

Street Design Working Group Meeting for Milwaukie TSP Update
6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, 2007

MEETING SUMMARY

Purpose:

- Introduce purpose of Street Design Working Group (WG)
- Describe the need for, and different types of, street design options
- Receive input on existing conditions maps and goal statements

Agenda:

6:30 p.m.	Welcome, staff introductions and meeting protocols	Kristin Hull
6:40 p.m.	WG introductions, TSP update, meeting purpose	Susan Shanks
7:00 p.m.	Why do we need street design options?	Susan Shanks George MacGregor
7:30 p.m.	What are our street design options?	Alan Snook
8:00 p.m.	TSP goals statement exercise	Kristin Hull
8:20 p.m.	Next steps	Susan Shanks
8:30	Close	

1. Welcome, staff introductions and meeting protocols – Kristin Hull

Kristin welcomed attendees and introduced staff. She reminded participants that meeting protocols were included in their packets.

2. WG introductions, TSP update and meeting purpose – Susan Shanks

Susan reviewed the meeting purpose. She told the group that this working group was one of six that would be making recommendations to the overall advisory committee about specific components of the Transportation System Plan.

3. Why do we need street design options – Susan Shanks and George MacGregor

George MacGregor, City Engineer, began by identifying some challenges with the City of Milwaukie's current street design standards. He explained that the limited number of approved street cross sections did not allow for enough flexibility, particularly in improving streets in a built environment. He also reviewed some current issues with the City's stormwater system and innovative approaches to managing stormwater that would require new street design standards. He described some "green streets" design options and explained why these approaches to stormwater management might be desirable for the City of Milwaukie.

Susan reiterated some issues with current street design standards and illustrated this point by referring to visual representations of the impacts of implementing Milwaukie's current street design standards in built neighborhoods.

Susan then directed the group to provide information about opportunities and constraints by marking up a map that showed the city's current stormwater system and a map that showed the city's street system. She told the group that staff would add to this inventory of

opportunities and constraints and that the group would revisit this map at their third meeting.

4. What are our street design options? – Alan Snook

Alan reviewed a presentation of possible street design options including methods to reduce speeds, reduce traffic volumes or divert traffic, stormwater management options, sidewalk alternatives and skinny streets.

In response to a question, Susan explained that there were not any intentionally designed skinny streets in Milwaukie and that those streets with narrow right-of-way were typically incomplete streets without sidewalks.

Katie Mangle, Planning Director, reminded the group that there were many publicly-minded reasons to provide for good street design in Milwaukie including pedestrian and bike safety, accessibility for the elderly or disabled and emergency access.

5. TSP goal statement exercise – Susan Shanks

Susan distributed the goal statement exercise and asked WG members to complete it before the next meeting. In response to a question, Katie explained that compatibility referred to Milwaukie's responsibility to plan in accordance with state, regional and other cities' plans.

6. Next steps – Susan Shanks

Susan told the group that their homework was to take pictures of street designs they like and don't like. Kristin distributed disposable cameras.

Susan reminded the group that they would receive packets in the mail before the next meeting.