

Northeast Neighbors (NeN), General Meeting Minutes - November 12, 2019

Gilham Community Church

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Attendance: 93, including 6 board members, 2 elected officials, 15 presenters

Elected Officials: State Senator Manning; County Commissioner Farr

ODOT: Frannie Brindle, Area Manager; Mollie Cary, Project Manager; Steve Templin, Resident Engineer; Angela Beers Seydel, Public Information Officer; Shane Prohaska, Assistant Resident Engineer

Jacobs (engineering and technical services): Jason Nolin, Transportation Planner; Heather Carroll, Project Manager; Steven Vander Giessen, Jacobs Senior Design Engineer

Kittelson & Associates (transportation engineers): Brian Ray, Senior Principal Engineer

Hamilton Construction (based in Springfield): Karl Stelljes, Project Manager

Cogito (public engagement services): Ellen Teninty, Partner; Christian Watchie, Partner

City of Eugene: Chris Henry, Transportation Planning Engineer

Lane County: Becky Taylor, Senior Transportation Planner

350Eugene: Ashley Kim, UofO Student

September 24 Annual Meeting Minutes: approved unanimously

Creekside Park update: David Martin, \$22,000 collected (cans, bottles, cash); need another \$8000; have secured a matching grant; working on new design for picnic shelter, which will need City approval

Introduction of Elected Officials: Rick Edwards introduced State Senator James Manning and Luanda, his wife

Introduction of Santa Clara Community Organization guests: Kate Perle, Chair; Jerry Finnegan; Matt Vohs

ODOT Construction Work on Delta/Beltline Interchange (Shane Prohaska, Karl Stelljes, Angela Beers Seydel)

- Project has been awarded to Hamilton Construction (based in Springfield). Work will start in December 2019 and run for two years. Total construction cost is \$13.5 million.
- Goals of this project: facilitate traffic on Delta Hwy northbound and increase safety at the interchange.
- Disruption and delays will occur during the two years. All current traffic flows through the interchange will be able to continue, though at times this will involve using temporary ramps or detours.
- Sequence of construction:

Stage I, December 2019-May 2020: Reconstruct ramp from Goodpasture Island Road onto northbound Delta Hwy (to bring it into conformity with current highway standards). Will involve ramp closures on weekends and nights.

Delta/Beltline Interchange Project

Project Status and Update

- Contractor:
Hamilton Construction Company
- Construction start:
December 2019
- Construction length:
Approximately two years



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Stage II, March 2020-September 2020: Initial work on new overpass specifically for northbound Delta Hwy traffic intending to enter Beltline westbound. Construction will have limited impact on traffic but will include occasional weekend lane closures and night work on Beltline Hwy.

Stage III, March 2020-October 2020: Alterations to Delta Hwy northbound entry lanes onto Beltline, bringing eastbound lanes up to contemporary standards and preparing to shift westbound traffic onto the new overpass and reconfigured loop ramp. Work will continue on the new overpass and bridge approaches. Beginning March 2020, temporary closure of ramp for Delta Hwy north onto Beltline east and expected six-week detour.

Stage IV, June 2020-May 2021: Extensive work affecting eastbound Beltline traffic exiting onto Delta Hwy (north and south) and northbound Delta Hwy traffic intending to continue onto N Delta Hwy rather than exiting onto Beltline. Ramp closures at night and traffic shifts during the day.

- Beltline traffic exiting south onto Delta Hwy will have a lane reconfigured to slow traffic.
- Beltline traffic exiting north onto Delta Hwy will use a new route, a lane leading it to a signaled intersection onto Delta Hwy. Existing loop ramp for that traffic will be removed.
- Northbound Delta Hwy traffic intending to continue onto N Delta Hwy will also have to pass through the new signaled intersection.



Stage V, April 2021-August 2021: Work shifting northbound Delta Hwy traffic onto the new overpass and reconfigured entry ramp onto Beltline east. Ten-day detour expected May 2021.

- Through all stages of construction, ODOT will observe the impact on existing traffic and work with the contractor (Hamilton) to make adjustments that mitigate inconvenience.
- Some of the reconfiguration meets requirements to anticipate future pedestrian, transit, and bicycle traffic even in locations where none occurs today.
- Sources of updates on construction work and impacts:
 - TripCheck: www.tripcheck.com
 - Flash Alerts: sign up at flashalert.net
 - ODOT project alerts: go to project page and click “Get Project Alerts” on bottom right hand side
 - Beltline/Delta Interchange Project page: google Delta Beltline construction or go to <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/project-details.aspx?project=19490>

- With any questions, google “Ask ODOT” to find FAQs and contact info or submit an email question. ODOT prides itself on its responsiveness.

ODOT Framework for Long-term Beltline Improvements (Mollie Cary, Brian Ray)

- Basis is the 2014 Beltline Facility Plan. Total projected cost: over \$300 million.
- Problems addressed: Beltline traffic over capacity, congestion, crashes (typically low impact).
- Chunks of the overall plan will be implemented as money becomes available.
- Can be broken into six chunks.
 - Delta/Beltline Interchange: replace the bridge, widen Delta Hwy southbound.
 - Local Arterial Bridge: from Delta Hwy to Division Ave and Hunsaker Lane.
 - Interchange at River Ave/Division Road: new interchange including overpass over Beltline and connection to Local Arterial Bridge.
 - Beltline Bridge over Willamette: new wider bridge with auxiliary lanes to River Ave/Division Rd.
 - Beltline Auxiliary Lanes: complete auxiliary lanes from River Ave/Division to River Road Interchange and improve River Road off-ramps.
 - Division Avenue: wider travel lanes and multi-use path.
 - Only the Arterial Bridge is in the Transportation System Plan at present.



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A man with glasses and a checkered shirt is speaking at a podium. He is gesturing with his hands while talking into a microphone. The podium has a microphone and a small object on it. The background features a stone fireplace mantel with a decorative arrangement of flowers and fruit on the left, and two lit candles in a black holder on the right.

Questions About Local Traffic Impact (Chris Henry)

- Impact of Local Arterial Bridge: Should not see increase of traffic on Green Acres, N Delta Hwy, Ayres Road. The traffic that will use the Arterial Bridge is already using those local roads to go onto Beltline.
- Traffic already slow at 4-way stop at Green Acres/Crescent and Norkenzie: If the situation worsens, City may consider stop light or roundabout.

Gilham Road Upgrade (Becky Taylor)

- Succeeded in avoiding assessments on residents, a priority of Commissioner Farr.
- Got federal grants based on premise that kids will walk to school rather than being driven. Thus also have to deal with procedural regulation and wait until 2021 for funds.
- During 2020 will talk with neighbors impacted by the project.
- Ayres to Ashbury sidewalks on both sides; north of Ashbury sidewalk on one side.
- Lane asked for speed reduction to 25 mph (from current 35), but state set it at 30. At some point after sidewalk installation will do another speed study. New methodology for setting limits is likely to be in place and should allow lower limit.

Eugene Carbon Free Challenge (Ashley Kim, UofO Student)

- Report and website created by 350Eugene, a local affiliate of 350.org.
- The presentation gave facts on increasing carbon levels in the atmosphere and invited people to participate in a challenge to track personal carbon generation by signing up at the 350Eugene site.
- Google “350Eugene” to find the site, including all the presented data and the challenge.
- Any questions? Email eugenecarbonfreechallenge@350Eugene.org



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Driver Education Instructor Training (Becky Taylor and David Martin pinch hitting)

- Drivers Ed Teachers are desperately needed. It is no longer offered in schools.
- Tuition is paid for by ODOT. An opportunity for a side income.
- Sign up for training at triwou.org/projects/tse. Next course begins December 21.

Electric Vehicle Cash Rebates (Phil Barnhart)

- Learn about electric vehicles from Emerald Valley Electric Vehicle Assoc, www.EVeva.org
- For rebate info: goelectric.oregon.gov/incentives-rebates

Adjourned: 8:45 pm