

MEETING SUMMARY

Date: May 20, 2015 | 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: Spokane Transit Authority – Southside

Re: **Core Stakeholder Meeting**
Project Name: West Plains Transit Center Project
Project No: 000009715

Attachments:

- Attendees – Core Stakeholder sign-in sheet
- Agenda

This was the third Core Stakeholder meeting following the Kick-off meeting August 7th, 2014.

Summary:

1. Review of Project Purpose

- a. Karl – Purpose of the meeting and overview of the agenda
- b. No comments on the February 11th Core Stakeholder meeting summary

2. Role and Responsibility of Core Stakeholder Group

- a. Karl went over what the project entails as a refresher for the Core Stakeholder Group.
- b. Al French, County Commissioner asked if the median flyer stop should address buses going both directions. Keith Metcalf, WSDOT, responded that in his opinion that would result in other issues, including cost and he did not believe it would significantly increase congestion other than the buses have to sit in the queue.

3. Project Update

- a. Don Skillingstad, STA then gave a project update and where we are to date.
- b. Keith said in the new world of practical design, WSDOT would consider a deviation to the 16.5 feet structure clearance height, given it is only buses using the flyer stop ramp.
- c. Don also discussed the opportunity for a joint use storm water facility in order to reduce the amount of land STA needs to purchase.
- d. Al French discussed the 900 or so acres SIA is purchasing that will reduce future trip generation and something we should take into consideration. Don responded that it was discussed in the trip distribution meeting with the County. Keith then asked if we were basing our analysis on the regional model and Mark Burrus responded affirmatively.
- e. Don then reviewed the environmental and property acquisition process.

4. Impacts of Proposition 1 Outcome

- a. Don then reviewed the schedule and transitioned to Karl Otterstrom, Director of Planning to discuss the impacts of the outcome of the vote on Proposition 1.

5. Interchange Justification Report

- a. Mark reviewed where we have been, PP1-3, then went over PP4-8 as approved by the Technical Committee.
- b. Karl reminded all that the slide on PP7 is in need of an update due to the outcome of Proposition 1.
- c. Opened the discussion and Susan asked that staff confirm the Technical Committee is recommending approval to the Core Stakeholder Group, with anticipation that this group will recommend approval by the STA Board.

6. Next Steps

- a. Next step, per Karl, is to take the recommendation to the Planning and Development Committee of STA, then on to the Board of Directors.
- b. AL French stated the County has adopted an interim ordinance identifying transit facilities as allowed uses not subject to the essential public facilities siting process and now await the 60-day comment period. They decided to make this an allowed use in the code rather than an essential public facility.

7. Closing Comments / Wrap up

- a. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for November for 30% Review.