



STUDY SESSION NOTES

Study Session October 26, 2004

- **Study Session opened at 6:30 pm**

Councilmembers present: Mayor Kathleen Huckabay, Deputy Mayor Don Gerend, Councilmembers Michele Petitti, Jack Barry, Lee Felling, Nancy Whitten, and Mark Cross.

Staff present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus, Director of Administrative Services Mike Sauerwein, Public Works Director Delora Kerber, Director of Parks and Recreation Jeff Watling, Project Engineer Eric LaFrance and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Topics

SR 202 Transportation Improvement Project Update

Dave Edwards, Project Engineer and Randy Simonson of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Tim Bevin, Ch²Mhill, updated the Council on the status of the SR-202 widening project and timeline. This project will include widening three miles of roadway from Redmond to Sahalee Way. The improvements are necessary to improve safety and increase capacity. There will be six lanes from East Lake Sammamish Parkway to SR-520. Most of the construction will take place during daylight hours, with some night work. More specific information on scheduling will be available closer to the actual construction time. Total cost of the project is about \$63.7 million. Visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects to find links for all Department of Transportation projects.

The next project discussed was the SR520 improvements. Stage 1 of the project was completed in the 1990's. Recently additional funds have been allocated to finish the project. Plans include a flyover ramp, HOV lanes and additional lanes of traffic. The 1992 Environmental Impact Statement limits the scope of this project. The results of these improvements will reduce travel time, improve safety, enhance the SR 202 improvements and increase mass transit options. Currently WSDOT is working to update the environmental documents to be in compliance with environmental regulations that have been enacted after the initial EIS documents were completed. Construction is planned to begin in 2008. Accelerating the program would require additional funding. The possibility of this will be discussed during the next legislative session. The earliest the project could begin would be late 2006. The flyover ramp would probably be built first.

Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8

Jane Lamensdorf-Bucher, Watershed Coordinator, gave an update on the activities of the WRIA 8 Committee. The WRIA 8 area covers the Cedar River Basin, Sammamish River Basin, Lake Washington and Puget Sound near shore. The committee is studying factors limiting salmon habitat and finding ways to restore and protect them. A complete handout or compact disc of the presentation is available upon request

Inglewood Sub Basin Plan

Project Engineer Eric LaFrance gave the staff report. The Comprehensive plan mandates updates to the East Lake Sammamish Basin Plans. This large project is being broken up into smaller projects. The Inglewood Sub Basin will be the first area studied. There are several steps in developing the plan. A copy of this presentation is available upon request.

4.) City Manager Report

- **Ebright Creek Master Plan**

Mr. Yazici presented the Council with the final design elements for the park and asked for affirmation that this is the direction that staff should continue. Council was supportive of the design shown.

City of Redmond would like City of Sammamish to send a letter regarding the district court issues. Mr. Yazici passed out a copy of the proposed letter.

Study Session ended at 9:15 pm.