

JOINT MEETING DOWNTOWN PARKING COMMITTEE AND TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 10, 2007
8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.
Gebhard Meeting Room
630 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

DPC MEMBERS PRESENT: Marshall Rose (Chair), Jim Hammock, Randy Rowse; Kate Schwab, Tom Williams
TCC MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Cooper (Chair), Mark Bradley, Keith Coffman-Grey, Steve Maas, David Tabor

DPC MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Medel
TCC MEMBERS ABSENT: David Pritchett, William Boyd

COUNCILMEMBERS: None

STAFF: Browning Allen, Transportation Manager
Rob Dayton, Principal Transportation Planner
Victor Garza, Parking/TMP Superintendent
Rebecca Jimenez, Parking Supervisor
Brian Bosse, Redevelopment Supervisor II
Renee Brooke, Redevelopment Specialist
Lori Pedersen, Administrative Assistant
Teresa Martinez, Administrative Specialist

OTHER: David Damiano, MTD

CALL TO ORDER: 8:15 a.m. Roll call of TCC Members.

1) PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

2) TRANSIT VILLAGE UPDATE.

B. Allen introduced the item and introduced R. Brooke to cover the item.

The Committees saw a presentation on this item in June 2006. This presentation is the results of the Feasibility Analysis that was started in April 2006.

There were three main goals of hiring the consultant and the resulting product.

- 1) Feasibility of a mixed use project
- 2) Analysis of sites for MTD's Transit Center
- 3) Create the framework for the request for proposals for the project

Over the last year they have gathered input from HLC, PC, TCC, DPC and general public. The item is currently scheduled to go back to the RDA and MTD board in June 2007.

The issues the have been raised regarding the project are;

- 1) Height
- 2) Open Space

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- 3) Affordable housing should be a priority
- 4) Parking – replacement, commercial and residential
- 5) Greyhound property
- 6) Alternative transit center locations

D. Damiano discussed the analysis of the alternative locations that were considered but were not feasible for various reasons.

- 1) Depot Lot
- 2) Carrillo Commuter Lot
- 3) Other sites

The MTD needs the Transit Center to be centrally located and to be able to contain 16 bus spaces.

Committee Member Comments

T. Williams – His focus is on the parking. The costs for underground parking are different and this plan shows no increase in public spaces yet there is addition commercial draw. This project has no benefit to the Parking Program and has a negative impact to parking. The plans show removing the queuing lane at the entrance to Lot 4 which also negatively impacts that lot. What is the benefit to downtown businesses, customers and parking from this project? Without customers you don't need employee parking or housing. Customers come by car and employees come by buses.

J. Hammock – no comment.

K. Schwab – What will the residential units be, low income? Are the expectations that these people will live and work downtown with no car?

M. Rose – He has lots of concerns. He feels that the Greyhound lot should definitely be included. The placement of buses in the 1100 block removing the queuing lane in Lot 4 is a problem. He is also concerned about the potential mass of the building.

R. Rowse – He would like to see other actual existing transit centers with mixed use.

D. Tabor – Greyhound is a critical component of this project.

K. Coffman-Grey – He works in a business that is in the block of this project. He likes the newest proposal. He is concerned about the number of public parking spaces staying the same or status quo. He thinks the housing should be rental. He would like to see a proposal that includes a bike parking facility. He would like to see covered bays with seats for the users of the buses to have protection during bad weather. He would like to see the parking underground opened up to outside light. He would like for the project to be only three stories not four. He asked where the delivery and moving areas would be located.

M. Cooper – The Greyhound being moved is mandatory. The entrance to Lot 4 and queuing issue is a problem. This project has too many elements. Does like the childcare element but has concerns. The building has to go up because it can't go outwards to expand. Would the like the project to include light wells in the project. Will it be affordable housing? He would like to see other examples and photos of other sites. There should be a plan during construction of customers and replacement parking.

M. Bradley – He felt that Greyhound site should be included in the project.

B. Bosse advised the Committees that the Greyhound property has already been sold.

3) ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.