

Stakeholder Working Group Meeting

June 19, 2007

The purpose of this meeting is to update the SWG on access & cross-over status, discuss project strategies and gather feedback or issues.



Agenda

- 1. Greetings**
- 2. Access and cross-over easements**
- 3. Phasing the environmental assessment alternative**
 - Transportation issues
 - Process
 - Decision making
 - Possible intersection treatments
- 4. Draft evaluation questions**
- 5. Discussion**
- 6. Next steps**



Stakeholder Meetings

- **SWG Sub-Groups**
 - April 10th and April 26th
- **Blocks of Interest Meetings**
 - May 22nd – Shari's, ARCO, Gateway Plaza, Washington Mutual
 - June 1st – Outback, Jack-in-the-Box, Red Lion
 - June 1st – National Warranty, Pioneer Plaza, Giustina (vacant)
 - June 8th – I-Hop, McDonalds, Holiday Inn
 - June 12th – Taco Time, KFC, Taco Bell, China Sun
 - June 14th – Shari's, ARCO, Gateway Plaza, Washington Mutual
 - Being Scheduled – Gateway Apartments, Super 8 Motel



North Project Area



South Project Area



Access & Cross-overs

- Additional Blocks of Interest Meetings
- Being Scheduled – Gateway Apartments, Super 8 Motel
- Final Resolution
- By the end of June



Phasing strategy for EA alternative



What we think...

- The EA alternative addresses the traffic as it was forecast at the time.
- Potential development and redevelopment intensity could result in traffic levels that would far exceed capacity of the EA alternative.
- The future is coming faster than the design life of the EA alternative.
- Conclusion – We believe it is prudent to plan beyond the EA alternative now.



Phasing Analysis and Alternative Measures

- Identify the sequence improvements are needed based on traffic growth.
 - begin with the existing system and “current” volumes
 - increase the traffic volumes until something fails
 - add a features to fix the failure (EA and alternative)
 - repeat



Making good project decisions

- Identify project which balances cost, traffic related effectiveness and impacts and best supports future transportation measures
 - assemble project alternatives from the phasing analysis
 - estimate costs, forecast traffic related effectiveness and identify impacts
 - confirm ramp terminal operations and BRT operations
 - identify the single optimized alternative



Project goals

- Implement the EA alternative
 - serve traffic needs until longer term measures can be identified and implemented (honor EA agreements relative to accommodating traffic)
 - balance cost, impacts and effectiveness (make a good business decision)
 - accommodate potential future measures



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Draft evaluation questions for phasing alternatives

- **Cost (measured in high/medium/low):**
 - What is the relative cost of implementing this alternative?
- **Impacts (measured in high/medium/low):**
 - What level of environmental impacts would be associated with this alternative?
 - What level of access and business impacts would be associated with this alternative?
 - What level of right-of-way impacts would be associated with this alternative?
- **Effectiveness (measured in years from construction):**
 - With this alternative, how long will the system function at city operating standards?
- **Previous commitments (measured in high/medium/low):**
 - Will this alternative help the city meet previous commitments to ODOT and the community delineated in the Gateway/Beltline Interchange Project Environmental Assessment?
- **Future growth (measured in high/medium/low):**
 - Will this alternative allow for future improvements to the transportation system to allow for additional growth in the Gateway area?



Discussion



Next steps

- Resolve access and cross-over issues
 - Finish by the end of June
- Optimization
 - Phasing: ongoing
 - Optimized EA alternative: July 31
- Preliminary Design
 - Survey: starting up
 - Begin Design: August 1
- Upcoming meetings:
 - SWG #3: 4-6 p.m. August 9
 - Open house #2: 4-7 p.m. August 23
 - SWG #4: 4-6 p.m. September 13 (tentative)

