



Travel Information Council
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MINUTES
Rest Area Committee Meeting
October 6, 2022
Virtual Meeting

Members Participating: Mike Card; Ed Washington; David Warren; Valerie Wilson

Excused: Matt Preston

TIC Staff Participating: Elizabeth Boxall; Steve Duvall; Heather Swanson

The meeting was called to order by Chair Card at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Committee members and staff were present.

Approval of the Minutes:

The committee proposed minor grammatical edits.

Wilson made a motion to approve the August 4, 2022 minutes as amended. Warren seconded the motion. Passed, 4-0 vote.

Current Available Funding & Commitments

Roth went over the July 2022 OTIC Rest Area Capital Funds report. In July 2022 \$3,600,000 in capital funds were received for the fiscal year. Staff is balancing leveraging increasing interest rates while trying to manage cash flow. The format of the report was discussed.

Priority One ADA Companion Restroom Project Update

Duvall provided a summary of ongoing capital improvement projects. Duvall reported The Maples rest area project was on track and was opened for bid solicitations on October 3, 2022. All building permits have been obtained. The project engineers estimated costs for the project from bidders is expected to be in the range of \$1.4 million dollars, up from the \$1.2 million dollars previously approved by Council. A revised construction plan is now in place with construction estimated to being in later winter/early spring with completion by the fall of 2023.

Duvall reported the Memaloose rest area has cleared archeological and cultural clearances, as well as the Wasco County land use process. Applications for building permits are pending. Project engineers most recent estimate of cost for the Memaloose project is approximately \$2.2 million, a significant increase from the \$1.8 million previously approved by Council.

Duvall provided an update on the three I-84 projects, Baker Valley, Deadman Pass and Charles Reynolds as all three are at a similar stage. Archeological and historical clearances have been completed and tribal consultations are under way. Geotechnical work on the parking lots of Baker Valley and Charles Reynolds are on hold pending

completion of tribal consultation. A question was raised about why geotechnical work was needed given a past project to assess all rest area parking lots in the past. Duvall explained the pavement assessment project undertaken in 2021 consisted of surface analysis only. Core samples are required to ensure adequate engineering of parking area needs in Baker Valley and Charles Reynolds prior to construction. Duvall updated the Committee on Sunset Rest area and provided a summary of work needed and an additional budget request to be considered by Committee. It was also determined a land use application was required by Clatsop County for the project.

Capital Projects Prioritization

Duvall reviewed an in-depth report he completed of the TIC 2018/2019 capital improvement plan and budget. Duvall conducted a study of all capital projects developed in 2018 and 2019. He reviewed all capital projects completed and the impact to the capital improvement expenditures to determine where the agency is at with respect to projects completed, projects pending, the current capital improvement budget picture in order to discuss future planning and priorities. Duvall presented the Committee with a copy of the report and reviewed relevant findings.

In summary, Duvall found that actual expenditures have outpaced planned expenditures, primarily due to a large number of unexpected infrastructure issues expenditures that were outside of the 2018/2019 planned capital improvement plan. TIC has received \$12 million in allocated capital funds and expended \$6.7 million to complete both planned and unplanned capital projects since 2019, leaving a capital project fund balance of approximately \$8.8 million. Given cost increased due to ongoing economic drivers, Duvall estimated there are insufficient funds to complete Priority 3 and Priority 4 capital improvement projects as originally planned. Depending on future costs increases, it is estimated that funding is adequate for most, if not all, Priority 1 and 2 projects. Work will continue on Priority 1 planned capital projects while staff work to develop a priority matrix to re-evaluate remaining planned projects and report the suggested reprioritized project list to Committee for consideration.

Sunset Budget Request

Duvall reviewed the current status of the Sunset Springs capital improvement project. A previous request for Committee to approve a construction budget of presented a budget increase request for \$548,670 to allow for review of project engineer cost estimates as directed by the Committee on August 2, 2022. Duvall updated the Committee on steps needed to mitigate a source of water surfacing and flowing across a sidewalk identified in previous Committee presentations as a safety hazard. Duvall explained ODOT had also raised valid concerns about the need to analyze the water to exclude the potential for harmful contamination as the water flowed directly into a nearby stream. NV5, the project engineering firm, has agreed to do a hydrological study to determine the source of the water and confirm no contaminants are present. Duvall requested a design budget increase of \$33,792 to cover project engineer bidding and construction support (\$23,220), water mitigation and design work (\$7,500) and contingency costs (\$3,072), with a revised not to exceed amount of \$119,592.

Wilson made a motion to rescind prior staff request for additional pavement design services and construction cost updates dated August 4, 2022, and approve increased funding, not to exceed \$119,592 for NV5 to provide additional pavement design services at Sunset Springs Rest Area. Washington seconded the motion. Passed, 4-0 vote.

Cabin Creek Budget Request

Duvall presented budget approval for a project to replace the main water line for the northbound side of Cabin Creek rest area. The water line has failed 4 times in the past two years primarily due to the thin piping installed in a rocky sub-surface material along the east side of I-5, leading to costly repairs with a combined cost of \$13,970. The section to be replaced was installed in approximately 1979 and is too thin to withstand punctures from the rock substrate. A major leak has the potential to damage the substructure of Interstate 5 and lead to much more costly

repairs. Cost to replace the water line were estimated at \$90,000 Duvall requested Committee approval to replace the water line at the estimated construction cost of \$90,000 and \$10,000 for contingencies, for a not to exceed amount of \$100,000.

Washington made a motion to approve the replacement of the failing water line at the northbound Cabin Creek rest area not to exceed \$100,000. Warren seconded the motion. Passed, 4-0 vote.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Next Meeting: A virtual meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.