



# Transportation & Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2024  
4:30 – 6:00 PM  
\*\* Hybrid Meeting \*\*

Commenced: 4:30 PM  
Adjourned: 4:54 PM

<u>Members:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Unexcused</u>
CM Simpson, Chair	X		
CM Lovell	X		
CM Vinson		X	

Other Councilmembers participating: CM Kwon

Staff Coordinators: Will Appleton, Public Works Director and Florendo Cabudol, City Engineer

Other Staff Present: Gwen Voelpel, Deputy City Manager; Cindy Corsilles, Sr Asst City Attorney; Trong Pham, PW Associate Engineer

1. Call to Order	Chair Simpson called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.
2. Public Comment	There were no public comments.
3. Review of the Minutes	June 13, 2024 T&PW Minutes were approved
4. An Ordinance authorizing the use of eminent domain for the acquisition and appropriation of temporary and permanent real property rights in order to construct Airport Station Pedestrian Improvements project (ST-141)	<p>Discussion/Action</p> <p>Trong Pham, Associate Engineer, presented this request for approval of an Ordinance authorizing the use of eminent domain for the acquisition and appropriation of temporary and permanent real property rights in order to construction Airport Station Pedestrian Improvements (ST-</p>

	<p>141), in order to avoid construction delays and allow for a defined path forward to a settlement.</p> <p>The authority to use eminent domain would enable city staff to file for condemnation in Superior Court on properties that have not reached settlement to acquire the necessary property rights.</p> <p>The City is in active negotiation with all properties along the construction area and will continue to work towards reaching a settlement with their respective owners. The City's settlement process is in adherence to the Uniform Act of 1970.</p> <p>Notice to property owners were sent on June 10, and staff are continuing to work on reaching settlement by August 1. If there is a property where no settlement is reached, staff will proceed with filing for condemnation with the State Courts to establish the value of the property rights paid by the City to the property owners.</p> <p>Most acquisitions or temporary property rights are for certain areas of the adjacent properties. There is one property that staff is negotiating with the owner to acquire in full to use during construction as a staging area. This effort is being done in full cooperation with the property owner.</p> <p>The City expects to complete certifying the Right-of-Way with WSDOT for this project by November 2024, and advertise for bids for construction by March/April 2025.</p> <p>The City received two grants to assist with right of way costs on this project:  \$1.95 Million Transportation Alternative Program  \$150,000 – Transportation Improvement Board</p> <p>After discussion, the Committee approved moving this topic to full council for action following a Public Hearing on July 23, with recommendation to approve.</p>
5. CRF Referrals	<p>Public Works Director Will Appleton presented the status of the request to consider safety improvements at River Ridge Elementary.</p> <p>Staff has performed two analyses of pick up and drop off of students at the school. Our next step is to meet with school staff on site. We plan for a resolution by school start in the fall.</p>

6. Department Update:	<p>Public Works Director Will Appleton presented the Department Update.</p> <p>Public Works Maintenance staff are currently in the process of catch basin cleaning. There are thousands of catch basins in the city, which are cleaned annually. We expect to finish by the first of August.</p> <p>We are in the second round of slope mowing.</p> <p>There is a ribbon cutting planned for July 22.</p> <p>The City has just hired a new Real Property Analyst to start on July 16.</p>
7. Adjourn	Chair Simpson adjourned the meeting at 4:54 PM.