



## AGENDA

### Future Phases Work Session #2 Boise Streetcar Task Force

4:00 – 5:30 pm, October 15, 2009

CCDC Conference Room; 121 N. 9th Street, Suite 501

- A. Representation from Citizens Advisory Committee Mike Hall
  
- B. Process Overview Mike Hall, Working Group
  - 1. Identify all potential alternatives; identify information needs; analyze and rank alternatives; select most promising alternatives.
  - 2. How to use the Maps, Description Table of Future Phase Options, Evaluation Matrix
  - 3. Additional Information: 30<sup>th</sup> Street Master Plan, Portland Streetcar System Plan
  
- C. Identify and Evaluate Potential Future Phases Mike Hall, Working Group
  - 1. Are there limits to potential future phases? For example, should this discussion of future phases limit potential phases to a defined radius around downtown?
  - 2. Do the draft maps and charts identify all potential future phases? If not, what are other potential future phases?
  - 3. Is the list of criteria complete and accurate? Are there any other criteria that should be used?
  - 4. Should the criteria be weighted? Are some criteria more important than others?
  - 5. Is the 1-3 ranking system workable?
  
- D. Analysis and Selection of Future Phases Working Group
  
- E. Future Meetings

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## Notes

### Boise Streetcar Task Force Future Phases Working Group

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#### Representation from Citizens Advisory Committee

- John Irvine was introduced as representative of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

#### Process Overview / Maps and Tables sent with Agenda

- Included with the agenda were maps of potential future phases (identifying potential primary connecting phases, secondary and tertiary phases), a table describing the potential future phases with emphasis on destinations rather than specific alignments, and a draft evaluation matrix including criteria for selecting future phases.
- Mike Hall described how to use the maps, key to the alternatives (description table), and the evaluation matrix.
- Although the agenda “packet” might suggest a laborious, comprehensive evaluation of the alternatives, it was recommended that a process of selecting potential future phases be practical and simple enough given the number of times this group will meet and how soon the recommendation is needed.

#### Identifying and Evaluating Potential Future Phases

- There was considerable discussion about whether the drafted criteria are adequate. Some of the criteria are quite broad and likely include some of the considerations raised at this meeting.
- More than one member suggested adding a criterion: “potential to mitigate traffic congestion”.
- Weighting of the Criteria: Members of the working group observed there will be differences of opinion regarding the weights assigned to the criteria – since each member will value the criteria differently - and thus it was concluded that assigning weights would not be productive.
- It was suggested that some data on traffic counts for various streets for various phases would be helpful. It was also noted that data on jobs and population in certain destination areas (relative to phases) would be useful.
- If a ranking system is used it should probably include a range of 1-5; 1-3 is not sufficient.

## Analysis and Selection of Future Phases / Conclusion of Meeting

- Potential future phases should be identified by destination and not presuppose specific track alignments.
- The key criteria are a) redevelopment and economic development potential, b) potential to serve an existing population of workers, residents, students, and others; c) potential to mitigate existing traffic congestion; and d) potential cost based on factors that affect cost such as presence of physical constraints.
- All potential phases should remain on the maps; however, the maps and future discussion should emphasize the primary connecting phase options 1a (30<sup>th</sup> and Fairview/Main area), 2a (BSU and Boise Depot), 3a (area around WGI Plaza near Park Blvd and Broadway), and 5a (VA hospital and Fort Boise area).
- Staff will produce a report listing the characteristics of the four phases relative to the key criteria noted above.