

STAFFORD HAMLET
COMMUNITY MEETING

Minutes

August 11, 2020

Chair Bill Markt called the August 11th Community meeting of the Stafford Hamlet to order at 7:01 pm on Zoom.

Attendance:

- ❖ Board Members Present: Jane Comer, Richard Fiala, John Keith, Katy Krider, Jana Lombardi, Bill Long, Patty Mamula, Bill Markt, Len Schaber,
- ❖ Excused:
- ❖ Absent:
- ❖ Staff Present:

Presentation by Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) - Update to Tolling Project:

Lucinda Broussard (ODOT) and Mat Dolata (consultant) came to provide an update to the proposed tolling project on I-205. Lucinda Broussard explained what activity has happened since the previous presentation to the Hamlet. There have been more meetings and data gathering as they prepare to start the draft NEPA process. There is currently an online public comment. Mat Dolata explained the goal is to manage congestion and raise funds for projects to manage congestion. He said that the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) will be the body that sets tolls. There are five possible methods of tolling: Abernathy Bridge tolls, Abernathy bridge tolls with gantries off the bridge, multiple toll bridges (the Tualatin River and Abernathy Bridge), segment based tolls, and a single zone toll (from Stafford Road to Oregon 213). They are continuing to study rerouting analysis and are working on performance measures for screening alternatives. The tolling methods most likely to advance are multiple toll bridges (the Tualatin River and Abernathy Bridge) or segment based tolls.

The website for the project is www.oregontolling.org.

Jana Lombardi asked if there are any specific projects identified in the Stafford area currently. Lucinda Broussard said no small scale projects have been identified yet.

A community member asked if sites such as Ek and Borland Road would be part of the smaller projects or part of the rerouting analysis. Mat Dolata said they are developing strategies and approaches, and the review of analyses will also be done through partner agencies.

John Keith suggested ODOT consider the impact of diversion on Johnson Road. He asked how ODOT is calculating diversion volume. Mat Dolata said there is a regional demand model that is used for forecasting traffic volumes and diversion. The regional demand model was created by

Metro and uses current traffic and estimates. John Keith asked if no tolling was being considered as an option, and Mat Dolata said it is in the options but is not serious.

Richard Fiala asked if revenue from tolling goes to only state roads or if it can also go to local roads or county roads. Lucinda Broussard said she would need to get back to him. Richard Fiala said if some of the money went to the County the tolls would be more palatable.

Nancy Scott said she lives near Ek/Borland Roads and asked who would improve the intersections that are impacted. She also asked how much money would people save if they divert? She said cost will influence diversion. Lucinda Broussard said the OTC will set the tolls in a couple of years, and Mat Dolata said that value pricing would mean that the toll varies over the day.

Rick Cook said that Wilsonville is developing the Frog Pond area and asked if their current growth and future growth is part of the traffic calculations.

Richard Fiala asked which agencies and governments support tolling other than ODOT? Lucinda Broussard said the Portland Bureau of Transportation supports it and that they have not heard other agencies say they do not support it.

Rick Cook asked if the tolling would happen in perpetuity and Lucinda Broussard said the OTC would decide that.

Adjournment: Chair Bill Markt adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.