

STAFFORD HAMLET  
COMMUNITY MEETING

Minutes

May 14, 2018

Chair Jay Minor called the May 14th Community meeting of the Stafford Hamlet to order at 7:05 pm at the Stafford Elementary School, West Linn, OR.

Attendance:

- ❖ Board Members Present: Dave Adams, Richard Fiala, Walt Gamble, Jana Lombardi, Bill Markt, Jay Minor, Matthew Palmer, Len Schaber, Joe Wikoff
- ❖ Excused: Mary Moore
- ❖ Absent:
- ❖ Staff Present:

I-205 Widening Update - Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT):

Kimberly Dinwiddie (ODOT) and Doug from HDR Engineering came to provide an update on the I-205 Widening and Seismic Updates. The I-205 widening is in a design phase and does not yet have funding. They provided a handout with updates and maps of the work that could be done. Doug explained that I-205 is a priority because it is the designated lifeline for the area, and as such it needs to be operational as soon as possible after an event like a major earthquake. Doug explained several items including where I-205 would be widened, which bridges and overpasses need seismic updates or replacement, and took questions.

A community member asked if the Johnson Road overpass will need to be replaced. Another community member asked what the minimum bridge height is, and Kimberly Dinwiddie said the answer was 16 to 17 feet, and that the freight industry wants 19 feet. Kimberly Dinwiddie said they are meeting with the freight community monthly.

Doug explained that the construction from Stafford Road to 10th Street is relatively straight forward, and that 10th Street to the Abernathy Bridge is more complicated. The biggest projects are the widening of the Abernathy bridge and the reworking of the interchange of Highway 43 and I-205 in West Linn. Richard Fiala asked about the process for removing the Broadway overpass, and ODOT said that there would be either the West A or Broadway overpasses open at any given point. Richard Fiala asked about the timing of construction and how long it could take. Kimberly Dinwiddie and Doug said four to five years of work for the entire set of projects, with some scheduled rolling slow downs and partial closures.

A community member asked what seismic standards would be used. Kimberly Dinwiddie said to the highest current standard, which would likely be about an eight magnitude earthquake.

ODOT has open houses scheduled for June 5 and June 6. There will be discussions on noise and more information from the noise studies. Walt Gamble asked if ODOT knew where the sound barriers would go, and Doug responded the placement is unknown and that neighbors would need to choose an option.

There was a question about whether the community would prefer asphalt (quieter sound) or concrete (longer lasting and less construction/maintenance). Walt Gamble said he prefer asphalt because it was quieter.

Dave Adams said funding is a big if, and asked what is funded and what are priorities. Kimberly Dinwiddie said the current funds are for design only and that construction would likely cost around \$500 million.

A community member asked about the status of discussions about tolling I-205. Kimberly Dinwiddie said it is still under discussion, and no discussion of placement has happened. Rick Cook asked why aren't Highways 217 and 26 being tolled, and Kimberly said it was because the legislation authorizing tolling only covered I-205 and I-5. Dave Coles said if tolls happen, then traffic would likely cause more problems for neighborhoods. He also suggested raising the gas tax.

Barbara Coles asked if the Stafford Road interchange was studied. She also asked if the traffic studies were available, and said that there are already delays on Stafford Road and problems with a lack of improvement on side streets.

Richard Fiala asked about bottlenecks north of the project area, and Kimberly Dinwiddie provided a brief overview of projects on I-205 north of the area.

Dave Adams asked if light rail is part of this project and Kimberly Dinwiddie said no.

Additional information can be found at [www.I205corridor.org](http://www.I205corridor.org).

Chair Jay Minor thanked Clackamas County Commissioner Ken Humberston for attending the meeting tonight.

Adjournment: Chair Jay Minor adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.