



Screening Process for Feb. 7 Meeting

TO: CAC / PDT members

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Our next CAC/PDT meeting, on Feb. 7, will focus on continuing the process of winnowing down the number of concepts now on the table. We will conduct this meeting similar to the last round of alternative screening in October. Each CAC member will be asked to select his or her own favorite three or so alternatives. This will include combining options into the various possible combinations. PDT members will do the same on the following day, after reviewing CAC members' selections. We expect this process will reduce the total number of alternatives for further committee deliberation in March.

To enable CAC/PDT members to accomplish this round of decision-making, the meeting will be conducted as follows:

1. **Advance work ("your homework"):** On your own, before the meeting, please study the matrices mailed in this packet. They itemize each option, describe pros and cons, and identify mix-and-match possibilities (which elements or portions can be combined to make up an entire alternative). You may have other pros and cons you want to consider as you make your decisions. (We anticipate that each CAC and PDT member will have various, and sometimes differing, perspectives on the pros and cons of each alternative/option.) The most up-to-date maps of all the separate options (west, interchange, and east) are on the web site for reference: http://egov.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION3/fvi_index.shtml. Also, please review the evaluation criteria (mandatory and Goal and Objective) provided in this packet. These criteria will provide you with a good comparison of how the alternatives meet the goals and objectives of the project. We have also provided a blank Goals and Objective criteria form so each member can rate the alternatives on their own.
2. **Meeting discussion:** This is Item #3 on the agenda. As before, we'll break discussion into three key areas: West, Interchange, and East. Staff will address any lingering questions you may have and we'll engage the committees in a round-table discussion.
3. **Public Comment:** Since last winter, by CAC agreement, we've opened the floor to public comment directly related to the vote at hand. However, to keep the process moving forward, we'll limit comments to 10 minutes.
4. **Balloting:** For this alternative/option screening step, you'll each have a paper ballot similar to the October ballot on which you may indicate your choices. On Feb. 7, CAC members only will be asked to mark their top three or so choices on the ballot. On Feb. 8, the PDT will meet at 10 a.m. in the Phoenix Public Works office to review CAC balloting results and then, by paper ballot, note their top three choices. Staff will need the time between the CAC and PDT meetings to tabulate CAC results for the PDT. The purpose of this balloting is to remove the alternatives that do not have support for further analysis.

Please come prepared to help move the project forward by focusing on the most promising concepts. We'll ask everyone to hold off on the detailed design discussions until we have narrowed down the alternatives.

Maps will be available before the meeting for review at 6:00 p.m. at the Phoenix High School Commons.

To prepare for the February 7 meeting, you'll need to review both the matrices enclosed in this mailing and the maps on the web site. If you need paper maps, or have other questions, please let me know, 423-1338, or email vguarino@rvcog.org.