

MINUTES OF THE REEDSPORT CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 6, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M. VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

PRESENT: Mayor Linda McCollum
Councilors Chuck Miller, Allen Teitzel, Rich Patten, and Rob Wright (Councilor Debby Turner joined via zoom)
Student Councilor Hayden Adams was absent
City Manager Deanna Schafer
Attorney Melissa Cribbins

OTHERS PRESENT: Dep. City Recorder Christina Crockett, Public Works Director Kimberly Clardy, Finance Director Michelle Fraley, Police Chief John Carter, Matt Bell (Mike Baker, Hailey Sheldon, and Thomas Guevara joined via zoom)

WORK SESSION: Mayor McCollum opened the work session at 6:45 P.M.

A. Update: Presentation by Kittelson & Associates – Reedsport Rail Crossing Study

City Manager Deanna Schafer introduced Matt Bell who presented an update of the Reedsport Rail Crossing Study by Kittelson and Associates.

1. Alternatives Analysis:

- At-grade rail crossings
- Grade-separated rail crossings
- Rail line upgrades
- Elevated rail line
- Intersection treatments

2. Most Promising Alternatives:

- Improvement Package 1 -
 - 1C: Four Quadrant Gated Rail Crossing on Winchester
 - 2A: OR 38 Rail Overcrossing with Retaining Walls
- Improvement Package 2 -
 - 4A: Elevated Rail Line

3. Preferred Improvements:

- City Council and Planning Commission Briefing
 - Acknowledged benefits of Improvement Package I
- Outstanding Issues and Feedback:
 - Visual impacts of structures
 - Local roadway and driveway tie-ins
 - Local ped, bike, and transit enhancements
 - Stormwater
 - Title VI impacts
 - Potential NEPA 4F impacts
 - OR 38/US 101 intersection operations

- Refined cost estimates
- Preferred Improvement Package – Package 1
 - Refinements to Package 1
 - Add 1C1: US 101 NB Dynamic Train Activity Warning Sign
 - Remove 5A: OR 38/US 101 East-West Split Phasing
- Environmental Review – Potential Impacts
 - Areas to Explore further during NEPA
 - Wetlands and waterbodies, threatened and endangered species, critical habitat, noise impacts, air quality impacts, archaeological resources, construction staging, hazardous materials
 - Anticipated NEPA Classification
 - Documented Categorical Exclusion
- Preferred Alternative Recommendation
 - Alternative 1C – Four-Quadrant Gated Rail Crossing on Winchester Avenue
 - Alternative 1C1 – US 101 NB Train Activity Warning for Train Crossings at Winchester Avenue
 - Alternative 2A1 – OR 38 Rail Overcrossing with Retaining Walls
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Refinements
- Transit Enhancements
- Potential Stormwater Impacts
- Refined Cost Opinion
 - Potential right-of-way needs
 - 40% contingency and considerations for design
 - Design considerations
 - \$18.1M to \$22.2M

4. Next Steps

- Refine cost estimates
 - Contingencies for right-of-way acquisition, environmental mitigation, temporary mitigation during construction, construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and inflation
- Refine project sheets
 - Incorporate Project 1C1: US 101 NB Train Activity Warning Sign into additional considerations for Project 1C: Four Quadrant Gates Rail Crossing on Winchester Avenue
- Prepare Amendments and Implementing Measures
 - Preferred Improvement Package
 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Enhancements
 - US 101 Refinement Plan
- Prepare Draft Rail Crossing Refinement Plan
- PAC Meeting #4 (January 25th, at 3:00 PM)
- Open House (February 1st, at 6 PM)

Mayor McCollum adjourned the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Linda McCollum, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deanna Schafer, City Recorder