dirks presented the discussion. Dirks stated that the Council had authorized the Spruce Up Wood Village program to beautify a community location after there were no applications for a Brush Up Wood Village home. Dirks explained that the Council selected the Mayor's Corner for the Spruce Up project. Dirks stated that the initial plan was to complete that project this past June, but the hot weather has delayed that timeline.

Dirks presented drawings of the original Mayor's Corner design, and stated that the original design had a large variety of plants and has been difficult to maintain. Dirks presented the draft concept drawing for the redesign and stated that the design focuses on having dwarf rhododendron plants in the rear to provide separation from the adjacent driveway while providing for a flowering backdrop. Dirks stated that two large concrete planters have been purchased to place in the frontage area, and those can be planted with bulbs for spring color, and then trailing annuals for some summer color. Dirks explained that the design was kept simple to aid in the ongoing maintenance while still providing for a nice entry feature into the City. All the irrigation will be replaced, and the area will be topped off with some form of mulch. Dirks stated that the timeline for completion is this September.

Clark asked about the possibility of adding a bronze marker or monument to commemorate the City's history. Dirks stated that had not been part of the plan, but it can be added. Dirks stated that he would put together some cost estimates so that a marker or monument could be added in the future. Nissen asked if the new mulch could wait until after winter because a lot of it could blow away in the wind. Dirks stated that the mulch could wait until the following spring.

*Smith left at 7:11pm.

Upon motion by Nissen, seconded by Clark and passing 4-0, the Mayor' Corner Spruce Up project was approved as discussed.

DISCUSSION: EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT CITY HALL

Dirks presented the discussion and stated that the idea of having educational programs at City Hall was discussed at the annual Council retreat, and added to this year's annual performance plan. Dirks stated that the APP timeline has a general planning of the programs for this month, and the actual programs operating this winter.

Dirks explained that the City has conducted educational programs in the past. Previous programs included first aid, disaster preparedness, conflict resolution, winter weatherization, and business forums. The City still holds a successful citizen's police academy program. Dirks stated that the Council had a brief discussion about potential programs, and those programs included financial planning, nutrition, diet, and exercise, first aid/CPR, or something on City programs/policies. Dirks explained that there could also be a program on resume building on interview skills.

Dirks stated that it might be possible to partner with an organization to help run the program. Potential partners include the County, Work Source Oregon, and the Red Cross. Dirks explained that the partner organization would run the program, and the City would provide the space and outreach. Dirks stated that there are several decisions that need to be made, and they include what programs to offer, who will run the program, and the duration of the program. Dirks stated that these could be a series of classes over several weeks, or it could be a one-time class of a few hours. Dirks stated that he will contact potential partners once the details have been established, and he will report back to the Council on what the final programs could look like.

The Council stated that they liked the idea of offering several types of classes including the ones mentioned. The Council explained that they would like the classes to be just a few hours on evenings or weekends, and to not

have the classes extend past a one-time session. The Council asked about setting up a partnership at Mt. Hood Community College where if a resident takes an introductory program on finances at the City, then they can take the full course at the college. Peterson stated that we can look into that option, or possibly setup a scholarship program similar to the recreational program.

Dirks stated that he will contact potential program partners to see if these programs can be put together. Dirks stated that he will bring the draft program outlines back to Council this fall for final approval. The Council requested that this topic be added to the webpage or newsletter to get feedback from residents on the types of programs that they would like to see offered. Dirks stated that can be done as well.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Clark asked if there is a way to publish or distribute the rain/water guide. Clark stated that he saw something that indicated how much water should be on a lawn based on the rain amounts. Clark asked if that or something similar could be added to the webpage or water bill. Peterson stated that there is not a lot of room on the water bill to add something like that, but a link can be added to the webpage. Peterson stated that he will have staff look into adding some kind of feature like that for residents.

ADJOURN

With no further business coming before the Council, and upon motion by Harden, seconded by Nissen and passing 4-0, the Council adjourned at 7:40pm.

Patricia Smith
Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Greg Dirks