

Meeting Minutes
City of Sammamish Transportation Committee
Wednesday, June 15, 2016 – 2:00 pm
Executive Briefing Room - Sammamish City Hall

Called to Order:

Committee Chair Tom Odell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Tom Odell (Chair)
Christie Malchow
Bob Keller

Committee Members Absent: None

Other Council Members Present: Don Gerend

Staff Present: Jessi Bon, Deputy City Manager
Steve Leniszewski, Public Works Director
John Cunningham, Interim Public Works Staff Member
Andrew Zagars, City Engineer
Michelle Martin, Administrative Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Others Present: Jim Stanton, Citizen
Karen Moran, Citizen

Public Comment:

Jim Stanton, Microsoft Real Estate Facilities/Sr. Community Affairs Manager asked the committee to consider putting a stop for the Microsoft “Connector” at Sahalee Way/25th. The committee asked what the highest demand destinations are and if there are walkability concerns. Jim indicates he thinks he can get origin and destination statistical information and will report back. Mr. Stanton was encouraged to participate in the upcoming non-motorized planning discussions.

Mr. Stanton also requested that connection of TIP improvements be considered relative to continuation of sidewalks where SE 48th borders Issaquah-Pine Lake Road. John Cunningham makes note that Issaquah has put their project outside of the year 2022. Mr. Stanton request the two Cities (Issaquah and Sammamish) collaborate on the roads and sidewalks where the cities border one another.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from May 9, May 17 and May 24 were not approved pending discussions with format with Council and Directors.

Public Works Standards:

Jessi indicated that staff are seeking direction on areas of focus for the upcoming City Council discussions related to the Public Works Standards (the Standards). The staff are requesting input from council members on the Standards prior to the City Council Study Session on June 28. It would be helpful to have questions and comments to staff by the end of the day on June 21.

Steve clarified that there are sections in the draft document that recite specific code language. These sections will be modified to remove the duplicative code language, providing references to the code instead.

The Committee discussed a variety of topics including zoning, maintaining a 60 ft. ROW, ensuring that the Standards are aligned with the codes and emphasizing “green” approaches when applicable. The Committee recommended that the Standards be reviewed on a regular basis, perhaps annually or every other year.

Street trees were discussed. The Committee has concerns about the proposed list and will share their suggested changes with staff. Jessi mentioned that street trees will be included in the upcoming Urban Forestry planning work. The City is also contracting with an arborist and they will be asked to provide comments and feedback on the proposed list.

SE 4th Street Road Improvement Project:

Staff are preparing for the upcoming public meeting on the SE 4th Street Project, which is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21 at City Hall. The Committee requested the animated traffic model be included in the presentation so that attendees can better understand the traffic impact of Town Center development. The Committee also requested visual aids be provided so that meeting attendees can preview the proposed road cross-sections and the alternatives.

Staff mentioned that they have been meeting with a Town Center developer that has a number properties under contract adjacent to SE 4th. In those meetings, the developer has expressed support for the roundabouts and has reiterated to staff the importance of the SE 4th project. Completion of the SE 4th Project is necessary for their development work to proceed. Council meetings with this developer are scheduled for early July.

A number of other items were discussed including the future roadway network through the SE quadrant of the Town Center, including future connections which are still unknown.

Concerns remain about travel time on SE 4th, particularly because a number of citizens use this route to access other areas of the City. Also concerned about crosswalks, particularly associated with the Green Spine. High crosswalk use will result in slowed and stopped traffic, further impacting travel times through this area.

Emergency vehicle access was revisited, with an emphasis on confirming the proposed design meets the needs of police and fire.

The SE 4th Street Project will be revisited at the next Transportation Committee meeting to discuss the outcome of the public meeting and next steps.

Sahalee Way:

This project remains on the work plan and in the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), but scoping for the first phase will be revisited and likely repackaged. This item will be discussed at a future Committee meeting. Items to consider are the location of the first phase, follow-up on previous public comments and coordination with other agencies (King County, WSDOT and the City of Redmond) for future improvement projects. A number of maintenance items along the Sahalee Way corridor were discussed including re-stripping the area near the Gray Barn.

Other:

The Committee would like staff to schedule a presentation by INRIX (traffic study) for the entire City Council.

Public Comment:

Karen Moran asked to set up a table display on City Hall grounds providing information to residents with reference to roundabouts. Request to utilize City Hall grounds for that purpose was not encouraged by Committee.

Next Meeting:

Friday, July 1, 2016, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Topics for Next Meeting:

- SE 4th Street Public Meeting Follow-up and Next Steps
- Sahalee Way
- Issaquah-Fall City Road
- Public Works Standards
- General Project Updates

Future Meeting Topics:

- Allocation of Transportation Program Funds (ongoing)
 - Non-Motorized Transportation Projects (2017)
 - Sidewalk Projects (2017)
 - Intersection and Safety Improvements (2017)
 - Neighborhood CIP (2017)
 - Street Lighting Program (2017)
 - School Zone Safety Improvements (2017)
 - Managing Construction Delays on Eastlake Sammamish Parkway
- ITS System Update (end of July – TBD)
- Trails, Bikeways and Paths Plan Update (non-motorized planning)
- Public Process for Transportation Projects (early 2017)
- Circulator Bus

Meeting Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.
