



City of Twin Falls

Transportation Master Plan

Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting #5 Results

Monday, April 14, 2008

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Office
136 Maxwell (Near Rock Creek)

I. Attendance

- Mitch Humble, Twin Falls Community Development
- Rick Dunn, Twin Falls P & Z
- Dennis Bowyer, City of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation
- Bruce Stephens, City of Twin Falls Street Department
- Dave Burgess, Twin Falls Highway District
- Walter Burnside, Idaho Transportation Department
- Nathan Jerke, Idaho Transportation Department
- Melinda Anderson, Twin Falls City Economic Development
- Chuck Collins, Twin Falls City Assistant Engineer
- Lance Clow, Mayor
- Rod Mathis, Riedesel Engineering
- Planning Team
 - Kyle Comer, Civil Science
 - Rob Ramsey, Civil Science
 - Matt Rifkin, Interplan
 - Mike Pepper, KMP Planning

Purpose of the meeting:

- *To provide an update on the status of the plan development*
- *Provide a review of recent City Council input/direction*
- *Preview information to be presented at tonight's Public Open House*
- *Provide an outline of the draft Transportation Plan and anticipated level of detail*

II. Planning Process Status (Mike Pepper)

- Updates and refinements based upon comments from our last TAC and CAC meetings. Both Committees had a little different stance on issues such as the 2nd Avenue alternatives.
 - TAC comments – no additional general comments at this time
 - *See results below for discussion and additional comments on the 2nd Avenue truck route option*

III. Recent City Council Meeting Input and Direction (Kyle Comer)

- Review of Council Packet (Provide a Copy to each member at the meeting)
- Project priority – desire to maintain comprehensive list for the plan but recognize that funding all priorities may not be feasible. Capital Facility Plan may need to include a reduced project list that better reflects available resources and considers funding needs for deficiency improvements and maintenance. Council elected to postpone any decision on prioritization of the list of improvements pending public input and consideration of maintenance and deficiency needs.
- 2nd Avenues – Concerned about funding capability but need to provide opportunity for public comment. Initial city council input suggests that this will be a difficult project to implement due to the high cost and transportation benefit as compared to many of the other capital and maintenance needs.

- Townsite modifications – Suggested this be looked at by staff in the future as necessary and considering any additional input from the Mayor.
- Blue Lakes Blvd. Improvements – Did not prefer to pursue auxiliary lane improvements (similar to the lanes in front of the Winco development) as part of future development.
- **TAC comments – no additional comments**

IV. Funding / Prioritization (Mike Pepper)

- Funding constraints
- Funding options
- Prioritization of needs (project list, existing deficiencies, maintenance)

V. Review of Public Open House Materials/Presentation (Mike Pepper/Kyle Comer/Matt Riffkin)

- Presentation format and materials – Input on tone and content
- *Suggestions and Input from TAC for the public meeting presentation*
 - *Funding: Expand funding explanation and discussion to include other city funding needs (such as water/sewer), in addition to questions about transportation issues and projects.*
 - *Funding: consider asking the public if they are willing to pay additional fees/taxes, etc. for transportation improvements – in addition to other taxes and fees*
 - *Capital Improvement Plan:*
 - *Consider identifying Harrison St. as the north / south connector instead of Fillmore*
 - *Asset Management Plan: see ITD for ADA data to incorporate into the asset management plan data files*
 - *Consider potential environmental impacts and evaluations when identifying potential projects – could delay or eliminate potential projects*
 - *Truck route: Consider identifying the Washington St. South/2nd Avenue change and re-route of the truck route as a long term truck route and begin preserving the right of way now – also begin applying the arterial/truck street cross section standards to this route to minimize future conflicts and inadequate right of way*
 - *Illumination: add description and consideration for street lights as part of street standards – illumination standards based on comprehensive plan aesthetic and community design recommendations*
 - *CIP Project #9 – Locust to Eastland should be changed to “Elm to Eastland”*
 - *CIP Project #10 – this project may cost more than anticipated in order to build it to state standards for pavement depth, rather than just City arterial pavement standards – coordinate with ITD to resolve any differences in standards if needed*

VI. Truck Route Locations (Rob Ramsey)

- Clarification on truck routes as shown and integration of input/previous studies
 - *TAC comments on the truck route*
 - *Tight corner at Grandview and Addison*
 - *Consider additional input from the manufacturers regarding potential truck routes*
 - *Consider identifying a route that works for truck traffic around and into the community as needed*
 - *Additional “”thru” and “to” truck traffic volume data would be helpful*
 - *Consider north/south on 2700 East instead of Grandview*
 - *Eastland north/south has some potential for improvement as a truck route*
 - *Consider Washington St. South/2nd Ave. re-route instead of Grandview on west side*
 - *Hill at Grandview/US 30 is expensive to incorporate in design for trucks*
 - *Orchard may not be a suitable route due to residential impacts*
 - *Minidoka/2nd Ave. change*
 - *Consider identifying this option as a long term future truck route with arterial cross section design to meet truck use requirements*

- *The consultant team will gather additional comments on the truck route at the public meeting and make revisions accordingly for the final draft plan*

VII. Master Plan Outline (provided prior to the meeting) (**Matt Riffkin/Kyle Comer**)

- Level of Detail and general layout
 - TAC comments – no comments at this time

VIII. Asset Management Status (**Mike Pepper/Kyle Comer**)

- Recent discussion with Council about completing data collection efforts so that the asset management plan is usable.
 - TAC comments – no additional comments at this time

IX. Next Steps

- Public Open House tonight at CSI, Taylor Administration Build., Rm. #276, 7 pm to 9 pm
- Consider input and recommend changes/updates
- Develop more refined cost estimates and prioritization
- Provide opportunity for staff and City Council review/comment of these changes and draft priorities
- *Additional public involvement opportunities – tentative pending city direction*
- Prepare Draft Transportation Master Plan for TAC Review
- *Next TAC Mtg. - Late May / Early June – tentative based upon City direction on additional public involvement opportunities – Review Master Plan and Capital Facility components*
- Submission of Draft Plan to the City for review/finalization

Thanks for your continued participation!