

**City of Sumner**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Study Session**

**May 16, 2002**

Members present: Livingston, Nalder, Lovgren, Richardson

Members absent: Myers (Notified) Walker (Notified)

Also Present: Ryan Windish, Senior Planner John Doan, Director of Community Development Bill Shoemaker; Public Works Director Transportation Consultants

**CALL TO ORDER**

LIVINGSTON called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No Minutes for Approval

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

WINDISH welcomed citizens present to comment Transportation Plan especially on the proposed overpass across SR410 from Sumner Avenue to Rivergrove Drive. He explained that this portion of the meeting would be reserved for them to provide testimony regarding this proposal. He turned the meeting over to Bill Shoemaker, Public Works Director.

SHOEMAKER explained that this project was presented by the consultants to better increase circulation between areas north and south of SR410 throughout the City. He said that the project is not funded at this time and is of very low priority. It likely would not be constructed in this generation.

LIVINGSTON opened the floor for public comment requesting individuals to speak for only two minutes and to come to the podium and state their name and address.

PUBLIC COMMENT Numerous citizens commented on the proposal who live on Sumner Avenue and in the immediate neighborhood. Also there were comments from residents along Rivergrove Drive south of SR 410. The main points are as follows with the complete record of the testimony on official minutes tapes:

- Do not recommend this project go forward as a listed project in the Transportation Plan. Take it off the list.
- If the project is constructed it would have a negative and dangerous impact on the safety of children walking and playing in the area.
- Property values would be diminished by this proposal.
- There would be an unacceptable increase in traffic making the neighborhood dangerous for walkers and children.
- The City proposed this several years ago and it was soundly defeated by the residents at that time. Why is the City even considering this again?

- Is there a way to insure that it can not happen at all in the future?
- Concerns about the removal of existing houses or widening of Sumner Avenue to provide a wider road.
- Questions about why the roads are not maintained (Adele Street) in the vicinity of the proposed overpass.
- Concerns about traffic increasing in the vicinity of the Junior High School and Elementary School when there are kids walking to school.
- Concerns about the speed of traffic through existing neighborhoods and increased housing density overall.
- Numerous questions about the proposed Fred Meyer building and the potential impact to the transportation system and whether it was included in the study.
- If traffic increased children won't be able to play in the street.
- Comments on lack of adequate public notice for meetings and compelling reason to attend.

WINDISH responded to some of the questions regarding the City's vision, reiterated that the project was proposed for increased circulation but would ultimately be decided by the Council as they consider financial, political, and social ramifications of a project. Currently not funded. Not high probability that it will be built.

SHOEMAKER responded to some of the Fred Meyer questions regarding traffic impacts, the six-year street plan, and the transportation plan in general.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Transportation Plan Update**

Transportation consultant Larry Toedtli, of the Transpo Group presented a slide show containing information on project costs and the share of funding from the city, state, and developers. The presentation included planning level cost projections and estimates, proposed revenue sources, and a discussion of how impact fees are calculated and how they can be charged and administered. He finished the presentation with information on concurrency requirements under the Growth Management Act.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Livingston adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

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Ryan Windish, Senior Planner