



HISTORIC ALBINA ADVISORY BOARD (HAAB)

WORK SESSION SUMMARY

Date: August 22, 2023

Time: 6 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: In-person and online Zoom meeting

This document is a summary of the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Historic Albina Advisory Board work session held in August 2023. *Note that this work session was requested by HAAB members to meet with Albina Vision Trust leadership.*

Historic Albina Advisory Board Members in Attendance

- Sprinavasa Brown
- Bryson Davis
- Cleo Davis
- Keith Edwards
- Kevin Modica
- James Posey
- Dr. Carlos Richard
- John Washington III

Historic Albina Advisory Board Members Not in Attendance

- Dr. Ebony Amato-Blackmon
- Leslie Goodlow
- Andrew Campbell
- Tamara Kennedy
- Estelle Love-Lavespere

Staff and Presenters

- Dr. Steven Holt, Try Excellence, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Strategic Advisor, Facilitator
- Kerry Werner, ODOT, Resident Engineer
- Mike Baker, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, Owner's Representative Project Manager
- Winta Yohannes, Albina Vision Trust Executive Director
- JT Flowers, Albina Vision Trust, Communications
- Natalie Warner, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Team, Notetaker
- Teresa Dunham, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Team, Technical Support

Discussion Topics

- Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods Grant Application

Discussion

The HAAB and Albina Vision Trust discussed the dollar amount being considered for the project's grant application, as presented at the August 22, 2023 HAAB meeting just before this work session. The project elements (and associated cost estimate/grant request for each element) being considered for the grant application are:

- Complete project design: \$50 million
- Right of Way and Utilities: \$80 million
- Highway Cover Structure: \$500 million
- City Street Improvements: \$100 million
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge: \$120 million
- I-5 Southbound Ramp Relocation and Flyover: \$60 million
- I-5 Mainline Improvements: \$120 million

The total grant request being considered ranges from \$850 million to \$1.03 billion.

The discussion covered whether a large funding would be a reasonable ask, whether the application could be granted in smaller amounts in the context of a larger ask, the project elements being considered for the application and their associated costs, and a stronger understanding of what the requested dollars would go towards to fund.

As AVT is considering supporting the grant application, AVT asked for the following:

- A letter from Director Strickler to the Oregon Transportation Commission requesting the \$50 million needed to complete the project design
- A letter from the Governor expressing support for the project and willingness to champion it for future funding
- For AVT to meet with ODOT leadership to identify the ask amount for the grant application, and for AVT to recommend an ask amount to the HAAB

HAAB members present were supportive of AVT's approach.

Next Steps:

- ODOT will respond to AVT on their asks.
- ODOT will schedule meeting with AVT to walk through the scope of improvements associated with each dollar amount.
- Members of the HAAB and AVT will review the outcomes of the ODOT and AVT discussion.