

ASHLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

February 18th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00pm

Commissioners Present: Mark Brouillard, Joe Graf, Corinne Vièville, Linda Peterson Adams, Katharine Danner, Bruce Borgerson, Derrick Claypool-Barnes

Commissioners Not Present- None

Council Liaison Present: Paula Hyatt

Staff Present: Scott Fleury

Guests Present: Paige West-RVTD

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes 01.21.21

Vièville asks to check the spelling of her name.

Graff makes distinction on his expression of concern as written in previous minutes, wanting to clarify his intent in his statement referring to “20 is Plenty” update, Commissioner Graff’s intention of the statement was to state he was concerned that the only projected outcome of the study that can hold confidence, is accident severity will go down, the remaining goals contained in the report, he’s not confident that they will happen. (Clarification to added minutes).

Graf motions to approve minutes as amended, Danner seconds.

All ayes, motion carries.

PUBLIC FORUM -None

ACCIDENT REPORT: MacLennan reports that accidents continue to be down, he reports on accidents contained within Traffic Accident report in the Agenda Packet. He relays that three accidents contained in the report are on private property and informs Commission that the recently moved ‘Ashland’ sign was hit by a vehicle.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **RVTD Presentation-** West presents via slide show as outlined in Agenda Packet and facilitates some general questions from Commission members. West mentions that because the initial data she’s presenting was collected during COVID restrictions that it is likely flawed and would like to return in another year to present the new data. Currently the plan is to run the program into June of 2022, with one-year extensions possible until 2024.
- B. **Bike Corral Encroachment-** Fleury discusses request for the addition of a bike corral for bicycle parking adjacent to 21 Winburn Way, the request is for a space that is currently 15-minute parking. Brouillard relays that he is against the proposal due to the underutilization of current bike parking areas. Claypool-Barnes states he disagrees that current underutilization should be taken into account and that the Commission’s multimodal future goals should be considered. Vièville voices problems with adding more bike racks on narrow sidewalks as they can cause walking hazards. Borgerson states he’s hesitant to make a decision until checking with residents on whether they utilize the 15-minute space in question. He also feels that the park side of the street would be the safer option due to the corner and traffic. Fleury addresses Commission’s concerns. Graff states support for the application as presented. Brouillard states he’d rather to see a bike rack in a parking space on the Park side, near the fire hydrant.

Motion: Graf motions to approve application as written, Danner seconds.

Discussion: Vièville asks if Fleury’s statement about investigating the possibility/need of adding another 15-minute parking space to replace the existing one, affected by the motion, will happen. It is clarified that this

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motion does not include that action, and simply passed the application as it is written, and to add it would need an amendment. Brouillard is concerned that passing this motion will set a precedent for other businesses with 15-minute parking spots to ask for bike racks also. Danner wonders if there has been any word from the people who use the Calle Guanajuato, there has not. Borgerson asks Fleury if it turns out that businesses miss the 15-minute spot if they can then reach out to the City and request one. Fleury states that if the motion passes and people complain that the spot is gone, he will be the first person to hear about it, then the current process will lead to the Transportation Commission to make a decision on a new 15-minute spot if requested.

Six Ayes

(Borgerson, Claypool-Barnes, Danner, Graf, Peterson Adams, and Vièville)

One Nay.

(Brouillard)

Motion Carries.

Old Business-

- A. **Capital Improvement Program-** Fleury presents information in staff report contained in Agenda Packet. Fleury asks for recommendations for priority projects going into the next biennium. Commission discusses various projects contained in report. Claypool-Barnes expresses opinion that due to the recent economic downturn he feels that there should be a focus on bicycle infrastructure downtown indicating that it could bring in tourists and aid the economy. Commission discusses downtown improvements in relation to the Revitalize Downtown project and whether associated projects should be included in the CIP. Downtown bicycle infrastructure to be added as future agenda item for more in-depth discussion at a later time.

Motion: Graf motions to approve Fleury's priorities as outlined, with the exception of replacing Walker with Wightman and following Fleury's recommendations regarding bicycle projects. Danner Seconds.

Six Ayes

(Borgerson, Brouillard, Danner, Graf, Peterson Adams, and Vièville)

One Nay.

(Claypool-Barnes)

Motion Carries.

Motion: Graf motions approval of Figure 4, for the 2021-2022 biennium as presented by Fleury. Brouillard Seconds.

Six Ayes

(Borgerson, Brouillard, Danner, Graf, Peterson Adams, and Vièville)

One Nay.

(Claypool-Barnes)

Motion Carries.

TASK LIST

- A. Discuss current action item list

FOLLOW UP ITEMS

- A. Bike Map Development

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B. Council Presentation

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS- None

COMMISSION OPEN DISCUSSION-

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- A. Traffic Safety Presentation (Portland State University-Mojie Takallou)
- B. Street User Fee/Gas Tax (Budget Process)
- C. Crosswalk Policy

ADJOURNMENT: @ 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Burruss Permit Technician-Engineering and Public Works
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