

**Meeting Minutes**  
**City of Sammamish Transportation Committee**  
**Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Executive Conference Room 111- Sammamish City Hall**

**Called to Order:**

Committee Chair Tom Odell called the meeting to order at 9:33 am

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

**Committee Members Absent:** None

**Other Council Members Present:** None

**Staff Present:** Jessi Bon, Deputy City Manager  
Steve Leniszewski, Public Works Director  
Andrew Zagars, City Engineer  
Sam Park, Senior Project Engineer  
Jed Ireland, Senior Project Engineer  
Michelle Martin, Administrative Assistant (Recording Secretary)

**Others Present:** Steve Lewis (Lochner Consultant)  
Rich Meredith (Lochner Consultant)  
Molly Toy (Lochner Consultant)  
Paul Stickney (Citizen)

- **Opening Comment – Chairman Odell:**
- Requested motion to approve meeting minutes and address two agenda items.
  - Issaquah Fall City Road
  - Sahalee Way Project
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
  - Motion moved and carried to approve the November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting minutes.
- **Project Update:**
  - Steve Lewis provides recap and background on last meeting requests and where were are now:
    - Bridge vs. Culvert – PowerPoint time line presented referencing tentative closures and identified constraints.
    - An amendment would need to happen to the code should Council wish to allow 24 hr. construction work. Topic discussed and possible for future consideration.
    - Encourage incentive for contractor finish quickly.
    - Bridge option, if maintenance every other year would be required.
      - Bridge high and wide enough to alleviate culvert environmental concerns
        - Fish and wildlife would likely find it easier to approve the permit for a bridge instead of a culvert
    - Time line for all projects from North to South end requested by the Committee.
    - Time of road closure proposed based on project design scope:

- *60-80 days > Culvert*
- *100-140 days > Bridge Construction*
- *100-140 days > Staging Construction Culvert*
- *200-280 days > Staging Construction Bridge*

▪ **Community Task Force**

- In depth detour planning work will require a contract amendment.
- Additional detour planning is needed to address the issues related to the heavy traffic impacts that will affect the community during this project.
  - Temporary roads/connections
  - Concurrency related or not?
  - Will affect other project improvements

▪ **Follow-Up on Transportation Master Planning (TMP):**

- Jessi Bon continued the discussion on strategic framework and next steps for how the TMP will be put together:
  - Requested guidance from the Committee to present a detour plan to the full Council for recommendation and approval.
  - It was also noted that the vision to pull together a representative group from the community to help advise the Council and staff on planning would be helpful to scope out the TMP (Transportation Master Plan).
  - Drafting the RFP before the end of year is still being considered by staff.
  - Request for the City Council to participate in the involvement of the selection of the consultant was advisable by all Committee members.
    - Plans to have Staff, City Council, Planning and Parks Commissions, and Consultants involved in the framework of the plan. It is also desired that we reduce redundancy of work across the different committees.

▪ **Sahalee Way Project – Open House Debrief**

- Jed Ireland presents a PowerPoint presentation on project status for Sahalee Way.
  - Corridor level of service will meet City Standard through 2035 design year.
  - Sides streets entering onto Sahalee Way will receive a benefit level of service via a signal or improved refuge lane.
  - Discussed consultant summary that had the key take away items for the open house and the meetings associated with the HOA and open house.
  - Discussion of positive aspects of project
    - What is the level of service?
    - Accident data was presented from Inglewood Hill road prior to intersection improvements. Results showed a significant reduction in accidents after improvements were made.
    - Benefits for roads
      - Complete streets provide for potential transit expansion
      - Collision, slopes and landslide areas

- Items recommended for final design
  - Bus stops for articulated buses and Microsoft Connector
  - NE 28<sup>th</sup> Place consideration to relocate bus stop to south of intersection in SB direction
  - SB right turn pocket for enter Sahalee E gate
  - 217<sup>th</sup> Place NE, left turn refuge for leaving neighborhood
  - Sahalee Service gate adding left turn refuge for NB service vehicles
  - Sahalee greens gate area analysis should consider shift roadway away from gate to accommodate rockery and improve sight distance
  - Consider adding sidewalk to NE 36<sup>th</sup> and NE 37<sup>th</sup> on Eastside of street
  - Include geotechnical exploration at wall or known slide locations
  - Steve Leniszewski suggested a right turn pocket at Sahalee Drive E. to allow for main through traffic and easier flow.

▪ **Public Comment:**

- None

▪ **Next Meeting:**

- Wednesday, December 14th, 9:30-11:30 am

▪ **Meeting Adjournment:**

- Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm
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