

**SW 185th Avenue (TV Hwy to Kinnaman) Project  
8/14/08 Open House Summary**

A public Open House for the SW 185th Ave (TV Hwy to Kinnaman Rd) Road Improvement Project was held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2008, at the Aloha High School cafeteria, 18550 SW Kinnaman Rd, Aloha, OR 97007. The purposes of the open house were to present the selected project design road alignment, answer questions and collect any further community feedback.

37 people attended the Open House (as per sign-in sheets). Project staff in attendance included:

Washington County staff:  
Pat Oakes, Project Manager, CPM  
Steve Hansen, CPM Right-of-Way  
Magdalena Campuzano, Administrative Specialist

Consultants:  
Wayne Bauer, Project Manager, WH Pacific  
Ken Rehms, WH Pacific  
Christine Egan, Jeanne Lawson Associates

Public notices for the Open House included:

- CPO 6 announced the Open House in their July newsletter (mail circulation: ~1200, email circulation: ~241)
- 8/7/08 Oral presentation by Pat Oakes and Wayne Bauer to the regular monthly meeting of CPO 6 at Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue
- Card flyer mailings to 929 households and businesses in vicinity of the project area along with non-local resident property owners
- A County press release to multiple media sources was published in the following newspapers:
  - Hillsboro Argus, 7/25/08
  - The Oregonian, 7/31/08 & 8/14/08
  - Beaverton Valley Times, 7/31/08

The format of the Open House was decentralized displays and maps with staff available to answer one-on-one questions. There was no central presentation. The following topics were covered in the open house displays:

1. Why SW 185<sup>th</sup> Avenue?
2. Project Funding /MSTIP (and brochure)
3. Project Schedule
4. Aerial Photo with ROW existing highlights
5. Roll Plot map drawing of the selected road design alignment (West side alignment)\*
6. 3 road section drawings:

- Selected alignment including planter strip
  - Selected alignment not including planter strip
  - 5-lane road section (for comparison purposes, not selected)
7. Right-of-Way Acquisition Process (with County ROW staff and brochures)
  8. Public Involvement Process (March through August)
  9. Project Details (scope, budget, Project Focus Group [PFG] members)
  10. Decision Process (alignments considered, PFG Preferences, County decision process)
  11. Smaller scale maps of the East side alignment and the full 5-lane improvement (for reference)

\* The West side alignment map reflected the scenario for right of way acquisition at 49 foot half right-of-way width. The map also showed west side sidewalk without planter strip to show the details still subject to refinement during the continuing design process.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Three participants completed a public comment form or provided written input. Staff also detailed comments heard at the event. Readily identifiable duplicate entries were eliminated. Where quotes are not utilized, comments were summarized.

Most Open House attendees were adjacent residents and property owners with some participants living outside the immediate project area. Three CPO6 representatives attended the event. Five PFG members attended also attended.

"I have a hedge between my house & road would like to save if possible. The plans look like sidewalk bends away from road just as it gets to my property & would wipe out hedge"  
(Comment Form)

"To: Traffic Engineer Dept, Traffic Light. Need the new type with flashing arrow here at this Kinnaman & 185<sup>th</sup> intersection, esp. left turn. Traffic Light for Parr Lumber & Capital Center road. Wish is to synchronize traffic lights from TV Highway to Walker! Waste more gas & time when traffic light change for side road traffic entering onto 185<sup>th</sup>!! Talk about waste of gas & time – there's the problem" (CF). Staff comment: copy of this form provided to Washington County Traffic Engineering section.

"As an interested citizen and resident of Washington County I have the following questions:

1. What is the budget for this project?
2. Who are members of the Project Focus Group?
3. Please provide contact information for each member of the Project Focus Group
4. What is the County Development Code which controls this project?
5. Please provide a complete copy of any and all handouts provided to the Project Focus Group.
6. Please provide a complete copy of any and all application petitions of the Project Focus Group to become members of the Project Focus Group
7. Are any federal funds being used for this project?
8. What Washington County code authority was used to select and administer the Project Focus Group? Please provide a copy of any and all county code documents which provides authority for the Project Focus Group.
9. At the August CPO 6 meeting a proposed design was posted, but no copies were given to the citizens. Please provide copy of that proposed design,
10. At the August CPO 6 meeting the WH Pacific representative advised the group that there would not be a signal at Blanton and 185th because the traffic count did not warrant a signal. Please provide a copy of that traffic analysis and the authority for whether or not this intersection warrants a signal." (Letter provided at Open House)

Business owner at North end of the project indicated support for full project build-out now (i.e. 5 lanes). (Oral)

Property owner near the center of the project asked about impacts to his property. He was concerned about whether a large fir (48") tree will be removed or not. Staff explained that the grading impacts are very close and that they will need to be looking at this much closer, along with others on the project, later in final design. Staff mentioned that an arborist will review certain trees that may be impacted by grading, and it is likely that will be the case with his tree and a few others on the project. Staff also reviewed with him the issues of safety and access management along arterials, including more particularly the possibilities of relocating his driveway to the side street next to his parcel. Owner mention that there is an attached deck near the back of the building. (Oral)

Property owners at the south end of the project discussed impacts to their property. They lease the house out for business. Discussion was about access primarily, including safety and access management. Staff indicated that since their property is fronting an interim improvement on the east side, it is likely that their existing driveway will remain just to the north of the building. At some point in the future, when they make improvements to the property or the 5 lane roadway gets finished, the access will likely need to be moved onto SW 184th Ave, similar to what was done at the Funeral Home. (Oral)

Non-resident homeowner in the project area had various questions about future traffic on 185<sup>th</sup>. Asked why the project was not constructing the 5 lane design at this time. Said it was a waste of funds to not build it now. (Oral)

Owner at South end of the project commented that the traffic signal at Kinnaman and the lack of full visibility from 185<sup>th</sup> to Kinnaman creates a real concern about police cars that are responding to calls with sirens. He says it is only a matter of time before one of those police cars gets hit in the side by side road traffic. Asked questions about Commercial Office zoning and land use application conditions of approval and standards. Staff asked that they call County Land Development Services for accurate responses and current standards. Staff reviewed likely grading impacts to their parcel and potential impacts and landscape removal. (Oral)

Business owner at North end of the project said he was in favor of the project. He said that there has been an ongoing problem of merging southbound traffic in front of his property. Says the large tree by the road has been hit several times by conflicting, merging traffic. Additionally, he reports that he is aware of numerous accidents related to northbound traffic conflicting with East Blanton Street and Post Office traffic. He said he thinks the 5-lane extension south from East Blanton Street is a good move. (Oral)

Property owners south of the project area, across from Aloha High School, stated their main concern is that right-of way will be needed in front of their property. There have been one or two previous acquisitions for other projects. Staff explained that the project should not require any right-of-way since the construction stops along their frontage. (Oral)

Property owner near south end of the project said he had bad experiences with past improvements in the area. Apparently others (maybe County staff) had said they were going to purchase ROW and improve the frontage, but the project stopped short due to funding. He said that Tualatin Valley Water District installed a water meter on his property without permission since they thought the right-of-way had been acquired. He said he did not like the neighbor's tree by his driveway and would like it removed for sight distance reasons. Drainage is also a problem in this area. The 15" culverts on 185th are in bad shape since trucks clatter over them." (Oral)

Several persons commented about accident/ traffic concerns at Blanton/Post Office accesses. One comment was that rear end accidents happen with people turning right from Blanton, then into the post office driveway. Another commented that this area confuses drivers because it is unclear when a driver heading south is intending to turn left into the Post Office or continue east on Blanton. People indicated that the planned improvement should help to resolve the problem. (Oral)

Several persons asked about project funding and when project would be widened to 5 lanes for the entire project length. Also when would 185th be widened to the south from Kinnaman to Farmington? (Oral)

The last public attendee departed at approximately 7:40pm.