

Sunrise Corridor Community Visioning

Steering Committee #2 – Draft Meeting Summary

March 20, 2024, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Sunrise Water Utility Building, 7563 SE Armstrong Court/Circle Sunrise Water, 17563 SE Armstrong Court/Circle

Committee Members

At the meeting: Mark Aasland, Mike Cebula, KeDarious Colbert, Ariadna Falcon Gonzalez, Lizbeth Hale, Diana Helm, Marc Kilman-Burnham, Alan Lehto, Mishayla Richardson, Ramona Perrault (representing Christine Lewis), Monica Di Pietrantonio, Brett Sherman, Kimberly Swan, Rian Windsheimer, Tracy Moreland, Daryl Woods

Absent:

Dan Occhipinti, Kathy Hyzy, Christine Lewis, Paul Savas

Public Attendance

In person: two community members attended.

Listening via Zoom: Alia Long, Rebecca Stavenjord, Scott Turnoy

Staff in Attendance

- Clackamas County – Jamie Stasny, Karen Buehrig, Ellen Rogalin
- Jacobs – Ana Jovanovic, Jamey Dempster
- JLA – Kristen Kibler, Esme Schornstein

Meeting Summary

Welcome and Introductions

Kristen Kibler began the meeting with a welcome, an overview of the agenda and meeting purpose, and meeting agreements and guidelines for participation.

All staff and committee members were asked to introduce themselves.

Review/Adopt Committee Charter

Kristen Kibler introduced the committee charter for discussion and final adoption. It had been updated with comments and feedback received after the first Steering Committee meeting.

Jamie Stasny went over what the charter includes: purpose, membership, responsibilities, and other procedures. She and Kristen emphasized how they want the charter to be supported by the group; they want group support or consensus on moving forward. The group agreed that when decisions to move forward were needed, support would be needed by 75% of the steering committee members present at the meeting. There were some questions from multiple steering committee members about the specific



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details of the 75% support idea. This was clarified by Jamie Stasny who noted that it is 75% support of present members, not of overall members. The project team will make every effort to schedule meetings that work for the most committee members and provide information in advance so that committee members can submit comments in advance if they are not able to attend. The group adopted the Committee Charter with the clarifications about what group support would be needed to move forward when decisions are needed – 75% of the committee members present.

Mishayla Richardson, Steering Committee Member, asked if there was a way to have more leeway with meeting attendance, stating that the meetings should be planned out further in advance.

Kristen Kibler responded by proposing the idea to have a re-occurring meeting time so that it can be on the calendar further out. The next meeting had tentatively been scheduled for May 29 but many did not have this on calendars. A new meeting poll would be sent out. [June 5 was later selected via email].

Project Update/Committee Timeline

Clackamas County Project Manager Jamie Stasny gave an updated overview of the project and emphasized how community engagement makes up most of this project. The intent is to have a vision “adopted in 2025.” Clackamas County and partner agencies may all have approval processes to incorporate elements of the vision into plans. All partners will need to be part of implementation.

Community Engagement

Diana Helm, Steering Committee member mentioned how last meeting there was discussion about people/communities who have been left out of this conversation, specifically underrepresented communities. She asked if anyone had reached out to them.

Jamie Stasny let her know that some engagement has been occurring. Diana Helm clarified that she was specifically asking about residents in mobile homes and mobile home parks.

Kristen Kibler reviewed the community engagement activities and efforts over the last few months. Jamie Stasny asked how [we] can reach the community members that are the most impacted. “How can we do this together? This is a people project.”

Jamie Stasny shared that Ping Khaw, who manages Community Engagement Liaisons, is and will be leading culturally focused outreach efforts, including meetings in Vietnamese, Russian, and Spanish. Ping recently led an equitable engagement community meeting to introduce community members to the project and find out how people may want to engage. The engagement team is asking people how they want to participate and receive information and adapting in the future. Jamie explained the project team is also bringing together a ‘Leadership Cohort’ which will be designed to actively remove barriers to participation and encourage capacity in new community leaders. This has been successful on other large projects and has not been done yet in Clackamas County.

Committee members said they need more advance notice for Sunrise Corridor Community Visioning events (steering committee meetings and open house). Mike Cebula, steering committee member, stated that “20



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days isn't enough notice for attendance. People are busy! Typically, 30 days' notice is standard." This was in response to the April 10th open house date, which had recently been set.

Mishayla Richardson, Steering Committee member, asked if the 2020 Sunrise Gateway Concept will be shown at the open house on April 10th. She asked if engagement activities will be able to address what's already been done in the past and not just the "fluff." She wants the community to be able to share their hopes/needs.

This led Jamie Stasny to breakdown the engagement timeline for the major goals of spring, fall, and winter, which will ensure that meetings are scheduled further out in advance.

Kristen Kibler also added to this that, the April 10th open house will set the stage for the engagement schedule and more opportunities will be included.

Draft Goals (Based on what we've heard)

Kristen Kibler prefaced the presentation of the goals -- goals are what we are aiming for through this project, not necessarily the solution or actions to get there.

Jamey Dempster went over the draft goals.

1. Create an inclusive, safe multimodal transportation network for all that enhances travel opportunities for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit-riders

- Create a bicycle network that is interconnected, safe for all users, and gets people where they want to go.
- Create an interconnected pedestrian network that includes continuous sidewalks, effective ADA integration, lighting and amenities.
- Create a connected transit system that helps people get to jobs, services, and homes, and integrates with first- and last-mile solutions.
- Enhance regional mobility for residents, employees and businesses by minimizing traffic congestion on OR 212 and other major roadways.
- Provide local roadways that facilitate the movement of goods to support and attract local jobs and businesses.

2. Support the growth of economic development opportunities

- Assess and monitor existing facilities and buildings to support changing business and community needs.
- Create a financially sustainable community where public investment has direct benefits to job opportunities.
- Support or expand workforce opportunities in industries that provide livable wages to improve self-sufficiency of individuals and families.

3. Preserve and enhance local identity, including historical and cultural assets

- Identify how historical and cultural resources can be honored and shared to enrich the quality of life.
- Identify and enhance environmental features that promote community identity and create positive connections.
- Identify and develop elements such as landscaping and public art that support local identity and community development.



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4. Promote complete communities to meet the basic needs of all residents in the community

- Enable a diverse range of housing options, including those already present, to accommodate the needs of all people in the community and protect existing residents.
- Encourage a full spectrum of employment and workforce jobs.
- Protect and expand spaces for gathering, socializing, and sharing cultural and artistic expression.
- Promote training and educational opportunities that allow individuals to improve their quality of life.

5. Enhance health and well-being

- Provide healthy open spaces linking natural environments for people and wildlife.
- Promote public health, safe movement, and active lifestyles through infrastructure, open space and programming.
- Reduce exposure to air, water, noise, light and other pollution, especially in and around the Clackamas River Watershed.
- Protect and enhance access to natural resources in the study area, including the Clackamas River.

6. Create lasting improvements through coordination and partnership

- Create public-private partnerships to develop and advance coordinated strategies to improve the community.
- Build individual and community capacity to work together to implement shared goals and objectives.
- Provide opportunities for every interested person to engage in the community, especially those in historically marginalized populations.

Kristen Kibler then went on to introduce the participation activity to the steering committee. Each goal was printed out and posted around the room. Everyone had 7 minutes at each goal “station” which had staff members (Jacobs and Clackamas County) to help with conversation and notetaking. Committee members were asked to give feedback and talk through the goals at each station.

Small groups/Steering Committee Discussion/Report Back

After committee members moved around in small groups to discuss the goals and give their feedback on them, everyone returned. Kristen Kibler facilitated a “report back” where each station facilitator shared the main takeaways from the goal discussions. Here are the goals and respective takeaways with each team member noted. The team members also shared their written notes after the meeting.

Goal 1: Create an inclusive, safe multimodal transportation network for all that enhances travel opportunities for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit-riders (Jamey Dempster)

- To ensure that this project work connects (and continues to connect) with other projects nearby
- Bringing the idea of resiliency in terms of transportation
- Emphasizing safety: more emergency vehicle access/routes, earthquake safety, safe routes for students to schools
- Understanding what it means to be a primary statewide corridor and what does this mean from an economic standpoint?

Goal 2: Support the growth of economic development opportunities (Jamie Stasny)

- Idea of right services and the right locations



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- Attracting midlevel businesses that pay livable wages
- How can we remove economic barriers?
- Making economic development lower impact from an environmental sustainability standpoint

Goal 3: Preserve and enhance local identity, including cultural and civic assets (Ellen Rogalin)

- Idea that you cannot preserve what isn't there anymore
- Bring back older civic sites—parks?
- Preserving cultural aspects that are important to indigenous communities and the people of Sunrise Corridor—think the view of Mt. Hood, for example.
- Celebrate cultural and civic assets in a positive way, maybe adding landmarks?

Goal 4: Promote complete communities to meet the basic needs of all residents in the community (Kristen Kibler)

- There were lots of anti-displacement conversations for existing residents
- idea of keeping people working closer to their homes
- Promote training and educational programs, think partnerships between businesses and high school. Providence?

Goal 5: Enhance health and well-being (Ana Jovanovic)

- Goal is too short and not well defined, but on the flip side it is able to remain flexible
- reducing air, water, noise, and light pollution was emphasized
- Include sustainability in this goal

Goal 6: Create lasting improvements through coordination and partnership (Karen Buehrig)

- Focusing on inter-governmental relationships and multi-agency relationships for long-term success. This was especially emphasized for transportation.
- Think about investments in terms of certain facilities
- Support transparency regarding engagement and communication—continue this to allow people to connect and partner with each other.

Kristen Kibler then asked the steering committee if there was anything missing from goal discussion or if anyone wanted to add anything. The handwritten notes will be shared with the project team to revise the goals. The goals will come back to the Committee at the next meeting to be adopted.

Public Comments:

"We have a very defined study area. I am hoping to present a solution at the April 10th open house. However, it starts at Armstrong Circle. Do we have the ability to expand outside of our study area if a solution warrants it?"

Jamie Stasny responded that no, the project area is very strictly defined and cannot be changed.

Next steps:

- Public engagement coming up:
 - Open house April 10th at Adrienne C Nelson High School
 - Online activities: open house and survey April 10th-24th
- The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting is in late April.
- Next Steering Committee meeting is on ~~May 29th~~ [update to June 5 after this meeting via email] where the committee will confirm goals and provide additional input.



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- Jamie Stasny asked the steering committee to let her know of any specific groups in the Sunrise Corridor that would like a presentation or if any committee members have additional ideas on how to better reach residents for engagement.

