



SALEM CONGESTION TASK FORCE
April 20, 2018
Traffic Control Center Conference Room 325
MEETING NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chuck Bennett, Mayor
Cara Kaser, Councilor
Chris Hoy, Councilor
Jim Lewis, Councilor

MEMBERS ABSENT

CITY STAFF

Peter Fernandez, Public Works Director
Robert Chandler, Assistant Public Works Director
Kevin Hottmann, City Traffic Engineer
Julie Warncke, Transportation Planning Manager
Carol McMann, Staff Assistant

OTHER

Scott Mansur, DKS
Jenna Hills, DKS
Julie Fischer, Cogito
Terry Cole, ODOT
Mike Jaffe, MWVCOG

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:04am. Each member briefly introduced themselves.

2. AGENDA REVIEW and Meeting #1 Recap:

The Task Force reviewed the agenda and meeting goals. The first meeting was recapped including goals and processes, key transportation issues, current policies and constraints. The Task Force members affirmed their approval of the Task Force Operating Agreement.

3. EVALUATION CRITERIA:

The Task Force reviewed and approved the evaluation criteria.

4. FUTURE TRANSPORTATION CONDITIONS:

Scott Mansur presented information on future transportation conditions.

5. TRANSPORTATION SOLUTION IDEAS:

Julie Fischer provided an overview of the on-line questionnaire that was used to solicit ideas from the public. A total of 1300 questionnaires were submitted, resulting in 99 pages of ideas. Scott Mansur provided an overview of the range of ideas organized into those previously identified; suggestions for additional lanes; ramp modifications; removing weaving and lane changes on bridges; improved operations, and other. Transportation Demand Management ideas were also presented, although not within the scope of this study. Task Force members were asked if any ideas should be dropped from consideration at this time. There was agreement to completely avoid ideas that would impact Gilbert House Complex and the ability

to continue using the Union Street Bridge for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The Task Force wanted to consider roundabouts if appropriate.

5. WRAP-UP AND NEXT STEPS:

The Task Force reviewed the meeting schedule. The meeting scheduled for May 4, 2018 is canceled and that an additional meeting in July is needed since the schedule was pushed out with the cancelation of the March meeting. The next meeting will look at the ideas more in depth with the goal of choosing three ideas for further analysis.

The next scheduled meeting will take place Friday, May 18, 2018, 7AM. The Task Force requested that the meeting on May 18 be two hours.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Note: Audio recording of meeting is available on our City of Salem Website, <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/congestion-relief-task-force.aspx>, under "Meeting Minutes".

You can request a transcript or an alternate format by contacting:

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