



I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Historic Albina Advisory Board

Meeting #10 Summary

MEETING DATE: August 23, 2021

MEETING TIME: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Zoom online meeting

This document is a summary of the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Historic Albina Advisory Board meeting. The [meeting presentation](#) and [recording](#) provide additional documentation of this meeting.

Historic Albina Advisory Board Members in Attendance

- Sprinavasa Brown
- Andrew Campbell
- Andrew Clarke
- Keith Edwards
- Sharon Gary-Smith
- Leslie Goodlow
- Estelle Love
- Lavespere
- Kevin Modica
- John Washington

Historic Albina Advisory Board Members Not in Attendance

- Pastor Richard Probasco
- Dr. Carlos Richard
- Carl Talton

Staff Members

- Ericka Warren, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Historic Albina Advisory Board Facilitator
- Dr. Steven Holt, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Executive Steering Committee Facilitator
- Megan Channell, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Director
- April deLeon-Galloway, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Communications and Public Involvement Manager
- Mike Baker, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Manager
- Alex Cousins, Board support, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Owner's Representative Team

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- Natalie Warner, technical support, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Owner's Representative Team
- Aliza Whalen, notetaker, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Owner's Representative Team

Agenda

- Welcome, Introduction, Agenda Review
- Project Update
- Hybrid 3 Costs and Schedule
- Cover Recommendation
- Next Steps

Welcome, Introduction, Agenda Review

Ericka Warren, Board Facilitator, welcomed participants to the special meeting, provided an overview of the meeting, and outlined the seven principles of agreement.

Project Update

Megan Channell, Project Director, thanked members for their time and effort. She expressed that the purpose of the meeting was to ask the Historic Albina Advisory Board to make a recommendation on the highway cover design. That recommendation would provide direction to advance the design concept, proceed with technical and environmental analyses, conduct a more detailed cost estimate and develop a finance plan, update the Diversity Plan, and develop necessary intergovernmental agreements.

Hybrid 3 Costs and Schedule

Megan Channell, Project Director, described the proposed project schedule, noting that Hybrid 3 highway cover design, technical analysis, and environmental review can be done concurrently with project design. This keeps the project moving to implement the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises & Workforce Training Program and begin construction of the Early Work Packages, while also maximizing land on top of the covers.

Megan also provided a comparison of project costs between the baseline project and project design including the Hybrid 3 highway cover option. Megan also described why costs for the Hybrid 3 highway cover design option are higher. ODOT is working to identify State and federal funding opportunities that supplement HB 2017 and HB 3055 financing.

- Sharon Gary-Smith asked how contractors' payment will be adjusted due to construction delays and whether the cost estimates account for inflation.
 - Megan responded that the contract includes continued cost refinement as the project progresses. The cost estimates were conducted in 2025 dollars.
- Sharon Gary-Smith asked if the relocation of Harriet Tubman Middle School and other Portland Public Schools costs are included in the cost estimate.

- Megan responded that those costs are separate and not accounted for in the estimates.
- John Washington asked if there will be openings in the highway coverings.
 - Megan responded that the rendering with openings in the coverings is from the baseline design and that Hybrid 3 is one continuous cover.
- Andrew Campbell asked if ODOT will receive private funding for construction.
 - Megan responded that the focus is on public opportunities and ODOT is also open to public-private partnership.

Cover Recommendation

Megan Channell, Project Director, expressed that the purpose of the meeting today is to get to a recommendation. Board comments will be incorporated into a formal written recommendation, which will be shared with members for review, before being submitted to the Oregon Transportation Commission in September.

- Keith Edwards asked if Raimore Construction has been included in discussions about Hybrid 3's impact compared to other alternatives.
 - Megan affirmed that they were part of the governor-led conversations as well as conversations with the project team.
- John Washington asked if board members may suggest other things in addition to the cover recommendation.
 - Ericka responded that additional thoughts are important and welcomed.
- Keith Edwards asked how the contractor will be selected.
 - Ericka responded that the Community Oversight Advisory Committee has been, and will continue to be, involved in that process. There will continue to be opportunities to collaborate.
- Keith Edwards asked for further clarification of John Washington's question regarding recommendation responses.
 - Ericka responded that board members may add thoughts to supplement a "yes" recommendation that will be incorporated in the formal written recommendation.
- Keith Edwards asked who will have the final say on the written recommendation.
 - Ericka responded that the Board will have time to review, provide input, and suggest changes on the written recommendation before making final approval.
- Keith Edwards asked opportunities for input not be sacrificed to expedite the process.
 - Ericka responded that all written work will be provided to Board members to review and ensure all thoughts are adequately represented.
- Estelle Love Lavespere asked for clarification on the voting process.
 - Ericka indicates that she will ask for both confirmation of the recommendation and for additional thoughts.
- Megan acknowledged a question in the chat asking about decision-making authority, which lies with the Oregon Transportation Commission.

Ericka then asked if members recommend that Hybrid 3 be presented to the Oregon Transportation Commission. All board members in attendance unanimously voted yes, with some adding supplemental recommendations to be incorporated in the final written recommendation. Ericka indicated that consensus was reached to recommend that Hybrid 3 be presented to the Oregon Transportation Commission. Ericka thanked members for their support.

Next Steps

Ericka reminded board members that comments will be incorporated into the written recommendation, which will be drafted by August 25. The draft will be sent to the Board for review and approval by August 30. The draft recommendation will be shared with the Oregon Transportation Commission a few days prior to their September 9th meeting and will be presented at the Oregon Transportation Commission on September 9th.

- Keith Edwards asked that all issues, concerns, and suggestions by members be prioritized as they are all important and brought from the community.
 - Ericka agreed and affirms her commitment to the process.

Ericka thanked members for their flexibility to meet at this time.

- John Washington thanked Ericka for her professionalism and work on this process.

Ericka adjourned the meeting at 12:48 pm.

Adjourn

Note: The meeting was hosted as a Zoom Meeting format that enabled Historic Albina Advisory Board members to unmute their microphones and use web-cameras to participate in the meeting. Attendees, or public observers, remained in "listen-only" mode and without access to video-sharing functions (attendees were able to view the presentation slide).

Historic Albina Advisory Board Response Matrix

ODOT is committed to being held accountable to the community, in particular the historic Albina community, for actions we take in response to the feedback we've heard. There is no matrix for this meeting as all questions were responded to directly during the meeting. For a complete record of the discussions from each meeting, see the summary for each past meeting posted on the [events page](#).