

Sunrise Corridor Community Visioning

Steering Committee #4 Draft Meeting Summary

Wednesday, September 4, 2024 5:30-7:30 p.m.

City of Happy Valley Hall 16000 SE Misty Drive, Happy Valley

(This was an in-person meeting, with a virtual option.)

Committee Members

At the meeting: Mark Aasland, Mike Cebula, Kedarious Colbert, Cindy Detchon, Christine Lewis, Alia Long, Lizbeth Hale, Paul Savas, Brett Sherman Tracy Moreland, Paul Savas, Rob Wheeler, Cassie Wilson, Rian Windsheimer, Daryl Woods

Absent: Diana Helm, Alan Lehto, Dan Occhipinti, Jana Jarvis, Marc Kilman-Burnham, Mishayla Richardson, Monica Di Pietrantonio, Rebecca Stavenjord, Kimberly Swan

Public Attendance

Public attendance: no members of the public were present in-person or online.

Staff in Attendance

- Clackamas County – Jamie Stasny, Mike Bezner
- Jacobs – Jamey Dempster, Ana Jovanovic
- JLA – Kristen Kibler, Esme Schornstein
- Kittelson & Associates – Marc Butorac

On Zoom: Brittany Robinson, Krista Purser, Ellen Rogalin

Meeting Summary

Welcome and Introductions

Jamie Stasny and Kristen Kibler welcomed everyone to the meeting, reviewed meeting agreements, and meeting purpose. Committee members and staff introduced themselves. There are several new members appointed to replace members who were no longer able to attend meetings or added to ensure an interest is being considered. New members are Cindy Detchon (North Clackamas School District), Jana Jarvis (Oregon Trucking Association), Rob Wheeler (Clackamas Community College Board), and Cassie Wilson (1000 Friends of Oregon).

Purpose of Meeting

- Update on project
- Update on regional transportation coordination – FEIS and Sunrise Gateway Concept
- Overview of draft strategies
 - What we heard from committees in July/August

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- Upcoming community engagement

Project Update

Jamie Stasny announced the upcoming open house and reviewed the project timeline including activities that occurred over the summer.

Update on Sunrise Gateway Concept

Marc Butorac reviewed the Sunrise Gateway Concept and its history.

He discussed the current status of the Gateway Concept, how it is incorporated into the Sunrise Corridor Community Visioning process, and its importance for freight, regional and local mobility. Comments and questions included:

- How east to west travel is facilitated and how development impacts travel in the Sunrise Corridor.
- What specifically is within the boundaries of the Gateway Concept
- Current condition of roads within the boundaries of the Gateway Concept and if they can handle increasing levels of traffic
- How travel patterns change, for example the movement from 212 to SE 135th or north toward Happy Valley
- Potential bike and pedestrian facilities from north to south
 - Marc explained that there will be a grade-separated multi-use bike/pedestrian path from 122nd to 172nd; path users would not cross large intersections frequently.

Marc spoke about how traffic patterns will change under the Gateway Concept, specifically how traffic will be pulled away from the current Rock Creek junction.

Jamie Stasny noted the importance of adding services to this area to reduce trips for residents and businesses. She also mentioned that there is a possibility of using Regional Flexible Funds—a funding source that Metro is considering through bonding. Christine Lewis (Metro) gave some additional information about the process for applying for the “flex-funds.”

Overview of Scenarios and Strategies

Jamey Dempster went over the project goals and then presented the strategies proposed to address issues and achieve the goals and objectives (see Steering Committee Meeting #3 for goals & objectives). He also shared how the Sunrise Gateway Corridor Concept is incorporated into these goals. The following are highlights of the presentation and discussion:

Land Use Strategies:

- Anti-displacement
- Commercial and residential land use
- Conflicting land-use types
- Smart growth parking policies
- Enhancing neighborhoods with urban design and character
- Current Issues with Land Use:
 - High percentage of light industrial land
 - Underdeveloped and underutilized land
 - Displacement risk and lack of housing options

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- Conflicting land issues
- Lack of neighborhood character
- Land Use Strategies – Steering Committee discussion:
 - The importance of using explicit anti-displacement strategies such as funding
 - Concern regarding the lack of accommodation for technology—such as the ability to charge electric cars
 - How locations for greenspaces and open spaces might be impacted by population growth

Regional Connectivity Strategies:

- Sunrise Phase 2 (Gateway Concept)
- Safety improvements
- Walking and biking connections
- Transit enhancements
- Use Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies
- Current Issues with Regional Connectivity:
 - Network insufficient for regional mobility needs
 - Safety issues are prevalent along the corridor
 - Limited walking, biking, and transit options.
- Regional Connectivity Strategies – Steering Committee discussion:
 - This had occurred in a previous agenda item with Jacobs

Open Space & Community Identity Strategies:

- Multi-modal connections to natural spaces
- Enhance river access points
- Multi-use and natural trails
- Enhance and develop parks
- Current Issues with Open Space & Community Identity:
 - Neighborhood level open space and parks
 - Access and connection to the Clackamas River
 - Multi-modal trails and walking paths
 - Community spaces to create a sense of place
- Open Space & Community Identity Strategies – Steering Committee discussion: none

Public Health Strategies:

- Access to open spaces and the natural environment
- Reduce heat island effects
- Environmental quality monitoring
- Current Issues with Public Health:
 - Healthy air, local heat and tree cover, access to natural areas, and community connections
- Public Health Strategies – Steering Committee discussion:
 - How are heat islands measured? Is this something that can be tangibly measured?

Safe and Connected Mobility Strategies:

- Safe and interconnected sidewalks networks

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- Safe and interconnected bike hub
- Truck parking hub freight access
- Safe crossings
- Physical connectivity
- Develop mobility hub
- Increase transit service
- Current Issues with Safe and Connected Mobility:
 - Limited multimodal options, network is insufficient for truck and freight needs.
 - Large land use parcels have limited cut-through access.
- Safe and Connected Mobility Strategies – Steering Committee discussion:
 - What will these strategies look like? For example, what will a bike lane look like? [There are some cross-section examples that can be shared. Some are in the slides.]

Economic Development Strategies:

- Explore code and zoning amendments to reach goals around mixed-use, economic development, and access
- Ensure that development and design standards are aligned with modern industrial facilities
- Attract, retain and cultivate firms in key sectors
- Partnerships between industry and higher education to bolster the STEM workforce pipeline
- Current Issues with Economic Development:
 - Industry concentrations and a diversifying economic base
 - Vacant opportunity areas
 - Limited development activity and aging properties
 - Infrastructure and land readiness
- Economic Development Strategies – Steering Committee discussion:
 - The “vacant lands” designation may be misleading on the map – not vacant for other development. Some of these properties are vacant but have planned development (North Clackamas School District, Providence, etc.).

Kristen asked Steering Committee members to talk in pairs about which strategies they are most excited about and their initial reactions. Members then reported back from their discussions:

- Some people have a long history of the area and of the FEIS work
- Importance of planning short-term versus long-term
- How transportation affects development and vice versa
- The importance of actually completing pedestrian networks (especially around schools and when kids don't have access to buses)
- The notion of doing placemaking in terms of connecting commercial and residential, etc.
- How land parcels are marked on the maps – there is more known than what shows on the maps
- Reducing heat islands and considerations for lands in the industrial area
- How many changes are in the Rock Creek area and how that will shift travel and more. What will this mean in terms of development in those new higher traffic areas?

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

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Next steps

Jamie Invited members to participate in and spread the word about the upcoming open house and online survey. She emphasized the importance of having Steering Committee members share the open house notification with their networks.

- **Public Open House – Tuesday, September 24 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Adrienne C. Nelson High School**
- Clackamas County Business Alliance Luncheon (registration through CCBA, it is their event) – Monday September 30
- Oregon Legislature Joint Committee on Transportation Hearing (statewide tour) – one is being held in Happy Valley/Clackamas County on September 26 at Adrienne C. Nelson High School– requires sign up for in-person or online testimony. Written comments also accepted.