

August 17, 2007

Highway 199 Citizens Advisory Committee and Project Development Team:

The Project Development Team (PDT) on August 10th voted 6-3 to forward the City’s Working Group Alternative into the Environmental Assessment (EA) for further analysis. This follows the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) 4-3 vote on August 9th to withdraw it from consideration.

Members of the CAC and PDT were asked to comment on their vote. Comments written on voting ballots include:

CAC Vote Results:	
Yes: 3 Votes	No: 4 Votes
Comments among those voting yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative is workable • Follow city recommendations 	Comments among those voting <i>no</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not adjustable (2) • Considered before • Focused on special interests and does not address primary needs of moving traffic safely • Not stageable • Not adaptable to future growth • Too much out of direction travel • Adding signals would cause more congestion • Bias of Art Anderson • Doesn’t appreciate city expecting CAC to do what city wants
PDT Vote Results:	
Yes: 6 Votes	No: 3 Votes
Comments among those voting yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote based on statements made • It is the only alternative that addresses community impacts, affected properties • Public and local agency support • May be a valid 20-year solution—needs more analysis • Unanswered questions (medians, access, etc.)—needs more analysis • Need to see if we can address the safety and access issues • Not my preferred alternative, but let it stand on its own merits through the EA process • Yes vote is conditional upon the following, otherwise vote is “no”: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No right-in/right-out on Allen Creek Road 	Comments among those voting <i>no</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should have come forward sooner. Too much time passed and lives are at risk • Excessive queuing between lights on Allen Creek Road between Redwood Avenue and Hwy. 199 • Most of CAC reasons for voting “no” • Confusing, dangerous signal at Redwood Avenue and Hwy 199 • Allen Creek Road between Redwood Avenue and Hwy 199 is too short • We need to evaluate circulation for the fairgrounds • Adding/keeping signal and Redwood Avenue creates more congestion • Reducing traffic flow by limiting number of lanes on Hwy 199 west of Allen Creek



Highway 199 Expressway Upgrade

Oregon Department of Transportation

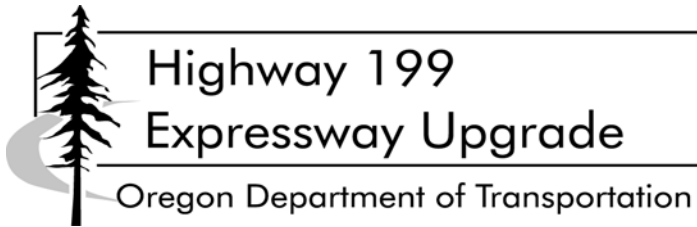
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No right-in/right-out between Allen Creek and the highway○ With median to just west of Daisy○ With north extension● Yes vote conditional on the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Right-in/right-out on Allen Creek Road between Redwood Avenue and Hwy 199○ Redwood Avenue median extending west of Daisy● Every reason in the city's written statements accompanying the Working Group proposal<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ This includes the significant city tax dollars that funded this alternative. At minimum, it should be studied through the entire EA process● Alleviates harm to local businesses and economy● Long-term, grade separation is far safer than alternatives A and C.	(from 3 lanes to 2)
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Prior to the PDT vote, the PDT agreed to define the “Modified” Working Group Alternative as the alternative depicted in the meeting handout with the following assumptions:

- There would be no access, including a right in/right out, to northbound Allen Creek Road for the “triangle” properties bound by Allen Creek Road, Redwood Avenue, and Highway 199
- A public road would be added to connect Flower Lane to Daisy Lane to minimize out-of-direction travel.
- There would be no access to Redwood Avenue, on the westbound portion of Redwood Avenue between the Highway 199 intersection and the Allen Creek intersection unless the Fairgrounds circulation plan identifies a significant need.
- The median on Redwood Avenue would extend west just beyond Daisy Lane rather than to Redwood Circle
- Three fairgrounds properties would be acquired unless the Fairgrounds circulation plan provides access to these parcels
- Highway 199 access to Fairgrounds Road would remain right in/right out.

The design of the Working Group Alternative has been revised to reflect the agreed upon changes. Please see the attachment.

The result of the PDT vote means further analysis will be conducted on the Modified Working Group Alternative so it can be compared with Alternatives A and C and the No Build Alternative. A supplement to the EA will be prepared to



document the analysis of the Modified Working Group Alternative. Once the supplement is finished and made available for public review, there will be a comment period and open house. The timing for this will be in September-October. More public comment will be taken at the open house.

After the open house and review of public comments, the Citizens Advisory Committee and Project Development Team will vote to select a preferred alternative – either Alternative A, Alternative C, or the Modified Working Group Alternative. Another option for the team is the No Build Alternative. When the dates are determined, you will be notified.

At the PDT meeting August 10th, a question arose from Commissioner Raffenburg and City Manager Frasher regarding Oregon's Open Meetings Law and the project team secret ballots. Attached is the response to that question from the State Attorney General's office. In a nutshell, the Department of Justice said the project teams are advisory in nature and secret ballots are acceptable.

Attachments – Modified Working Group Alternative
Oregon Department of Justice Opinion