



Screening Process for Oct. 4 Meeting
(*Note meeting location changed to high school theater.*
Use entrance at far south end of building)

TO: CAC / PDT members
FROM: Vicki Guarino

Our next CAC/PDT meeting, on October 4, will focus winnowing down the large number of concepts now on the table—to recommend which options should be removed from further study. Our plan is to have each CAC member select his or her own favorite three or so alternatives from the total of nine alternatives. This will include combining options¹ 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 to a more reasonable number for further committee deliberation in November.

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 next Tuesday evening, 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. The most up-to-date maps of all alternatives and 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 provided at the September meeting. This will provide you with a good comparison of how the alternatives meet the goals and objectives of the project.
2. **Pre meeting - 6 to 6:45 p.m.:** Maps of all options will be posted on the theater walls for you to review. Staff will be available to answer questions. The purpose of the pre-meeting and your advance work is to have everyone fully familiar with the concepts and potential concept combinations (mix-&-match) ***before*** the meeting begins. This head start will be vital to reaching the goal of the meeting: identification of the most promising design concepts.
3. **Meeting discussion:** This is Item #5 on the agenda. As several of you have suggested, to make your options more easily understood, 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.
4. **Public Comment:** Since last winter, by CAC agreement, we've opened the floor to public comment directly relating to the vote at hand. However, we've also heard from many in the community that the process has bogged down and needs to move forward. Therefore, comments will be limited to 10 minutes
5. **Balloting:** For this Initial Options Screening step, you'll each have a paper ballot to list your choices. On October 4, CAC members only will be asked to mark their top three or so choices on the ballot. On October 5, the PDT will meet at 11 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

¹ Options placed together make up alternatives. For example, the Westside PBA and TPAU designs are options. The combined CAC Table 1 SPUI with Westside PBA Option and Table 1 Eastside Option is an entire alternative.

for the PDT. The purpose of this balloting is to remove the alternatives that do not have support for further analysis.

6. November meeting: Results of the top-three alternatives/options balloting from the CAC and PDT balloting will be presented. The options selected in the October voting process will be further evaluated.

As with all other design issues, applicable bike or pedestrian facilities will be discussed as we narrow down the number of alternatives. All new roadways will include bicycle lanes and sidewalks. The Highway 99 section has a few bike/pedestrian options:

- If the chosen alternative includes widening of Highway 99, then we will include bicycle and sidewalk facilities.
- If the chosen alternative does not include widening of Highway 99, then the existing roadway with wider travel lanes could accommodate bicycles—and we can discuss the possibility of a separate bike path on city streets with proper signage. Minimum sidewalks would be evaluated during later design process.

Please review the memo in your packet entitled “Fern Valley Interchange: Considerations for Bike and Pedestrian Facilities.”

Please come prepared to help move the project forward—this means focusing on concepts and holding off on the detailed design discussions until we have narrowed down the alternatives.

To prepare for the October 4 meeting, you’ll need to review both the matrices enclosed in this mailing and the maps in the web site. If you need paper maps, or have other questions, please let me know, 664-6676 ext. 241, or email vguarino@rvcog.org.