

City of Lynnwood
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
PROJECT HIGHWAY 99 PUBLIC MEETING
March 3, 2009

Commissioners Present:	Staff Present:
Jeff Davies	Paul Krauss, Director
Bob Larsen	David Osaki, Deputy Director
Maria Ambalada	Kevin Garrett, Planning Manager
Michael Wojack	Gloria Rivera, Senior Planner
Chad Braithwaite	Lauren Balisky, Asst. Planner
Richard Wright, Chair	
	Other:
Commissioners Absent:	Councilmember Ruth Ross, Council President
Tia Peycheff	Councilmember Ted Hikel
	Councilmember Loren Simmonds
	John Owen, MAKERS
	Dara O'Bryne, MAKERS
	Roland Behee, Community Transit

The purpose of this special meeting was to: A) inform the public about the planning and zoning study for the Highway 99 corridor ("Project Highway 99"); and B) receive initial public comment about the corridor. The Planning Commission is serving as the advisory committee for this meeting. The meeting included staff and consultant (MAKERS) presentations about the project and existing conditions in the corridor and small-group brainstorming sessions on the corridor with the public. The special meeting was called in order to have presented by MAKERS details on the Highway 99 project, to receive public input, and to conduct a public participation process.

Approval of Minutes

No minutes were presented for approval for the Special Meeting.

Council Liaison Report

None.

Citizen Comments

None.

Public Hearings

None.

Work Sessions

None.

Other Business

1. Introduction of the Highway 99 Project

Senior Planner Rivera introduced the project with a brief history of the City actions leading up to the March 3rd public meeting. The preceding process occurred between 2007 and 2008 with the City Council adopting "Revitalization Strategies for Highway 99" in February of 2008. The next step was hiring of a consultant, MAKERS, to formulate new zoning regulations, design guidelines, and an expanded vision of the Highway 99 project. A component of the Highway 99 project was Scoping for the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement being prepared for the project. The deadline for comments is March 13, 2009. The attention of the public was called to several documents that were available: 1) the 2008 Strategies; 2) the Interim Development Regulations for Highway 99; 3) a Public Input form; and 4) a contact information sheet. The public was encouraged to review the City website for future meeting dates.

2. Highway 99 Presentation

Dara O'Bryne of MAKERS discussed the current project ("Project Highway 99") presented information on Highway 99. She briefly discussed the study area, the purpose of the project, and the project schedule. Information on the Corridor Strategies and existing Comprehensive Plan were reviewed. Detailed information on the seven Corridor strategies was presented. Ms. O'Bryne then reviewed existing conditions along the corridor with a section by section breakdown of the existing development and uses on Highway 99 was presented from 148th St. SW. to 216th St. SW.

3. Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) Scoping Presentation

Karen Stewart of Reid Middleton presented information on the SEIS Scoping process. Environmental topics of inclusion are transportation, utilities, stormwater facilities, low impact development, and greenhouse gases. Ms. Stewart invited the general public to comment on the scope of the SEIS. The deadline for commenting is March 13, 2009.

4. Community Transit Presentation

Roland Behee of Community Transit presented information on the Bus Rapid Transit project along the Highway 99 Corridor and on connecting transit services.

5. Group Exercise

John Owen discussed the format for group exercises regarding the Highway 99 Corridor to include existing conditions and visioning of the corridor. The public

broke into five groups with facilitators. The groups later presented key components of their individual discussions and exercises.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.



Richard Wright, Chair

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