

West Plains Transit Center

Core Stakeholder Group Meeting #1
November 6, 2014



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Meeting Outline

- Review of the Agenda
- Review & Approval of August 7th Meeting Notes
- Finalizing the Management Documents/Signing
 - Purpose & Need
 - Charter Agreement
 - Methods & Assumptions
- Project Status Update
- Funding Status
- Public Involvement
- Wrap Up & Next Steps
- Adjourn

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IJR Management Documents

Purpose and Need	Methods & Assumptions	Charter Agreement
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Documents the purpose of the project<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Provide connectivity◦ Reduce travel times◦ Improve transit access• Documents the need for the project<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ No interconnectivity between cities in the West Plains◦ Growing ridership◦ Increased development in the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outlines the methods and assumptions used to complete the IJR<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Level of documentation◦ Analysis periods◦ Study area◦ Software used◦ Forecasting years◦ Measures of effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishes stakeholder groups/committees• Defines roles and responsibilities• Outlines the decision making process• Establishes communication protocol• Signing of the document does not constitute approval of the IJR or the project

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Project Status Update

Parcel Acquisition

- Owner has granted approval to enter the site
- Property appraisal has been ordered
- Field work has been completed for the survey
- Phase I ESA has been started

NEPA Documentation

- FTA has approved a Categorical Exclusion (CE)
- STA has submitted a Categorical Exclusion (CE) package to FTA for the on-site geotechnical & environmental field work
- A "project" NEPA package will be submitted in May/June 2015 upon concurrence by FHWA and FTA as to lead agency status

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Project Status Update

Interchange Justification Report

- IJR management documents are final and ready for signature
- The weave analysis has been completed; no significant impacts
- Policy Points 1 and 2 are complete
- Policy Point 3 is currently being reviewed
- Flyer stop alternatives identified
- No fatal flaws identified to date

Milestone Schedule

Tentative Schedule	
Dec 2014	Geo/Env. CE Approved
Apr 2015	Property Acq. Complete
Jun 2015	Draft IJR Complete
Sept 2015	Final IJR Approval
Oct 2015	30% Design Complete
Dec 2015	60% Design Complete
Jan 2016	90% Design Complete

If Funding Is Obtained	
Nov 2016	Out to Bid
Apr 2017	Contract Award
May 2017	Permits Issued
Jun 2017	Start Construction
Aug 2018	Construction Complete

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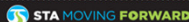
Funding Status

- Regional Mobility Grant
 - Application submitted on October 6, 2014
 - Total grant request was \$8.7 million
 - Funding would be provided between two (2) biennia, 2015-2017 and 2017-2019
 - Funding decision by Legislature in April/May 2015

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Public Involvement


- Created project website
 - www.stamovingforward.com
 - Project information available for download
 - Information updated as it becomes available
- STA Moving Forward
 - Extensive communications efforts that include open houses, print materials, radio, TV, telephone town halls
- Inter-City Transit Agencies
- West Plains Chamber
- West Plains Chamber, Economic Development Committee

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Next Steps

- Final Questions/Comments?
- Next Meeting Date
 - Tentatively scheduled for February 12, 2015 at 1-3
 - Will February 10, 2015, 10-12PM work?

Thank you for your participation

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