



SALEM CONGESTION TASK FORCE
June 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, PE, Public Works Director
Robert Chandler, PE, Assistant Public Works Director
Kevin Hottmann, PE, 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 7:02am.

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND MEETING #3 RECAP:

The Task Force reviewed the agenda and meeting goals. The Task Force was given options for both the Marion and Center Street Bridges. Scott Mansur was going to talk to ODOT before this meeting and provide their feedback.

3. ODOT COORDINATION ON SOLUTIONS PACKAGES:

Scott Mansur presented information from his meeting with ODOT officials on the ability to make changes to the existing bridges. The issue of seismic upgrade and timeline was discussed. Center Street Bridge would be the only bridge ODOT would seismically retrofit.

4. ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUPPORT SOLUTION PACKAGES

Julie Warncke presented several suggestions that could accompany a recommended solution package. These are beyond the scope of the current project. Ideas were pulled from public input and the 2010 Salem River Crossing Alternate Modes Study.

5. PERFORMANCE OF SOLUTIONS PACKAGES:

Scott Mansur presented the solution packages with the added ODOT information. It was determined that solution packages #1 and #2 did not improve performance in the study area and were dropped from further consideration. Solution package #4 is the only remaining option for the Marion Street Bridge. ODOT has significant concerns with Package 4a, which includes the Marine Drive off-ramp. Only solution package #1 was feasible for the Center Street Bridge. Scott explained why these were the only feasible options.

6. SUMMARY MATRIX OF SOLUTION PACKAGES:

The Task Force discussed each solution package and the building cost associated with each package, as well as analysis of what congestion would be like 10 years following construction. The Task Force requested more short-term, minimal cost solutions such as a trolley, signage, and park and ride lots.

7. WRAP-UP AND NEXT STEPS:

The Task Force discussed the future meeting schedule. The next meeting, scheduled for August 3, 2018, will look at short-term and more cost effective ideas. The goal of the next meeting will be to narrow down what ideas the Task Force wants to bring to City Council.

The next scheduled meeting will take place Friday, August 3, 2018, from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 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".

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