**SR 520 Corridor Study – Stakeholder Kick-Off Meeting**
**Thursday, September 29, 2011**
**8:30 am to 10:00 am**
**North Bellevue Community Center**

Meeting facilitator: Richard Warren, WSDOT

Attendance (See attached sign in sheet)

## Purpose of meeting

- Review documents distributed in advance of the meeting: Vision and Goals, Charter, Scope, and Schedule
- Share outcomes from the modeling workshop on September 22, 2011
- Determine next steps

## Study Background and Outcome

1. The legislative direction (ESHB 1175) for this study is a multimodal corridor planning study (CPS) from I-405 to Avondale Road. The budget for this study is $500,000.

2. A key outcome of this study is a list of recommended improvements for the SR 520 corridor for the 2012 (and possibly future) legislative session.

3. Need to work with WSDOT Urban Planning Office, NW Region, and HQ for study recommendations.

## Vision and Goals

4. The Vision and Goals document provides the framework and direction and guides the discussion and outcomes for the study.

5. Richard Warren indicated that this study will abide by the "Moving Washington" principles by developing improvement recommendations that are sustainable and focus first on safety, preservation and maintenance; then efficient operation of the facility; then management of transportation demand, and finally adding capacity.

6. Comments from stakeholders include:
    - More specific criteria than the legislature's six investment guidelines need to be developed; such criteria could be: a) Leveraging investments, b) Jobs and economic development, c) connectivity, and d) accelerating private land use development.
    - Tie the final recommendations with benefits in addition to the cost of improvements.
    - The SR 520 Corridor is unique because of its current employment and development potential including jobs and land use growth. One example is Microsoft's employment along the corridor and its job multiplier effect. A clear implementation plan for the corridor will help Microsoft to map out and implement its own growth and development plans.
    - This study needs to incorporate the investment principles of the Governor's Connecting Washington Task Force.

**Charter**

7. The Charter document was reviewed; each stakeholder entity has a lead contact person.

8. Each stakeholder has a primary contact person. In order to facilitate consistent information exchanges, the communication protocol is that stakeholders' comments are exchanged between a stakeholders' primary contact person and Richard Warren.

9. Stakeholder meetings are open forum, meaning all participants are welcome to raise issues and provide comments.

**Scope**

10. Richard Warren stated that public outreach will be conducted:
    - Through a study website, where citizens will have the opportunity to provide comments.
    - Briefing stakeholders' elected officials and management.
    - Piggybacking onto other events instead of having dedicated open houses, which tend to be expensive and bring in limited participation from the community.

11. Comments on the presented public outreach approach include:
    - Presentations to organizations and businesses are suggested. Richard Warren confirmed that presentations to Chamber of Commerce have been done in the past.
    - For piggybacking onto existing events, stakeholders can help by informing Richard Warren of such opportunities.
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12. Data collection includes land use, safety, bike counts, and environment and mapping. Land use and traffic will feed into the travel demand forecast modeling.

13. Greg Johnson mentioned the Decision Commons software that visually demonstrates the implications of alternatives.

14. Questions were raised about the process to obtain recommendations. Richard Warren explained that WSDOT staff will examine the performance of the corridor based on data collection and analysis and develop recommendations, using performance measures and ranking criteria. The recommendations will go through WSDOT internal review before being reviewed by stakeholders.

15. Cost-benefit performance based approach was suggested in forming recommendations.

**Schedule**

16. Richard Warren stated the schedule will be updated based on results of the Modeling Workshop.

17. Suggestions for the schedule include:
    - Having a check-in for performance measures and analysis
    - Having more than four stakeholder meetings, if needed
    - Consider how the study team gets prepared for legislative questions regarding the recommendations.

**Report of the Modeling Group Workshop**

18. Jana Natarajan, WSDOT, reviewed the results of the modeling workshop; see attached PowerPoint Presentation.

**Recap and Follow-ups:**

19. WSDOT will revise the Vision and Goal document, Scope of Work, and Schedule.

20. WSDOT will distribute the website address to stakeholders.

21. WSDOT will follow up on performance measures

22. R. Warren will follow up with Greg Johnson re: Decision Commons software and its potential use in this study.

23. Redmond will invite R. Warren to its 11-17-11 Transportation Master Plan (TMP) event.

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