

City of Creswell
Work Session
Council/Planning Commission Minutes
February 11, 2008

The special scheduled Joint City Council/Planning Commission meeting was called to order by acting Mayor Tim Demanett.

Council Present:

Bill McCoy Robert Millam
David Case Tim Demanett
Mike Ufford

Planning Commission Present:

Lloyd Safley
Keith Morgan
Jack Gradle
David Christopher

Staff Present:

Jamon Kent City Administrator
Shelley Humble Airport Manager
Roberta Tharp City Recorder
Roy Sprout Public Works
Megan Banks Lane Council of
 Governments
Denise Walters Lane Council of
 Governments
Ken Jones City Attorney

Council Absent: (2) Alan Brown, Ron Petitti

Press: 1

Audience: 13

1. Interchange Area Master Plan (IAMP) Work Session – Megan Banks – Lane Council of Governments

Acting Mayor Tim Demanett opened the meeting at 5:55 p.m., noting there was not a quorum at this time.

Carl Springer with EKS Associates addressed the Council presenting a brief power point presentation on the Interchange Area Master Plan (IAMP) and Transportation System Update (TSP) he has been working on for the City with funds from a Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant. Mr. Springer said he is looking for feedback and information for the process of updating the transportation plan with a twenty-year forecast showing how the City may grow and need for new infrastructure as well as adjustments to existing transportation services. The current TSP was completed in 1998 and the population forecast for Creswell has grown since that time.

Mr. Springer said the purpose of this project is to update the TSP to respond to anticipated growth, to add and refine major street improvements, add local street connectivity plan, develop access management plans near the I-5 interchange, and ensure consistency with state planning guidelines. To date Mr. Springer has completed inventory and assessment of how traffic currently operates, made forecasts for the city to the year of 2027 estimating the population to be approximately 7500, identified locations where new roadway improvement will be needed and developed a few alternatives for growth. Mr. Springer identified some of the issues he has come across such as; the train blocking traffic on Oregon Avenue backing up onto the I-5 mainline, the “Z” pattern for Highway 99 traffic, short turning radii on corners at Oregon Avenue and Mill Street and the new signals at the Southbound ramps of the I-5 interchange not activated yet.

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Mr. Springer stated the main focus is really right around the interchange area and is looking at the state highway between Front Street and Dale Kuni Road and all the intersections in between.

Acting Mayor Tim Demanett said at this time the planning commission does have a quorum.

The purpose of the access management plan is to balance mobility and safety said Mr. Springer. Statewide experience is the more driveways allowed, the greater the safety hazard. The goal is to reduce the number of access points along Oregon Avenue between I-5 and Mill Street.

Mr. Springer presented the statistics of reported crashes with more accidents happening at Hwy 99 than at the interchange during the period of 2001 thru 2005. A discussion ensued that since the time the previous report was done the reverse of the above is true, more accidents at the freeway interchange than at Front Street and Hwy 99 South.

Further discussion centered on the possibility of another off ramp from the freeway at Dale Kuni Road to alleviate some of the traffic on Oregon Avenue especially when traffic is rerouted through Creswell due to a freeway closure. Mr. Springer said the problem is Dale Kuni isn't within the City Limits.

Mr. Springer reviewed some of the options to relieve the "Z" pattern for Highway 99 by routing traffic in different patterns or widening Oregon Avenue which Mr. Springer doesn't think would allow enough of a right a way area. On the east side of the freeway there are more opportunities as there is more property to work with such as realigning Ziniker Road to be opposite Emerald Parkway. Discussion ensued about traffic lights at intersections and a protected green arrow to turn north onto Mill Street at Oregon Avenue as well as improving and widening the railroad crossing.

Mr. Springer said he has received feedback from property owners within the area who have concerns about losing access to business along the state highway, who also feel a five-lane section is not consistent with small town environment but are generally supportive of some type of grid system in the southwest quadrant.

The next steps are a formal evaluation of alternatives and development of a "hybrid" preferred alternative, preparation of an access management plan for state highways within the study area and preparation of a draft IAMP and TSP Update. The IAMP will then need to be approved by the City, then the County and lastly the State.

2. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council and Planning Commission, Acting Mayor Tim Demanett adjourned the meeting.

Tim Demanett, Mayor

Roberta J Tharp, City Recorder