

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, November 13, 2012
Meeting Summary

Council

Kim Allen (Chair)
Tom Flynn
Hank Myers
John Stilin, (*Attending Councilmember*)

Staff

Tricia Thompson, Senior Engineer
Ron Crittenden, Engineering Manager
Don Cairns, Engineering Manager
Mike Haley, Senior Engineer
Pete Sullivan, Senior Planner
Eric McConaghy, Associate Planner
Jon Spangler, Engineering Manager
Lori Peckol, Planning Manager
Scott Thomasson, Engineering Manager
Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner
Peter Dane, Planner
Terry Marpert, Planner
Michelle M. McGehee, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:30 p.m.

Committee Chair Kim Allen opened the meeting, noted Council members in attendance, and overviewed the agenda.

Avondale Corridor Study Update

Ms. Tricia Thompson, Senior Engineer, and Mr. Ron Crittenden, Engineering Manager, provided an update on the Avondale Corridor Study. This study came out of the Greater Southeast Redmond Area Study which named the top five priority projects:

- Avondale Way bike lane improvements,
- Avondale Corridor Study,
- Avondale Road,
- Union Hill, and
- NE 70th extension.

The Avondale bike lanes are completed, the Avondale Corridor Study is in process, and the other three projects are scheduled farther out in the future. In 2010, the Council approved approximately \$100,000 to start work on the Avondale Corridor Study. That included traffic analysis, detailed intersection improvements for pedestrian crossings, and bus pull-outs.

General discussion ensued regarding if the study addresses residents' concerns about getting in and out of their neighborhoods during heavy traffic and if flashing yellow lights for left turns will be used.

Update on Bear Creek Rehabilitation

Mr. Mike Haley, Senior Engineer, stated that the design process for the Bear Creek Rehabilitation started in 2006 and has been in permitting with the Army Corps of engineers and the Native American Tribes since 2009. Recently, the purchase of the lower 1,500 feet of Bear Creek was completed. The permit should be issued before May 2013, and construction should start in the summer. Due to the delay in the permitting process, the Washington State Department of Transportation funding of eight million dollars for this project will need an extension.

Natural Resources Grants and Agreement Update

Mr. Jon Spangler, Engineering Manager, provided an update on several grants.

- The Tosh Creek Project:
 - King County Flood District grant in the amount of \$130,000.
 - King Conservation District grant in the amount of \$90,000, which will need approval at the November 20, 2012 Council meeting.
- Union Hill Road Project:
 - Department of Ecology grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 which will be used on the Southeast Redmond Pond B, a storm water facility.
- Overlake Water Quality Facility:
 - Department of Ecology grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.

Fire Station No. 11 Fuel Tanks

Mr. Jon Spangler, Engineering Manager, stated that fuel tanks at Fire Station No. 11 are no longer being used. When the tanks were cleaned, water and rust was found. The fueling site is going to be decommissioned and other fueling options are being considered. Recommendations will be brought to the Council.

Revisit Connection Fees for Scheid Property

Mr. Scott Thomasson, Engineering Manager, stated that Mr. and Ms. Scheid approached the Council for an adjustment to their connection fees. A letter was delivered through the City Clerk's office stating that Mr. Scheid is delaying the purchase of a water meter while waiting for the adjustment. His most recent request is to have his installation fee reduced. Mr. Thomasson would not recommend that because it is a fee charged to everyone. The Council is not required to take action on this, but if Council were to take action, Mr. Thomasson advises that they can reduce Mr. Scheid's stub fee, on a condition that the full installation fee be paid. This is totally discretionary and at the pleasure of the Council.

General discussion ensued regarding the stub fee; what is the total amount that the Scheid's are paying and is that amount more than anyone else?

Briefing on Upcoming Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Ms. Lori Peckol, Planning Manager, and Ms. Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, provided a brief update on the proposed update to the Comprehensive Plan glossary and to seek the Committee's concurrence to include it as an amendment on the Consent Agenda on December 4, 2012. The Planning Commission has discussed the amendments at two meetings in October 2012 and should provide approval tomorrow, November 14, 2012.

E-Version of Redmond's Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Pete Sullivan, Senior Planner, stated that the digital version of Redmond's Comprehensive Plan went live today, November 13, 2012, and Mr. Sullivan provided a quick demonstration. Following a major updating process of the Comprehensive Plan concluding in December 2011, staff provided a redesigned print version. The web version looks like the print version, but acts more like a 21st century document, consistent with Redmond's identity as a tech city. It uses the animated Adobe Flash format and has functional improvements like hyperlinks, search, and the ability to imbed video. The user will find overall navigation more intuitive and key data easier to locate. Periodic updating will be provided by staff. Tomorrow night, November 14, 2012, the Planning Commission will also get a briefing and a demonstration. Over the next week this information will be brought to the public through a press release, social media and RCTV.

Notice of Intent for Jones Annexation (Red-Wood Road)

Mr. Eric McConaghy, Associate Planner, stated that the annexation is adjacent to the City of Redmond, between Red-Wood Road and 154th Place NE. There are two parcels of land. The annexation area is covered by Redmond Fire and policing is currently provided by King County.

Six-Year TIP Briefing

Mr. Peter Dane, Planner, stated that the six-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is different than other planning documents because it provides a complete picture of the transportation system. It includes both City and developer projects. Adopting this document is an annual requirement from the State of Washington or grant funding could be jeopardized. The maintenance update and schedule of this document is tied to the budget. At the November 20, 2012, Council meeting there will be a public hearing, and on December 4, 2012, the document will be considered for adoption. A summary of the updates for the TIP are:

- Projects to be completed in 2012
 - 164th Avenue extension
 - 520 Multimodal Corridor Study
 - Redmond Way Overlay Phase I
- Some small projects are going to be removed
- Significant scope modifications
 - Central Connector Phase II
 - Roundabout consideration at 76th Street and 185th Avenue intersection
 - 116th Street widening
- Proposed projects to add:
 - Grants awarded

- City was awarded over seven million dollars in federal funds
- Projects to add to TIP to get funding
 - Overlake Village Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge
 - 156th Avenue NE Pavement Preservation Overlay
- Grant Candidates
- Private Sector
- City Needs

General discussion ensued regarding what happens to a project if it is on the six-year TIP, but does not receive a grant.

Sound Transit Funding Agreement Briefing

Mr. Joel Pfundt, Principal Planner, talked about two funding agreements with Sound Transit, which would add two pedestrian/bicycle bridges. One bridge would be at the Overlake Transit Center. Microsoft would fund the bridge, Sound Transit would build the bridge, and the City of Redmond would own the bridge. The other bridge would be added to the Overlake Village Agreement between Sound Transit and the City of Redmond, to fund and build the bridge together. The Council will have a study session on this issue in February 2013.

Impact Fee Indexing for 2012

Mr. Terry Marpert, Planner, presented the staff-recommended increase in the impact fees. The purpose of the increase is to allow the impact fees to keep up with inflation. Council action is scheduled for December 4, 2012.

General discussion ensued regarding how the school district comes up with their fees.