

STAFFORD HAMLET  
COMMUNITY MEETING

Minutes

September 10, 2019

Chair Bill Markt called the September 10th Community meeting of the Stafford Hamlet to order at 7:13 pm at the Stafford Elementary School, West Linn, OR.

Attendance:

- ❖ Board Members Present: Richard Fiala, John Keith, Katy Krider, Jana Lombardi, Bill Markt, Mary Moore, Len Schaber, Joe Wikoff
- ❖ Excused: Patty Mamula, Matthew Palmer
- ❖ Absent:
- ❖ Staff Present:

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Updates on I-205 Project:

Ellen Sweeney, from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), came to provide an update on the I-205 project. ODOT is seeking to widen I-205, complete seismic improvements, and install new electronic signs. Phase 1, which is funded, will begin this fall/winter and consist of the installation of new electronic signs. Phases 2 and 3, which are not funded, are proposed to be seismic upgrades and widening of the Abernathy Bridge, reconfiguring the interchange of I-205 and Highway 43, widening of I-205 from Stafford to Oregon City, and seismic upgrades.

John Keith asked is there was an update on the proposed tolling of I-205. Ellen Sweeney said she had not heard a timeline, and that it was currently in a feasibility analysis.

A community member asked if there would be four lanes of travel on I-205. Ellen Sweeney said that there would be three lanes of travel and that there would be an auxiliary lane in some places.

A community member asked if there would be any sound walls. Ellen Sweeney said that it would be near 10th street. A community member asked if the sound wall could be extended. Ellen Sweeney said she did not know if it was possible, and that it would have to be studied to see if it was feasible and reasonable. She said the testing for maximum noise volume was done at off peak hours so free flow of traffic could be heard.

Katy Krider asked what is the timing of the projects. Ellen Sweeney said phases two and three would each occur over four construction seasons and up to four years each. ODOT plans to maintain two lanes of travel during construction.

A community member asked what is funding dependent on. Ellen said it was dependent on funds from the state, federal government and possibly other sources.

Rick Cook asked if there were any details on how Stafford Road would be impacted by the I-205 project. Ellen Sweeney said the question would need to go to local agencies.

A community member asked if the Abernathy Bridge would be expanded or raised. The answer was it will be expanded and the supports will be modified. There will be directional weekend closures where new decking is built, and part of the decking will be moves. New lanes will be added in the middle once the decking has been modified and moved. ODOT will keep travel open on weekdays.

Rick Cook asked what is the cost of the project. Ellen Sweeney said the estimate is 500 million for all phases.

Richard Fiala asked if there would be trees cut down and if the country landscape would be lost in the area. He said that when I-205 was built 50 years ago there was a promise from ODOT that the country feeling would be maintained. Ellen Sweeney said that there might be trees cut down. Richard Fiala said he has asked twice what the additional capacity of I-205 is with one more lane.

Randy Yamada asked if there were any estimates on when phases 2 and 3 would start. Ellen Sweeney said there is no definitive date because there is no funding yet, but that the earliest it could happen would be 2021 if all the funding suddenly happened.

The website for the project is [www.i205corridor.org](http://www.i205corridor.org). The website has information on open houses and newsletters.

Adjournment: Chair Bill Markt adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm.