

**Glencoe Interchange Project  
Stakeholder Working Group meeting #3**

7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 11, 2006  
Jessie Mays Community Hall  
30955 NW Hillcrest, North Plains

**Meeting Summary**

**Project Staff:**

Aaron Myton, Lili Gordon, Tim Wilson, Tom Braibish, Steve Harry (ODOT)  
Kristin Hull, Laura DeGraw (JLA)  
Rick Kuehn (CH2M HILL)  
Matt Hughart (Kittelson Associates)

**SWG Members present:**

Tai Kim (Subway)  
David Smith (North Plains Planning Commission)  
Stewart King (North Plains Chamber of Commerce)  
Butch Kindel (Washington County Fire District #2)  
Marie Finegan (Washington County Bureau)  
Hal Ballard (Washington County Bicycle Transportation Coalition)  
Wayne Holm (Oregon Canadian Forest Products)  
Bob Jossy (Jossy Farms)  
Paul Coussens (Property Owner)  
Susie Anthony (CPO 8)  
Robin Biden (Hillsboro School District)  
Debbie Raber, (City of Hillsboro)

**SWG Members absent:**

Joe Darby, Stewart Stiles Truck Line  
Clark Berry (NW ACT)  
Nick Kelsay (City of Forest Grove)

**Other Attendees:**

Rick Dobbs  
Bob Horning  
Chet Wolter  
James Galaway

**Welcome and introductions**

Kristin welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. Kristin told the group that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the summary of the open house, review information about existing traffic conditions, review and discuss the Purpose and Needs and Goals and Objectives, and discuss draft criteria.

Meeting summary #2 was adopted as written.

**Open House Report and Summary**

Lili Gordon, ODOT, distributed the open house summary and provided a brief overview of the first open house held on Thursday, April 27. Lili noted that 23 people attended and that she hoped to see more participation at future meetings. Access and freight seemed to be the biggest issues raised.

SWG members then shared comments they heard at the open house and at other meetings:

- Consider an interchange at Gordon Road
- Maintain access to businesses along Glencoe Road
- Maintain access during construction
- Improve the Dersham Road interchange
- Shift the interchange to the east (SWG member provided Lili with a map of this option)

The next Open House will be on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

### **Existing Traffic Conditions**

Matt Hughart reviewed a presentation on the existing traffic conditions and also handed out a Technical Memo regarding current traffic issues, conditions and intersections (see attached).

A SWG member requested that Matt provide traffic volumes on some nearby roads for comparison. One member suggested that traffic volumes were low and did not match the volumes reported by Washington County. Matt agreed to look into when the study was conducted and possible reasons for skewed data. Matt suggested that the volumes could vary based on time of year and completion of other transportation projects in the area such as Jackson School Road.

Matt discussed the figures illustrating peak hour traffic conditions. He noted that, according to the Washington County Operation standards, only one intersection is currently failing. Again, the committee raised some concerns about the level of service at some of the intersections. Matt reminded the group that he will look at more sophisticated models as he begins to look at forecasted traffic volumes.

Tom Braibish reminded the group that this meeting is looking at framing the problems, not solutions, and that they should keep in mind any ideas or specific concerns that they have for the June meeting.

Matt then reviewed the existing access conditions. Matt noted that there are 31 public and private accesses within the interchange influence area. He noted that this was a preliminary discussion of access and that the SWG and the local access group would spend a significant amount of time on this topic in August and September.

### **Purpose and Need Statement**

Rick Kuehn discussed the draft Purpose and Need with the SWG. He explained that the Purpose Statement should define the transportation problem to be solved, and the Need Statement should provide data to support the problem statement.

A SWG member was concerned that promoting economic growth and commercial development in North Plains was not stated as part of the project's purpose. Staff explained that topics not directly related to the state transportation system are usually referenced in the

goals and objectives rather than the project's purpose. The SWG agreed to address this point in the goals and objectives.

The SWG, by consensus, recommended adoption of the Purpose and Need Statement as written.

### **Goals and Objectives and Draft Evaluation Criteria**

Rick then discussed the Draft Goals and Objectives and Evaluation Criteria. He explained that the matrix he was reviewing included four items: goals, objectives, screening criteria and evaluation criteria. Screening criteria would reflect the same topics as the evaluation criteria, but would be evaluated with less detail (i.e. a criteria about impact to wetland areas might be expressed as "does it impact wetland areas" as screening criteria and expressed as "acres of wetland impact" as an evaluation criteria).

Rick reviewed the draft goals, objectives and criteria. The SWG suggested a few changes:

- Reword the transportation and access goal to capture the appropriate design speed
- Add an objective and criteria related to economic growth to the Community and Economic Development section (SWG agreed to have Stewart and David work on this with Kristin off-line)
- Add criteria about transporting groundwater across the Sunset Highway.

A SWG member expressed concern about finding a balance between economic development and transportation access. Rick clarified that the intent is to accommodate public and private accesses within the interchange influence by working with property and business owners and ODOT and that the ODOT standard to not allow access within 1,320 feet of the interchange is an ideal standard but is not inflexible.

### **Next steps**

Kristin reminded the group about upcoming meetings:

- SWG meetings:
  - 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 31  
Jessie Mays Community Hall
  - 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 7  
Jessie Mays Community Hall
- Next public meeting:
  - 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8  
North Plains Elementary School

### **Action items:**

- Kristin will work with David and Stewart to develop an objective and criteria related to economic development. This addition will be shared with the SWG at the next meeting.
- Rick and Debbie will work together to find a way to address her concern about the criteria related to access. This change will be shared with the SWG at the next meeting.