

September SAC meeting overview

TO: Beltline Facility Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee

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At our SAC meeting on September 17, 2009, we will review the families of concepts in relation to the Beltline Highway. We will show you a “footprint” or area of impact for each concept family and an example concept to represent the intent of each family. We will be asking for your input on what aspects of each concept family you like or don’t like.

To assist our discussion, we completed a high level screening of each concept family based on the general footprint and operating characteristics. To conduct this screening, we made a general assessment of how well each concept family met the intent of each criteria category in our evaluation framework. As a reminder, those categories include:

- Mobility, reliability and connectivity
- Safety
- Community livability and economic vitality
- Environmental impacts
- Cost effectiveness

Each concept family represents a classic solution to the problem of closely spaced interchanges on the highway. Different aspects of each concept family could be combined and there are many variations on the themes expressed in each concept family. In addition, there are other kinds of solutions that we may want to look at in combination with these families of concepts. New crossings of the Willamette River on the local street system and improvements or changes to the local street system could be considered along with any of the families of concepts.

After we show these families of concepts to you, we will share the concept families and your input with the Project Steering Committee on October 5. Once we have input from the Project Steering Committee, the consultant team will begin to develop concepts for evaluation. We will review the evaluation of the concepts at our next meeting, likely in November.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions in advance of our meeting next week. I look forward to seeing you.