

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING OF  
THE SPRINGFIELD CITY COUNCIL HELD  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

The City of Springfield Council met in a work session near the intersection of Bob Straub Parkway and South 58<sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield, Oregon, on Monday, September 22, 2008 at approximately 5:35 p.m., with Mayor Leiken presiding.

ATTENDANCE

Present were Mayor Leiken and Councilors Lundberg, Wylie, Ballew, Ralston, and Woodrow. Also present were City Manager Gino Grimaldi, Assistant City Manager Jeff Towery, City Attorney Joe Leahy, City Attorney Matt Cox, Attorney Mary Bridget Smith, City Recorder Amy Sowa and members of the staff.

Councilor Pishioneri was absent (excused).

1. Field Trip to Bob Straub Parkway.

The following was included in the agenda packet for this discussion:

Bob Straub Parkway is currently under construction. Lane County chose to control the intersection with Mt. Vernon Road with two-way stop signs. Councilor Woodrow and nearby residents anticipate difficulty using the intersection as designed and request the installation of a traffic signal. Lane County staff concludes that a traffic signal does not meet the requirements of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices as adopted by the Oregon Highway Commission.

- Verify if Mt. Vernon Road is a City of Springfield street or a Lane County road. *Response: Mt. Vernon Road from South 57<sup>th</sup> Street eastward to the Weyerhaeuser haul road is shown as a city street in the City's GIS data base. Springfield Public Works Department regularly maintains and recently repaved this street. Mt. Vernon Road from Jasper Road to South 57<sup>th</sup> Street is shown as a county road in the city's GIS data base.*
- How much time and staff work would be involved in putting together an IGA with Lane County to take over jurisdiction of the Bob Straub Parkway and if Lane County would be willing to transfer jurisdiction of the intersection. *Response: Staff is investigating these options and will develop a briefing for later discussion.*
- Provide the distance of BSP from Mt. Vernon to Jasper Road. *Response: The distance from Mt. Vernon Road to Jasper Road is approximately 1.3 miles. Please see Attachment A.*
- Take traffic counts on BSP while the traffic is diverted from Jasper Road to BSP in August (when improvements are being made to Jasper Road). *Response: Traffic counts were taken on BSP north of Mt. Vernon Road on Tuesday, August 26, 2008. Southbound traffic peaked at 477 vehicles from 5pm to 6pm and totaled 3,859 vehicles for the 24 hours period. Northbound traffic peaked at 312 vehicles from 2pm to 3pm and totaled 4,187 vehicles for the 24 hours period. The peak bidirectional flow was 744 vehicles from 5pm to 6pm. The bidirectional flow was 7,404 vehicles for the 24 hour period and is lower than the County estimate used in the signal warrant analysis of 7,771 vehicles per day. Counts were also attempted at the southern end of BSP but were not successful. The*

*fasteners that hold the tubes in place came loose due to new, soft asphalt and higher speeds.*

- Pursue staff recommended options. *Response: Staff has asked Lane County staff about installing intersection warning signs (Option 3 in Attachment B) and adding extruded curbs to narrow the pedestrian crossing distance across BSP (Option 9 in Attachment B). Lane County staff are evaluating these measures at this time.*

The vicinity map shows the general area and identifies the distance a driver needs to safely stop on a wet roadway while decelerating at a comfortable rate. Drivers who are stopping due to a road hazard will decelerate faster than the "comfortable" rate and will need less distance to complete a stop.

Mr. Barnett discussed the options as outlined in the agenda packet. He noted several options that had been presented to Lane County, but had been denied. A speed study had been conducted several hundred yards north of the intersection and it was determined that the average speed at the intersection was about 50 miles per hour.

Discussion was held regarding future development in the Jasper/Natron area, other proposed intersections along the Bob Straub Parkway, and their impact on the traffic.

Mr. Barnett said staff would be seeking direction from Council on which was most important at this intersection: vehicular safety or pedestrian safety. The County was not interested in providing pedestrian safety at this time.

Mr. Barnett led the group out to the intersection. Several pedestrians were observed as they crossed the intersection. Discussion was held regarding the speed of the vehicles and the difficulty in crossing. It was also noted that one of the city's fire stations would be using this intersection, especially if it was moved closer to this area as proposed.

Mr. Grimaldi said staff could bring this back to Council for further discussion during a regular work session on October 13.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Minutes Recorder – Amy Sowa

  
Sidney W. Leiken  
Mayor

Attest:

  
Amy Sowa  
City Recorder