

Des Moines City Council PS&T Committee Minutes – 06/04/09

Meeting called to order: 5:32 PM on June 4, 2009, in North Conference Room @ 21630 11th Avenue So., Des Moines WA 98198

Council Members

Dave Kaplan - Chairman
Dan Sherman - Mayor Pro Tem
Ed Pina

City Staff

Tony Piasecki - City Manager
Lorri Ericson - Asst. City Manager
Grant Fredricks - Director PB&PW
Dan Brewer, Asst. Dir. Transp. & Engineering
Len Madsen, Special Project Manager
Linda Wright – Administrative Asst.

Purpose/Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes April 2, 2009
2. Gateway Transportation - Prepare for presentation/discussion with SeaTac's Land Use and Parks Committee to identify both their and our policy issues and concerns; agree on how to address them; and discuss best way to present this project to their Committee.
3. King County Metro service reduction.
4. Distribute Draft of 6-Year TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) prior to PS&T Committee meeting June 11th and Public Hearing set for June 25th.

Approval of Minutes:

1. Minutes of April 2, 2009 were unanimously approved.
2. Gateway Project Outline for presentation to City of SeaTac was passed out and discussed:
 - Format for meeting: Have Mayor Sheckler or Chairman Kaplan introduce project accompanied by another Councilmember (Ed Pina) with staff to answer technical aspects - Len Madsen will be the lead for staff. Grant will notify SeaTac who is attending and speaking.
 - Purpose: To solicit SeaTac's support for this project which has benefit to both communities - they are inclined to believe it's competitive with their projects. Want to enhance the positive impacts and diminish the negative impacts for both communities so they won't feel it's competitive - but economically beneficial to them as well as Des Moines.
 - SR509 is playing a big part in SeaTac's issue...doesn't want the 24th/28th corridor to become the "south access" for Sea-Tac passengers. Have some zoning issues if non-conforming property can't be modified or further developed in various manners without zoning changes. Chairman Kaplan believes that SR509 won't be built unless there is an extraordinary circumstances such as a big windfall in money, real gridlock on I-5.
 - Development in either city will impact the other city's traffic...but each have opportunity to give traffic mitigation comments when development comes with traffic impact study and is sent to the other one for comments.
 - Believe Military Road and bridge overpass issues may be part of SeaTac's reluctance.
 - Our project is part of the PSRC 2030 vision as well as the City's Transportation Comp Plan.

- Had discussion on alternative alignments - feel the offset may be best to eliminate property take although the negative side is a non-straight roadway. If symmetrical with existing ROW centerline, the expanded roadway becomes very close to some residential frontage.
 - Need to bring before Council very soon before the alternative decision is made in the 30% design
 - Desire to have the project at 30% design by fall 2009 and completed by 2010 with construction in 2011.
 - Want to be careful meeting doesn't get bogged down in discussion of light rail.
3. Metro Service Reductions - Handout was passed out indicating % of reductions by location and usage and revenues. What stand does the City want to support - City of Des Moines wants to keep the routes even if frequency is reduced per Chairman Kaplan - if we lose a route it is much more difficult to get it back.
- Arrange for copy of handout for all Council members.
4. 6-Year Tip - Draft passed out along with Executive Summary indicating that no projects were added or deleted. Dates and monies were updated and some priorities were adjusted as shown on the summary. Will be discussed at the next PS&T 6/11 and Public Hearing scheduled for 6/25.

Adjourned 6:28 PM

Respectfully submitted – Linda Wright, Administrative Assistant