

**City of Westminster City Council Study Session  
March 1, 2004**

Mayor Moss called the Study Session to order at 6:45 PM. All Council was in attendance.

City Staff in attendance included Assistant City Manager Steve Smithers, City Attorney Marty McCullough, Director of Parks, Recreation & Libraries Bill Walenczak, Management Analyst Emily Moon and Administrative Secretary Melissa Salazar.

The guests in attendance were Debra Baskett, US36 Transportation Mobility Organization and Tanya Ishikawa of the *Westminster Window*.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**US 36 TMO Presentation**

Steve Smithers introduced Debra Baskett of the US 36 Transportation Mobility Organization who was present to give Council an overview of the status of the various projects and feedback on the EIS process, FasTracks and other related issues.

This was an information only presentation. No direction from Council was necessary.

**Discussion of Position of Support for the RTD Fast Tracks Proposal**

Steve Smithers led a brief discussion recommending to City Council in taking a position of support on this measure based on the benefits that FasTracks would bring to Westminster citizens and businesses.

One of the significant benefits to Westminster from FasTracks, if passed by the voters, is that this project will put into place commuter rail and BRT stations in strategic locations in Westminster. These stations, and the density of vehicular traffic that comes with them, create opportunities for quality Transit Oriented Development (TOD) that will benefit the City considerably. This is in addition to the direct benefit to Westminster citizens and businesses from the ready access to vastly improved rapid transit.

Council directed Staff to draft a softer resolution in support of the FasTracks Ballot proposal with specifics so as to show that the City residents get are getting something for their tax increase and bring this back for City Council action at a future regularly scheduled Council meeting.

**Woodrow Wilson Academy Request for Funding Assistance**

Bill Walenczak was present to review with City Council a proposal from the Woodrow Wilson Academy Charter School to reappropriate \$300,000 in City Capital Improvement funds earmarked for upgrading the gymnasium at the proposed Standley Lake Middle School to the Academy so that a gymnasium planned for the Charter School can utilize the funds instead. Staff is recommending that no change in the use of these funds be made.

Council concurred with Staff's recommendation. However, Council is concerned with timeframes. Council has asked that Staff get a better idea from the middle school as to when construction is to begin.

**Other**

Council requested that Staff put together data on the City's traffic enforcement efforts and to identify strategies to get the word out to the public on these efforts.

Mayor Moss adjourned the Study Session at 7:55 PM.