

Sunrise Corridor Community Visioning

Steering Committee #1 – Draft Meeting Summary

January 31, 2024, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Adrienne C. Nelson High School, 14897 SE Parklane Dr, Happy Valley

Committee Members

At the meeting: Mark Aasland, Mike Cebula, KeDarious Colbert, Christine Lewis, Diana Helm, Kathy Hyzy, Marc Kilman-Burnham, Alan Lehto, Mishayla Richardson, Monica Di Pietrantonio, Paul Savas, Brett Sherman, Rebecca Stavenjord, Rian Windsheimer, Tracy Moreland, Daryl Woods

Absent: Ariadna Falcon Gonzalez, Lizbeth Hale, Alia Long, Dan Occhipinti, Kimberly Swan

Public Attendance

In person: Jan Lindstrom, Amy Nichols, Martha Schrader

On Zoom: Marrion Kaufman, J Plaza, Scott Turnoy, Brent Ahrend, Sapana Patel, Kathy N, Joe Hepburn, Chris Hawes, Amanda Rhoades (KOIN news), phone participant

Staff in Attendance

- Clackamas County – Jamie Stasny, Karen Buehrig, Ellen Rogalin
- JLA – Kristen Kibler, Stacy Zurcher, Sam Beresky
- Jacobs – Ana Jovanovic, Brittany Robinson (online), Liz McLane (online)

Meeting Summary

Welcome and introductions

Kristin 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 and say why they were participating in the committee.

Project overview

Clackamas County Project Manager Jamie Stasny gave an overview of the project including area cultural, transportation and economic history. She spoke about the process goals for the visioning work and involving the community.

Themes that have been raised for the Sunrise Corridor Community Visioning process include:

- Access & accessibility
- Anti-displacement,
- Climate & environment,



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- Resilience
- Sustainability
- Economic development
- Equitable community engagement
- Health
- Land use & housing
- Mobility & safety
- Multi-modal travel (transit, bike, pedestrian, all vehicles)
- Highway -- safety crossings for highway and other travelers to access to the highway
- Livability
- Sense of place
- Culture – cohesion – social connections
- Partnerships – coordination and communication among entities,
- Enhance community
- Reuse existing assets

Committee charter

Kristen presented the draft committee charter and asked members to review it between now and the next meeting to provide feedback. At the next meeting, they will be asked to adopt a charter and document how they will work toward making recommendations. (See Draft Charter document).

Questions

- Will this visioning process get us to being ready to apply for funding to implement elements of the vision? *Yes, the plan is to be able to seek/advocate for funding for implementation of projects or actions adopted in the vision.*
- There is a current Federal Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) from 2010 related to transportation in this area. Will this work need to be re-done? *The consultant team is knowledgeable about the past work and connecting it with this process.*

Background

To help the group think about the variety of topics and issues that will be explored during the process, Ana Jovanovic provided current area data and existing conditions including jobs and economy, community, housing, community health, and mobility and safety.

Small groups

Committee members moved into small groups to talk about their experiences in the area and add comments to an area map about locations of concern or where things are working well. Each group was also asked to respond to four questions: ***What is working in the corridor? What is not working in the corridor? What specific issues need to be addressed in this visioning process? Who is missing from the conversation that we need to reach out to?*** Those responses, which are below, were then shared with the entire Steering Committee.



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What is working in the corridor? (+indicates another person sharing similar response)

- Phase 1 helped west of 122nd +
- Shuttle – existing
- Development and new businesses at 212/135th and at 120th have been good, AMR providing services +
- Diversity of jobs
- Expressway took pressure off, getting around is better +
- 212 functions as local road
- Windswept Waters is on industrial power grid – neighborhood never seems to lose power!
- Residents close to river, country
- Having strong, three lane connection into the corridor
- Location is central to many locations
- Was relatively affordable

What is not working in the corridor?

- Residential connection to services, schools, parks +
- Multimodal connections needed +
- Rock Creek Junction – flow, takes forever, terrible merge, competing interests, no ped/bike way to cross.
- Limited access to the schools – *group highlight*
- 135th – bad pedestrian experience
- Ped path along Phase 1 doesn't really go anywhere
- 212/224 -> 212 narrowing, paramedics reporting accidents
- Traffic – can't get to housing in Happy Valley
- Opportunity for better and more restaurants and shopping (markets, healthy food shopping)
- Access to the river
- Dangerous at SE 122nd
- Disconnect between east and west
- Connectivity
- Trail connections
- Future project growth
- Congestion and speed on 212 and at 212/224 split – *group highlight*
- 130th and Jennifer stop light – sometimes people drive through it
- Need improved access to schools, the only access is via Rock Creek
- Problems with narrowing of lanes on Hwy 212
- Congestion in Damascus
- Signal out of Trillium is not a protected left turn, people do not yield
- 152nd does not have a light at Hwy 212, limited access, not safe route
- Congestion around rush hour with people leaving jobs

What specific issues need to be addressed in this visioning process?

- River access +
- Public spaces +
- Transit services +



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- Safety crossing the highways – *group highlight*
- Walking paths or continuous sidewalks (especially routes to schools, nature, and parks from within neighborhoods) ++ - *group highlight*
- Very distinct socio-economic separations, how to bring groups together – *group highlight*
- Lighting throughout the area
- How do people who live there get to schools, jobs, services, at specific times of day
- Preserve affordable housing with services
- Tourism traffic coming west off Highway 26
- Access to the Providence site
- Improved safety for people walking and taking the bus and access for elderly and people with disabilities ++
- Electric charging stations
- Shift of uses along old highway
- What goes on new transportation facility(ies)
- This area is an East-West corridor
- The relationship between the industrial uses and residential areas
- Connections to outside areas

Who is missing from the conversation that we need to reach out to?

- Mobile home community +
- Youth
- Residents, especially low income residents
- People on 82nd Drive
- Employees in industrial area especially – *group highlight*
- Homeowner associations
- Bookstore
- Anti-displacement
- Public transit users
- Rural residents accessing medical services

Map Comments:

Some key locations that were marked:

- Fred Meyer on SE 82nd Drive
- Safeway Distribution on SE Evelyn and Jennifer Street
- Camp Withycombe on Highway 224
- Veterans Village on SE Jennifer Street
- Fred Meyer Distribution at Highway 212 and SE 122nd Avenue
- Mobile homes on SE 135th Avenue and Hwy 212, Hwy 224 after the river bend
- Providence site north of Highway 212 (east edge of project area)

Other comments and notes

- Access to river recreation, TriMet +



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- S Clackamas River Drive
- Not affordable housing, beware of displacement by cost and/or development
 - Highway 212, between SE 98th Avenue and Piazza Ave (housing)
- Shift work / industrial transportation access to freeway
 - SE Evelyn Street & SE Jennifer St
- Water quality protection
 - S Clackamas River Drive
- Pedestrian conflicts at Highway 212 & SE 135th Ave. intersection
- Accidents +
 - Clackamas Highway 224 and Highway 212
- Jobs and education
 - Between Highway 212 and SE 172nd Avenue
- Provide residential or health care
 - Highway 212
- No services
 - SE Sunnyside Rd
- School needed
 - SE Sunnyside Rd
- Services (shop, hotel, food, bookstore)
 - I 205
- Future middle school?
 - SE 162nd next to high school
- Barrier between community and schools
 - Highway 212
- People don't follow rules
 - Highway 224
- Congestion on Hwy 212 between Highway 224 and SE 135th Avenue
- More transit use at Maple Lane residential area on Hwy 212

Stop light needed at SE 130th Ave and Jennifer Street

The Steering Committee had a closing conversation focused on “What are your hopes for this project?” Responses included the following:

- Be able to do the things that are envisioned in this process +
- This corridor is a driver in the county, for building up businesses.
- Safety: for drivers but especially for people crossing highway and kids needing to get to school and around neighborhoods. +++++
- More access to Clackamas River, and a nice, accessible park on “this” side of bluff.
- Development activity can include equity and a real “sense of place.”
- Connectivity within bike/ped/transit facilities, and connectivity to other areas.
- Reach consensus on something exciting. Increase safety/comfort to reach new sites.
- Build something for all residents. Legislature to take on funding to move forward.
- A vision that includes indigenous contributions and communities.
- Health equity, good soil, air, water, for better community.



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- Anti-displacement priority
- No one left behind. Hear all voices and include in process
- Hope to bring this group together in a unanimous voice to make this happen and move forward.
- Vibrant community for businesses as well as residents, and others looking for recreation. +
- Guest comment: Safety, transit, access.
- Alignment: come together and take action for a viable project.

Next steps:

- Proposed dates for the next two meetings are March 20 and May 29. At least one person is unavailable March 20, but others agreed they are available. 4th Wednesdays of the month are generally a good day to meet.
- Most members prefer in-person meetings to virtual meetings.
- Optional meeting locations include Happy Valley City Hall, Sunrise Water, and the Safeway meeting room.

Attached:

- Photos of maps from four discussion table groups
- Photos of notes from four discussion table groups

