

# Meeting Summary

## **St. Helens US 30 & Columbia Blvd./St. Helens St. Corridor Master Plan**

### **City Council Work Session**

**November 6, 2013**

**1:00 – 1:30 pm**

**St. Helens City Hall**

City planner Jacob Graichen and consulting team members Matt Hastie (Angelo Planning Group) and Tim Strand (GreenWorks) met with the St. Helens City Council to provide an overview of the corridor planning project and solicit feedback from Council members on draft project Goals and Guiding Principles. Jacob provided an overview of the project, including the original impetus for the work and activities completed to date. Matt reviewed the overall schedule and summarized comments provided during initial meetings with the project citizens advisory committee and study area business and property owners, including comments related to converting St. Helens Rd. and Columbia Blvd. from one-way to two-way streets. Tim presented information and illustrations of the types of issues to be addressed during preparation of streetscape designs for Highway 30 and the St. Helens/Columbia corridor, including examples from previous projects conducted by the team.

Matt then reviewed a draft set of project Goals and Guiding Principles with the Council and asked them to comment on them and note any other priority issues or objectives that need to be addressed from the Council's perspective. Issues identified included the following:

- It will be important to understand the cost of proposed streetscape designs or improvements and potential funding sources for them.
- An assessment of the relative cost-effectiveness of different projects or alternative approaches to improvements also will be helpful.
- The Council will be interested in further briefings from the team and Jacob as the project moves forward.
- The draft project Goals and Guiding Principles are headed in the right direction.
- No comments were provided on the issue of converting St. Helens Rd. and Columbia Blvd. from one-way to two-way streets.