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**City of Florence  
Transportation Committee Meeting  
Held at Florence City Hall  
250 Hwy 101, Florence OR  
Final Action Minutes  
October 8, 2020**

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**CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

Meeting called to order at 2:32 p.m.

Committee Present: Chairperson Robert Steele, Vice-Chairperson Terry Tomeny, Gary Plunkett (attended as an attendee), Susan Jones, Vicki Dunaway, Larry Farnsworth, Sylvia Napoles, Woody Woodbury – Council Ex-officio, Josh Haring, John Ahlen, Kelly Clarke, David Hope

Committee Absent: George Henry, Joseph Cullivan

Staff Present: Senior Planner Roxanne Johnston and Administrative Assistant Aleia Bailey

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *Items Not on the Agenda***

No Public Comments

**2. TC WORKPLAN RECOMMENDATION**

Chairperson Robert Steele opened up discussion on Airport recommendations. Terry Tomeny recommended all the items carryover from the last workplan, especially consistent hanger leases. Chairperson Steele read the previous items on the workplan, they included: grant opportunities, memorial gateway, continue advertising, implement airport updates, work with staff on airport workplan. Fiber optic cable is being installed on the airport, each hanger should be able to obtain high speed internet through HYAK. Status of runway resurfacing project, matching grant that the FAA has put into place. Coordination between runway closure and users needs to be organized, pushed back to 2022.

Chairperson Steele asked for recommendations for public transportation. David Hope asked for support for the Florence – Coos Bay Route by way of a letter for a grant. Senior Planner Roxanne Johnston informed the Committee that will be on the next Council Agenda. Johnston requested on behalf of Wendy FarleyCampbell, Planning Director, that a Ridership survey be added to the next workplan. Kelly Clarke shared that the Lane Council of Governments was awarded a Transportation Management Grant to develop a transit development plan within and beyond Lane County. Clarke recommended finding ways to incorporate that into the workplan. Josh Haring offered to have surveys on the local buses to pass them along to riders.

Chairperson Steele asked Josh Haring about the Safeway bus stop and the safety of the stop. Haring said there has been no remedy to the bus stop at this time. Haring informed the committee that the police have a hard time getting transit to move on because of the question of private property and transit claiming to be waiting for the next bus, therefore forcing the police to do another round to check.

Roxanne Johnston passed along a recommendation from Wendy Farley Campbell on Updating Taxi Code.

Haring informed the committee of the shift of taxi work to being majorly medical transport work. There was recently an interpretation of the currently City code that separated taxi work from medical transportation. Chairperson Steele agreed to add it to the recommendation.

The committee discussed Old Town parking. Chairperson asked if parking was still an issue and Johnston confirmed that it is an on-going issue. Johnston informed the Transportation Committee that a few Planning Commissioners would like to assist with the Old Town parking situation. Johnston recommended revising the parking requirements in Old Town to accommodate smaller vehicles. Chairperson Steele requested that adding more pedestrian friendly items in Old Town. Blocking off streets during big events would create a parking issue but could be accommodated. Traffic in Old Town is uncomfortable for pedestrians.

Johnston recommended for Wendy Farley Campbell the trail system and park master plan remain on the workplan. Chairperson Steele made comments on the current bike path on Rhododendron. Woody Woodbury commented on the widening of Rhododendron to start next summer and future improvements to accommodate bike paths further north than they currently extend. The project will take several months to complete, from Wild Winds to 35<sup>th</sup> Street. Sandra Napoles volunteered to assist with the survey that would be conducted about the trail system.

Chairperson Steele Closed the workplan discussion.

### **3. ACTION ITEMS**

Transportation Growth Management Grant Application Status and Project Timeline.

### **4. REPORT ITEMS**

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### **5. CLOSING COMMENTS, NEXT MEETING DATES & FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

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Meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Aleia Bailey, Planning Administrative Assistant

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Chairperson Robert Steele