

Timeline for Public Involvement on Solar Highway West Linn Project Status Report - July 29, 2009

Rally Group Invites

May 26, 2009

Invitation sent to identified advocates and community leaders to attend June 4, 2009 lunch discussion on the proposed project. Invitations were sent to 16 citizens actively involved in sustainability, land use, parks, neighborhood association and other city committees and advisory groups.

West Linn Tidings & Oregonian Outreach

Pitch: May 28, 2009

Goal: Publish date on June 4, 2009 or June 11, 2009

Worked with local daily and weekly newspapers and proposed story idea and shared information about project. Opinion articles were printed in the West Linn and Oregon City newspapers.

Partner's Meeting

June 1, 2009, 9:00 a.m., West Linn City Hall

Joint meeting with City of West Linn, City of Oregon City, Clackamas County, ODOT, PGE, Good Company, and Five Stars International to discuss and finalize messaging, presentation, talking points, etc.

Oregon City Monthly Citizen Involvement Council meeting

June 1, 2009

Neighborhood Association leaders were provided with initial information about the project and an overview of the public involvement activities, and were invited to participate. Event was attended by 9 Oregon City citizens, 2 city staff, and 1 city commissioner.

Online Information Resource – <http://westlinnoregon.gov/solarhighway>

June 2, 2009

Launched dedicated web address with information, question and answers, data, artist's renderings, forum online. 16 comments and inquiries were posted to date, and have either already been addressed or are in the process of being addressed by the city and the ODOT support team. More than half of the comments indicate support for the project.

Online Forum Topic – <http://westlinnoregon.gov/solarhighwaydiscussion>

June 2, 2009

Launched online discussion forum with opportunity for moderated public discussion

Citizen Advisory Group & Neighborhood Association Outreach

June 2, 2009

Provided targeted correspondence to all advisory groups on the proposed project and opportunities for input

Direct Mail

June 3, 2009

Town Hall Meeting notice mailed to 52 property owners adjacent to the site in West Linn.

West Linn Tidings Advertisement

Published: June 4, 2009, June 11, 2009, June 18, 2009

Standard size notice ad ran in weekly print and online newspaper

Rally Meeting

June 4, 2009, Noon, West Linn City Hall

Conducted one hour lunch presentation with Q&A discussion with identified advocates and community leaders to prepare their involvement in upcoming town halls and online discussion. 11 citizens from West Linn attended the meeting, along with several West Linn staff, a city council representative, ODOT staff, PGE, and two private consultants familiar with the project.

City Listserv Notice #1

June 5, 2009

Notice posted to promote town halls, online forum to ~4,000 person email distribution list

Oregon City Online Information Resource

June 9, 2009

News item created on Oregon City website about project with link to West Linn's website resource

DECK Monitor

No later than June 10, 2009

Obtain a DECK monitor to the I-205/I-5 project for install/display at West Linn City Hall. This hardware acquisition did not materialize by the planned date, due to budgetary limitations. Item still under discussion..

Town Hall Meeting #1 – West Linn

June 11, 2009, 7:00 p.m., West Linn City Hall

One-hour Q&A session with City staff, ODOT, etc. 23 citizens from West Linn and Oregon City attended the meeting.

City Listserv Notice #2

June 12, 2009

Promoted town hall meetings, online forum to ~4,000 person email distribution list

Town Hall Meeting #2 – West Linn

June 16, 2009, noon, West Linn Public Library

One-hour question-and-answer session with City staff, ODOT, etc. 17 citizens from West Linn and Oregon City attended the meeting. City staff, ODOT, and project consultants were on hand to answer questions.

City Listserv Notice #3

June 19, 2009

Promoted online forum to ~4,000 person email distribution list

Oregon City Commission Meeting

June 17, 2009

ODOT presented project overview and answered commissioner questions after which two public comments were received on the project.

West Linn City Council Meeting

June 22, 2009

ODOT consultant presented project overview and answered the mayor and councilor's questions.

Oregon Transportation Commission meeting

June 23, 2009

OTC granted permission to ODOT OIPP to pursue and solicit solar highway projects throughout the state.

Visit to Oregon City Citizen's Homes

June 26, 2009

ODOT staff and a consultant visited the homes of several Oregon City residents and newly acquired Metro open space. Photographs were obtained and additional project renderings were produced to demonstrate the view change from the bluff across the river to the south of the site.

Public Notice Posted at Oregon City City Hall

June 29, 2009

Notice posted to promote town hall meeting(s)

Oregon City Online Information Resource - <http://www.orcity.org/citymanager/solar-highway-town-hall-oregon-city>

June 29, 2009

Launched webpage and news item on Oregon City's website with information about the Oregon City town hall, the town hall flyer, and a link to West Linn's website regarding the project.

I-205/I-5 Prototype Solar Project -Site Tour

June 30, 2009

Tour of prototype site by ODOT and PGE for about 8 citizens of Oregon City and 3 Oregon City Commissioners.

Oregon City Listserv Notice #1

June 30, 2009

Notice to promote town hall and flyer was sent to email distribution list, including media representatives of The Oregonian and Clackamas Review.

West Linn - Site Visit

July 11, 2009, 11:30am – 1pm

Site visit with Mayor of West Linn, several West Linn city councilors, 16 citizens of West Linn and Oregon City, ODOT staff, and ODOT consultant.

City Council Work Session – West Linn

July 27, 2009, 6:30 pm, Council Chambers

West Linn City Council was scheduled to discuss the project status and a draft resolution of support. ODOT was present to provide information and answer questions.

The session ran late from other agenda items and was adjourned without discussion of the West Linn solar project.

West Linn City Council Meeting

July 27, 2009

Council received public comment and voted 4-1 to approve a resolution to continue working in good faith with ODOT and citizens as the project feasibility analysis progresses. Approximately 115 citizens from West Linn and Oregon City attended the meeting.

Oregon City Listserv Notice #2

July 28, 2009

Reminder notice to promote town hall was sent to email distribution list.

Oregonian Outreach

July 28, 2009

Oregon City Town Hall was announced within an Oregonian article.

Town Hall Meeting #3 – Oregon City

July 29, 2009, 6-8 pm, Commission Chambers

Project presentation and question-and-answer session with Oregon City staff and ODOT.