

Jefferson County Planning Commission

Workshop – September 12, 2007

Update: Jefferson County Comprehensive Master Plan

MEETING NOTES

- **County Vision**
 - Vision is okay. Policies were to go in other chapters – wherever they fit.
- County wide transportation plans – Vision/Goals are good.
 - Changed vision statement.
 - 44% of land in Jeffco is Open Space.
 - More Open Space funding?
- In regard to policy/objective 1, we need to be more specific about the northwest corridor alignment. Policy should read “ Complete the Northwest Corridor along the Highway 93 and US Hwy 6 corridor to meet the needs of the entire county.”
 - Justification:
 - To promote economic development in that area.
 - Seems like the only corridor that still needs to be completed.
 - Seems like need is supported by the Countywide Transportation Plan
 - Doesn't seem a corridor along Indiana/McIntyre is feasible due to the existing residences.
- In the Highways and Transportation notes, to policy/objective 5 they added “a reasonable” before level of service. What is reasonable? Need some standard.
 - Staff would like to get away from A-F; in more urbanized areas the peak hours will always be more congested.
- How do other counties do it?
- Potential solution: Rather than expanding roads, expand options like transit, bikes, pedestrian trails.
 - But is transit feasible, look at all the difficulty getting light rail built.
- 20 years is a reasonable length of time for a major transportation project to get built.

- Need transportation to coincide with redevelopment.
- Other alternatives are to stagger work times – Travel Demand Management (TDM), or teleworking
- Jeffco's problem is the age of infrastructure, could try to decrease barriers for new infrastructure.
- Shirley's sheet::
 - #3. What is the transportation network?
 - Transportation in Jeffco
 - Capacity of Jeffco to do something. (Agreed that this will be definition).
- Telecommunications cable is not a factor in teleworking anymore, much of it is going wireless. Cole disagrees.
- Buildout – Jeffco is approaching buildout, then will have to build up. Then we will have more demand for transit.
- Shirley's sheet:
 - Vision: End Cole likes what they came up with before. Concerned about protecting and enhancing quality of life. Likes " and has capacity to serve"...(from previous vision)
- PE wanted to insert "and ecologically sound" to efficient and cost effect. Cole is concerned that would be growth prohibitive. Siccardi feels the NEPA process will cover.
 - Liked transit and roadway.
- What is the planning horizon for this document?
 - 5-10 year horizon, but can put longer term policies in the plan.
- Shirley's sheet:
 - Italic font are from the Countywide Transportation Plan
 - Bold font are things the Planning Commission had before or changes from Highways and Transportation.
 - Regular font – different places
- Maintenance – need to look at current policy for ice control.

- Magnesium chloride has deficiencies
 - Damages vegetation, electrical wiring, etc.
- 5-10 year frame is a concern – any TOD's around Red Rocks, Government Centers, if it will happen in 5-10 years, we need to note it in the plan now.
- Add # 10 from Shirley's sheet to address the county participating in plans for TOD's and economic development potential.
- Cole: #3 – would like NW Corridor as a separate statement noted on matrix.
- Jeffco is large and infill oriented and should promote a multi-modal transportation system...[See Jim Cole's comments.](#)
- Come back to how to integrate redevelopment needs.
- #6 – Concern with "Safeguard scenic corridors" – Change to "Construction highways that are sensitive to scenic corridors". – not "sensitive environments"
- Road Improvements:
 - "Use lifecycle cost analysis for construction materials" – State is drowning in maintenance costs – taking care of asphalt is using lots of money.
 - As county redevelops roads – should we look at materials that have a longer lifespan?
 - Look nationally/globally for best methods.
 - Lots of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's) with asphalt – concern with ozone non-attainment
- Common policies applicable to every section of the Plan?
- Infrastructure:
 - Need something about utilities in objective.
 - Encourage recycling and alternative methods of handling waste – why is this in our policies?
 - New programs coming up – Federal Penitentiary recycles electronics
 - Rooney Road
 - Better return on many recyclables now.

- **Next:**
 - Staff focus on economic development packets.
 - For Transportation, staff will look at your comments and revise chapter.
 - Maps are great.