MILWAUKIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 7, 1984
7 p.m.

ARDENWALD SCHOOL WORK SESSION

The Milwaukie City Council held a work session on June 7, 1984 to discuss improvements to McLoughlin Blvd. The following Councilors were present:

Ron Kinsella, Mayor
Mike Richmond
Don Wilson
Don Graf
Roger Hall

City staff present:

Hugh Brown, City Manager
Steve Hall, Public Works Director
Laurie Perkin, Secretary

Also present:

Ed Hardt, Regional Engineer, Oregon Dept. of Transportation
Bob Heard, ODOT
Jim McClure, ODOT
Tom Schwab, ODOT
Ron Kleinschmidt, ODOT
Andy Catugno, Metro
Alonzo Wertz, Tri-Met

Mayor Kinsella said this was an information meeting only to hear presentations from representatives from ODOT, Metro, and Tri-Met, that a meeting will be held later to hear public testimony.

Ed Hardt said that at the request of the City Council, ODOT has studied the fly-over option in more detail and he has provided a detailed report available to the public on the results of the study. He introduced Bob Heard who provided charts and maps showing both the flyover option and the overpass option and pointed out advantages and disadvantages of each. Advantages of the flyover option included better transit features, fewer displaced jobs, less costly. Among the disadvantages were it would not solve problem with the railroad crossing, would not provide good access to business, would retain hazardous curve by the golf course, it would be difficult to handle traffic during construction and it would not provide a long range solution.

Advantages of the overpass included elimination of problem with railroad crossing, elimination of dangerous curve near golf course and provision of a long range solution. The disadvantages included a higher initial cost and relocation of five businesses.

There were questions from Council concerning traffic forecast, future widening of McLoughlin, long range costs of both the overpass and the fly-over.

Andy Catugno talked about McLoughlin improvements as related to light rail, traffic on Johnson Creek Blvd., traffic forecast, population growth, number of projected transit riders. He projected there will be a 10% growth in households along Johnson Creek Blvd. and a 40% growth in employment.

There was extended discussion on the traffic problems along Johnson Creek Blvd. Ed Hardt said there would be a meeting at ODOT on Thursday, June 14 and this problem would be discussed.

Alonzo Wertz talked about the impact on transit of both the fly-over option and the overpass. He said the fly-over would be more advantageous for transit.

There was further discussion on problems with traffic on Johnson Creek Blvd. Hardt said if Council wanted ODOT to examine the possibility of constructing a link between 45th Street and Tacoma along Johnson Creek, he would prefer that they prepare such a request in writing. It was concurrence of Council that staff prepare such a letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

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Laurie Perkin, Secretary