



Sept. 6, 2006, CAC-PDT meeting

TO: CAC / PDT members
FROM: Vicki Guarino

Attached are the agenda for our next CAC/PDT meeting, on September 6, and minutes from the August meeting. Also we're sending you an evaluation matrix completed from a technical perspective by project staff. You should have already received in the mail a set of blank matrices: a Purpose and Need criteria matrix (the alternatives must meet these criteria), and Goals and Objectives criteria matrix (we strive to meet these criteria).

These matrices are a tool you may use to help you evaluate and compare alternatives. The staff matrix is only a suggested set of conclusions intended to help you start thinking about the evaluation process. A word of caution about attempting to fill out the matrices in advance of the Sept. 6 meeting: Elements of all seven alternatives under consideration have changed somewhat from earlier versions. Completing the revisions on all seven designs has taken longer than anticipated. We expect that most, if not all, of the design updates will be completed and posted on the web by the end of this week. Project web site: http://egov.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION3/fvi_index.shtml.

The updated designs, as well as updated traffic data, will be presented at the meeting. We'll spend the majority of the next meeting reviewing the alternatives, identifying the pros and cons of these alternatives, and identifying possible ways to make them better. We expect this will be a lengthy discussion that will continue into the committees' October meeting.

Although the matrices may help you identify pros and cons, they are only a tool for your personal evaluation of the alternatives. You may choose not to fill out the matrix—that's entirely up to you. Our intent is not to spend the next CAC/PDT meeting trying to come to agreement on the "correct answer" for each of the evaluation criteria—which would only serve to bog down the process of identifying concerns and determining how to make the alternatives better.

Please feel free to give me a call (541-664-6676 x241) if you have any questions.