

Land Use and Transportation Technical Team  
West Eugene Collaborative

# Summary Notes

(Revised)

July 31, 2007

LTD Administrative Offices

*Present:* Ed Durkee, Charles Snyder, Tom Stinchfield, Tom Schwetz, Rob Inerfeld, Rick Ingham, Rob Zako, Kevin Matthews

**Ric I:** What is our charge?

**Kevin:** Ongoing review of previous committees and interpretation of email from Zako

**Charles:** “communications committee converted to supporting the resources committee”

*[No women in the room]*

**Tom Schw.:** Would like to discuss, for August 20th Meeting - Transportation 101?

**Tom Stinch.:** Review of rules, esp. UGB/Urban Fringe rules, including handout of OARs excerpt

**Ric I:** Changability of MPO boundary?

**Tom Schw.:** Usually during census

**Tom Stinch:** Seems to push emphasis onto existing corridor

**Ric I:** Looking at work plan outline... various details... timing relative to the two agency issues

**Charles:** Interested in Kevin's point about something

*Rob Z arrives 3:45pm*

**Rob Z:** Starts to describe problems and perceptions

**Kevin:** Not just "problems", too transportation

**Others:** ...

**Kevin:** What is the real point of the perceptions study? Planning should start from facts.

**Rob Z:** List of constraints and things already produced earlier in forum process

**Kevin:** That's a good input to this work

## Why are we here? Round-the-table Thoughts

**Problems:** Congestion of West 11<sup>th</sup>  
Threatened environmental assets

Too much development  
Not enough areas for development

**Ed:** Accessibility issues  
West 11<sup>th</sup> already difficult commute  
Seeking consensus forward to good outcomes  
This technical team needs [to use?] common language  
Everybody wants to come, is coming

**Charles:** Westside Neighborhood preservation  
Can planning alleviate “snowballing”  
Environmental and growth problems?

**Tom Stinch.:** Representative for Lane County Public Works  
Agency helper with info and background  
Long accustomed to agency lense  
Challenge of ODOT Highway 126 contrarianism (?)

**Tom Schw.:** Representative for LTD  
View from transportation network, travel sheds and such  
Transit benefits from good land use  
Not living up to its potential / wetlands — not much has happened  
Opportunity for WEC to create vision  
Likes looking toward assets

**Rob I** Representative for Eugene Public Works  
City’s corridor study — long term integrated land use perspective, a huge opportunity  
Designated mixed-use centers, only not happening  
Still a good time to outpace the curve  
reaching for a shared understanding of land use and transportation issues

**Ric I** Representative for the City of Veneta  
A vibrant Veneta  
An efficient Highway 126 corridor  
More goods and services to/from Veneta: Highway 126 is a community lifeline  
Bigger picture  
Scared of potential truck traffic: Coos Bay port “train wreck”  
Interfering with potential businesses develop (?) ...

**Rob Z** Transportation advocate for 1000 Friends and active citizen  
Co-founded Roundtable Group (with Jack Roberts)  
West Eugene was (and still is) planned for industrial development but has critical wetlands  
What is “West Eugene 2.0”? What are *we* intending to do in west Eugene?

**Kevin** Free person  
Deep contradictions in west Eugene  
If one looks long term, there is significant consensus...  
...but in the short-term people see different routes for moving forward.  
People want a good life for their children, i.e., sustainability

A consensus group can work from shared values to win-win approaches  
Can find creative new solutions, and when necessary good compromises  
Planning is falling behind the facts on the ground  
Community-driven integrated planning and design

## **Next Steps**

1. Select a co-convenor (Rob Z drafted to replace Ed as co-convenor)
2. Consider forming a subcommittee with the Environment Technical Team to assemble maps to show the land uses
3. Schedule the next meeting, tentatively on Thursday, August 16, 3–5 pm, Goodwill Industries
4. Rob Z will propose an agenda for the next meeting and develop an initial outline for the background report