



# WTP Construction Update: Meeting Summary

**Meeting number:** 004

**Date:** Tuesday, October 15, 2013

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Burgerville, 18350 Willamette Drive, West Linn

**Facilitator:** Eryn Deeming Kehe - JLA

**Attendees:** Twelve neighbors of the treatment plant, two City of West Linn Councilors, one representative from the West Linn Police Department and two representatives from the City of West Linn attended the meeting.

**Project team staff:**

Jane Heisler – City of Lake Oswego

Christian Colman – Slayden Construction Group

Katy Fulton – City of Lake Oswego

Ron Candell – Slayden Construction Group

Tom Lebo - Brown and Caldwell

## I. Welcome & introductions

*Discussion:*

Eryn welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves, their roles or their locations in the neighborhood. Eryn outlined the agenda for the meeting.

## II. Three-week look ahead

*Discussion:*

Christian provided an overview of construction activities planned over the next three weeks, including delivery of equipment, continued excavation of the underground water storage reservoir (clearwell), installing a dewatering system into the clearwell and saw-cutting two existing lagoons on site.

City of West Linn code approved hours are 7am-7pm Monday to Friday, and 9am-5pm on Saturdays. Estimated work hours over the next three weeks will be 7am – 5pm Monday to Friday, with some Saturdays.

The three-week look ahead can be found [here](#).

Questions and responses are outlined below.

Question or concern	Response or comment
How deep is the excavation of the clearwell?	<i>The excavation for the clearwell is between 30-35 feet deep. The excavation for the Finished Water Pump station at the north end of the clearwell is about 40 feet deep.</i>
What percentage of excavation is complete at the site? Is there a way to track the excavation to show what is left?	<i>At this stage about 40% of the excavation is complete. Once the clearwell excavation is complete, the contractor will move onto the ballasted flocculation building and pipeline corridors. Excavation of other areas will be phased during the 2 ½ year project period.</i>

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The original estimate for total truck trips for construction of the WTP and pipelines was 70,000, including demolition of the existing plant, is this still correct?	Yes.
Will demolished materials be crushed on site? When will this occur, and will it be noisy?	<p><i>Yes, materials removed during demolition activities will be crushed on site. Excavators with jack hammers will be breaking up concrete, and this will create noise.</i></p> <p><i>Some of the concrete crushing will occur during late November-December.</i></p>
How come construction has started when the Intergovernmental Agreements have not been finalized?	<p><i>Some agreements are being drafted but are not yet adopted. They will be completed soon and will reflect the Conditions of Approval.</i></p>
Is crushing building material on-site more environmentally responsible? Will it also save truck trips?	<p><i>Yes, we have a responsibility and first priority to demolish, re-use and recycle the materials and to use methods that will have lower impacts on the neighborhood. This method reduces truck trips in the long run.</i></p>
Will copies of the home condition assessment be available to property owners when the reports are complete?	<p><i>Yes, any property that received a home condition assessment will receive a copy of the final report when they are available.</i></p>
Is there a way the neighbors can see the log of calls, issues and responses, so people know what is resulting from their inquiries?	<p><i>The Partnership provides a log of all inquiries and complaints received to the City of West Linn once a month. For privacy, these are not posted on the website.</i></p>
How long will the dump trucks be arriving and leaving the construction site?	<p><i>The truck movements will change during different phases of construction. During excavation, trucks are removing soils from the site so truck traffic is more significant than during some other activities.</i></p>
Report at 10/15 meeting of feeling continual vibration at neighbor's property towards the east of the site.	<p><i>The Partnership will place monitoring equipment at the neighbor's property.</i></p>
What is causing the vibration that neighbors have been reporting near the construction site?	<p><i>This is likely from the excavation for the clearwell. It may also be movement from dump trucks operating and hauling materials.</i></p>
Can the trucks stop earlier on Halloween (October 31)?	<p><i>Slayden will finish work on-site by 4pm on October 31.</i></p>
Could the trucks take a break right at the start of school and work around the bus schedule?	<p><i>This could significantly impact to the duration of the construction schedule. The Partnership will discuss this idea and report back.</i></p>
Will the vibration monitoring reports be available online?	<p><i>Yes, the reports from the monitoring performed in September are on the project website <a href="#">here</a> under the October 15 meeting information and materials link.</i></p>

### III. Updates on previous action items

*Discussion:*

Katy and Jane provided updates on action items from the previous meeting, which are listed under section IV.

### IV. New business & action items

*Discussion:*

Sergeant Neil Hennelly from the West Linn Police Department discussed public safety, traffic violations, and truck concerns. He mentioned that the West Linn Police Department have been surveying trucks on Mapleton Dr. and Kenthorpe Way, and trucks are averaging between 13 – 19 MPH. Sergeant Hennelly also stated:

- Trucks are required to yield the right of way to cars and pedestrians on the street
- Trucks are permitted to cross the yellow line, into the oncoming lane to make the turn at Mapleton and Hwy 43 or other locations where there are yellow lines
- Many vehicles go over the yellow line on Mapleton – including buses, pick-up trucks, delivery trucks and cars

Specific questions asked of Sergeant Hennelly are listed below:

Question or concern	Response or comment
Report of some truck drivers on Kenthorpe driving while on their cell phone. Is it a requirement for truck drivers to be on their phones or radios when they leave the plant site?	<i>The drivers can use their radios, but if they are on a public roadway, they are not to use their cell. Sergeant Hennelly recently cited a dump truck on Hwy 43 using his cell.</i>
As a driver, do I have to give right of way to the truck at the intersection, or do the trucks have to give way to drivers?	<i>Whoever arrives at the intersection first has the right of way.</i>

In addition to those concerns and questions listed above, items in the table attached on the next page require further action and will be discussed at the next meeting. Action items are numbered by meeting, followed by item number (i.e., 3.1 = meeting 3, item 1)

### V. Wrap up and next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 5 at 7:30 a.m. at Burgerville, 18350 Willamette Drive, West Linn. Thank you to those who attended the meeting. Thank you to Burgerville for providing the meeting space, cookies and coffee.

Item #	Date raised	Issue category	Question or concern	Response or comment	Additional follow-up action	Status
4.3	10/15 /2013	Trucks/ traffic	Could the trucks take a break right at the start of school and work around the bus schedule?	<i>This could significantly impact to the duration of the construction schedule.</i>	<i>The Partnership will discuss this idea and report back.</i>	Open
4.1	10/15 /2013	Noise	Concern about noise from horns on the excavator signaling to dump trucks when loading materials. Is there an alternative to using the horn i.e. using a light?	<i>This is a common method of communication and safety used on construction sites for the excavator operator to communicate with the truck drivers when loading materials.</i>	<i>The Partnership will investigate this.</i>	Open
3.1	10/1/ 2013	Trucks / Safety	Reports of trucks not yielding to cars, making wide turns into Mapleton and out of Kenthorpe and driving down the middle of Mapleton over the yellow line, taking up half of the road.	<i>Slayden has spoken with the truck drivers to reinforce safety and exercise caution on the roads. Commercial vehicles, including delivery vehicles, buses, mini vans and trucks, often swing wide to the make the corner and do take up extra space on the narrow roads. The Partnership has contacted the West Linn Police Department to discuss violations and road rules. An officer has been invited to come along to the next meeting on 10/15.</i>	<i>Slayden will continue to speak with truck drivers to reinforce safety and exercise caution. Please continue to report poor behavior to the hotline.  Further discussion on safety and truck traffic at the 10/15 meeting: Request to place flaggers at the main intersections of Old River/Kenthorpe, Old River/Cedaroak and Hwy 43/Mapleton, so local traffic is aware of trucks approaching. Response: The Partnership will discuss this option and report back at the 11/5 meeting.</i>	Open

2.1	9/19/2013	Trucks/Traffic	Reports from other neighbors that there have been delays and back-ups at the traffic signal from truck traffic on Cedar Oak Drive and Highway 43.	<p><i>The City of West Linn has re-striped the road, to extend the turning lane at the intersection. The Partnership will reimburse the City for this work.</i></p> <p><i>Attendees also suggested working with ODOT to investigate extending the timing signal.</i></p> <p><i>Additional questions raised at 10/1 meeting: How would re-striping the road on Cedaroak improve traffic flow? Doesn't the length of traffic signal need to change instead?</i></p> <p><i>Response: Restriping Cedaroak will allow more traffic to queue up at the traffic signal, and allow more cars to turn right onto Highway 43 without waiting for those turning left.</i></p> <p><i>The Partnership contacted ODOT, and the signal was extended to allow additional traffic through.</i></p>	<p><i>Further questions raised at 10/15 meeting: Is there a way to maximize the timing of the yellow signal, to allow more traffic to enter the intersection box safely behind trucks, without violating traffic rules?</i></p> <p><i>Response: The Partnership will investigate this.</i></p> <p><i>Check in at 11/5 meeting.</i></p>	Open
1.1	9/5/2013	Meetings	Others have mentioned staggering the meeting times for these bimonthly meetings.	<p><i>By those present at the meeting, 8:00 a.m. seemed like a reasonable time. Consistency of start time is important to avoid confusion. Further concern raised on 10/1 about the time of the meeting - inconvenient for most of the neighbors. Most attendees at the meeting suggested staggering the meeting times, having one in the morning and one at night (6pm). Another suggestion was on Saturday mornings. On 10/15, the Partnership suggested the option of moving the meetings earlier to 7:30am. A discussion about more convenient times followed, including an evening time or weekend time. A meeting time was not agreed on.</i></p>	<p><i>The Partnership is proposing to extend the meeting length from 1/2 hour to 1 hour. Meetings will continue on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. The Partnership proposes the first Tuesday meeting to be held at 7:30 a.m. and the third Tuesday meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m. at Burgerville</i></p>	Open
4.2	10/15/2013	Inquiries	Is there a way the neighbors can see the log of calls, issues and responses, so people know what is resulting from their inquiries?	<p><i>The Partnership provides a log of all inquiries and complaints received to the City of West Linn once a month. For privacy, these are not posted on the website.</i></p>		Closed

