

TSPLOST 2018 Program
Prince Avenue Corridor Improvements: Project 16

User Group Meeting – Minutes

September 8, 2021 3:00 P.M. - https://youtu.be/LO_BiTzVv44

User Group Members Present: Ellen Walker, Emily Tatum, Jen Rice, Mark Ebell, Clint McCrory, Peter Norris, Stephen Bailey, Daniel Sizemore, Ilka McConnell

Members Absent: Bruce Lonnee, Jeanne Connell

Other Staff Present: Forrest Huffman, Joseph D'Angelo, Mary Martin, Emilie Castillo, Brad McCook, Todd Miller, Gavin Hassemer, John Rogeberg, Diana Jackson

Guests: Erik Hammarlund, John Walker, Ernie Boughman

General Business

Diana Jackson called the meeting to order at 3:04 P.M., welcomed the members in attendance and thanked them for being present.

Quorum: Established quorum was present.

“Presentations” was changed to “Updates” under Item V, and “Next Steps” was added as a second bullet under Item VI.

User Group Actions

Meeting Minutes Review & Approval – Clint McCrory made a motion to approve the August 25, 2021 Minutes as amended by Clint and Stephen Bailey seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The below is a brief summary of the key discussion items, not a transcript. The full video is available at the above noted YouTube link. The below notes are only to identify the items discussed and the general order of those discussion to make finding the information on the video easier.

Public Engagement Results Updates

Joseph went through late survey results. Responses are slowing down as a natural state of maturity. ~300 responses to date. There were much more “must haves” and “nice to haves” as compared to “not as important” or not necessary”. There were about third or so that skipped questions, but there were a few that answered all the questions. Joseph shared the link to the raw results so that the UG can go in and review it. Mark requested getting an export of the data as he would like to conduct some of his own analysis. Joseph will also provide a SharePoint link too.

Seemed like everybody wanted everything...three laning was probably the most balanced set of responses not being skewed to either end of the spectrum.

TSPLOST 2023 Project Submission Updates

Client stated that he and Mark submitted their presentations to the TSPLOST office. They will present at 8:10 pm on October 4th. These events will be live streamed like our UG meetings – with a YouTube link.

Peter will be looking to submit his presentation tomorrow. Diana will provide him with crash data from ACC Roadway data.

Project Schedule

Next step is to see how the Public Engagement went. GIO sent link for results to the UG to begin reviewing.

Erik discussed their proposal for conducting traffic studies and the timing for it all. He stated that the timing will be good because schools are back in session. John Walker discussed data collection and a rough schedule. They'll collect turning movement data at intersections and counts along segments. They will model the existing baseline conditions and then investigate alternatives or road diets/lane modifications. They'll pick up all three peaks that happen over 24 hours. They will also look at proposed future conditions pushing traffic out to some horizon design year.

The intent of the traffic study is to not say whether something will work or not, but it will talk about if a change was made to the corridor what effect it might have on reductions in level of service or increases in delay. It should however provide enough information for TPW staff to make a recommendation for or against pursuing a certain type of project.

Mark pointed out that a roadway diet or modification is being made in hopes of affecting safety, not necessarily delay. Aren't there other places that have implemented say a road diet, do they not have data now that show that it increased road safety that we can learn from? John also reiterated that it may be that a road diet shows that most of the day, everything is okay and one 1-2 hours of the day it's not okay. Again, they need the data to be able to analyze it.

Stephen Bailey also stated to John and Erik that anything they can point back to as a safety metric, TPW would be very interested in it.

Emily stated that the TEs need to consider the Fall and Thanksgiving breaks with the schools.

The TE studies that the report will be complete 60 days after they get traffic counts. They can share results even in draft format.

Clint asked how the UG will use the TE studies during our recommendation making mode? Stephen stated that their recommendation will be based on the engineer's expert opinion. The UG will make their recommendations based on its priorities. The M&C will do the same thing. Once TPW has the data, they will get back with the group to discuss.

Diana stated that she would get with Derek/Keith to see how the other UG's prioritized their project lists based on the public input data.

Ellen was concerned with thinking that we were going to be on the M&C voting session. Diana reiterated that while we had at one time shown this, that she does not even have a work session scheduled. As a UG, we'll get one scheduled when we feel like the time is right. She agrees that the TE studies will help the UG refine the list and that we should really wait for that data before we submit to a work session.

Assignment for future meetings

- Next meeting is **September 22, 2021 from 3-4:30 pm **NOTE NEW TIME****
- Public Engagement results
- TSPLOST 2023 project presentations – how'd it go – need any follow-up?

These minutes are not a transcript of the meeting but instead is a general summary of the key points, ideas, or considerations from the discussion.