

Meeting Notes

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting #3

December 14, 2022 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attend.	Name	Org.
\boxtimes	Dani Schulte	CTUIR Planning
	Cheryl Jarvis-Smith	ODOT
	Bob Waldher	Umatilla Cty Planning
	Megan Davchevski	Umatilla Cty Planning
	Tom Fellows	Umatilla Cty Roads
	Brian Johnson	Umatilla Cty Roads
	Cindy Freston	Kayak Rider Rep
	Roberta Carver-Carson	Kayak Public Transit
	Bill Tovey	DECD
	Alaina Mildenberger	CTUIR Public Works
	Justin Northern	CTUIR Public Works
	J.D. Tovey	CTUIR Planning

Attend.	Name	Org.
	Sandra Alexander	CTUIR Public Works
	Patty Perry	CTUIR Planning
	Shaun Oliver	USFS
	Lynette Minthorn	Yellowhawk Com. Health
	Damon McKay	Yellowhawk Com. Health
	Dave Franklin	Wildhorse Resort & Casino
	James Hall	Umatilla Tribal Fire Dept
	Rob Burnside	CTUIR Public Safety Director
	Nick Foster	Kittelson
	Molly McCormick	Kittelson
	Colin Roberts	Sera Design
	Andrew Parish	MIG

Meeting Purpose: The purpose of TAC Meeting #3 was to review the updated draft set of projects for the CTUIR Transportation System Plan as presented in Draft Technical Memorandum #5. **Agenda:**

- 1. Introductions and Project Overview
 - a. The project is nearly complete. The last remaining tasks include the draft TSP (most of the content for this has already been reviewed in Tech Memos #4 and #5), plan and code amendments, and the implementing ordinances.
 - b. Although this is the last TAC meeting, there will be further PMT meetings to discuss the Draft TSP, including implementation items.
- 2. Public Outreach #2 Results (5 min)
 - a. CTUIR staff put in significant effort to gather feedback, although it was more difficult to set and hold meetings for this second round of input due to different community circumstances.
 - b. The project team and CTUIR staff were able to connect with over 80 people in-person.
- 3. Tech Memo #5 Review: Updates to Projects since Last Meeting
 - a. For R10 (Exit 216 Truck Overflow Parking), CTUIR recently met with ODOT to further discuss, including reviewing the IGA. There is potential that the location will move to Lot 13, which would have more space. It is a bigger project than just this small portion, including ODOT coordinating signage all the way to Boardman.

- i. It may be worth noting that the parking lot is more for when the freeway is open and people violate chain requirements.
- ii. Update the project cost to \$3.2M, add the flexibility of the location to the description, and note that there should be consideration of electrification to prepare for future need. Bill can provide more information, if necessary.
- b. The updated grid network policy looks better to CTUIR staff.
 - i. For the future policy updates work, does CTUIR want an urban area grid or is there a specific spacing distance that is desired?
 - CTUIR staff noted that might not want to be too specific. The policy should be more about tying into the existing network for emergency access and circulation.
 - J.D. has an example for a recent neighborhood that was more specific.
 500-foot max block perimeter to create a distributor network, instead of a collector network. Included short lengths for pedestrian and bicycle connections.
- c. Clarification about R17: Believe flooding/water issues are caused from a spring and not a levy.
 - i. Public works has contracted Anderson Perry to do a watershed study of that area. The project was added to the plan so that CTUIR can get funding for actual construction in the future after the study is completed.
- d. Note on P07 and P06: CTUIR staff sent in a proposal to have the Portland State University Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) students create a more specific plan. If the project is chosen, the students would work on it from January to June 2023.
- e. For B11, can these projects seek SRTS funding?
 - i. Based on CTUIR staff experience, SRTS funds have not yet been used for those kinds of facilities.
- f. Dani to share one additional comment that came in regarding lighting.
- g. Update P07 description. Fish and Wildlife Commission doesn't want a path along the river. Instead of saying the multi-use path with be along one alignment or the other, it would be anywhere in that area spanning the two.
 - i. For future discussions around this issue, it could focus on education. Had a conversation about paths along the river a few years ago when folks were concerned about people wrecking the area (litter and vandalism). But the opposite can be true, if there are eyes on the ground and self-governance, then it is less likely for those people to create issues.
 - ii. There might be other concerns including land ownership issues and the levies that might not be tied to the lots.
- h. A lot of the students have been excited about the additional paths (especially off Short Mile Road). But there is the tension between access for everyone and safety/comfort for users. Any thoughts on that?

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- i. It is one of those things that has to be incremental. Phasing the larger network in by starting from the school campus and building off what is already existing. If constructed all at once, there likely won't be a lot of use everywhere. If the system is built incrementally, can build the use of the system slowly as well.
- ii. The County is currently working on an Umatilla River trail that will start in Umatilla and connect to Echo. It will be fairly rural and along irrigation canals. Safety was a public concern for that trail as well. Some of the farmers who own the land needed for the trail were on the committee and said they think it would make it safer and cleaner. One farmer has a private trail that he opens most of the year and noted that the public using the trail keeps his land cleaner than it was before when people would trespass and litter. Megan can provide names to Dani if she wants testimonials to share with the community.
- 4. Tech Memo #5 Review: Project Cost Estimates and Project Summary Sheets
 - a. No comments
- 5. Next Steps
 - a. This was the last TAC meeting, but the project team hopes the TAC will review the Draft TSP when it is out for public review.

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