



## Oversight Team

ATTENDEES:	Dan Clem/City of Salem, Sam Brentano/Marion County, Lloyd Chapman/Salem-Keizer Transit District, Richard Walsh/City of Keizer, Cathy Clark/City of Keizer, Eric Havig /ODOT, Emily Laughton/FHWA, Tom Richey/Polk County
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GUESTS:	Darlene Strozut/Highland Neighborhood Association; Chuck Bennet/Salem City Council
DATE:	August 17, 2007

## Introductions and Agenda Review

Following self-introductions, Marcy Schwartz indicated the key meeting objective was to adopt a range of alternatives to be evaluated further. Task Force recommendations and public input will be provided to assist in decision making.

## Public Comment

Mike Probst, Polk County Commissioner, presented a formal statement from the Polk County Commission on the process to date (attached). He indicated that Polk County had received more than 500 website comments and letters in support for the project, and underscored the importance of today's decision for the future of the region. He commended the Task Force and technical staff for its inclusive process and extensive analysis of alternatives. While the County Commissioners will support the outcome of the process, they voiced a concern that all of the proposed alternatives are located in relative proximity to the existing bridges. They feel strongly that any long range solution must improve connectivity from the entire region west of the Willamette River to Interstate 5, Highway 22 eastbound, Keizer, and industrial areas in NE and SE Salem. While the "red" alignments seek to address this connectivity requirement, they may prove too costly to build. It is important to begin establishment of a circumferential route which provides a more comprehensive solution to the identified mobility issues.

## Next Steps

Next, the project team will evaluate the approved alternatives against the goals and objectives in the previously approved Evaluation Framework. No Task Force meeting will be held in September while this evaluation is being completed. Evaluation results will be presented to the Task Force and the OT in October and to the public in November. We expect to be ready for a decision on the alternatives to include in the draft EIS by late November or early December.

The next OT meeting will be on October 19.