

East Multnomah County Transportation Committee

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Meeting Minutes 4/7/14

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City of Wood Village
City of Fairview
City of Troutdale

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City of Troutdale
City of Gresham
Multnomah County
Multnomah County
Multnomah County
City of Wood Village
Port of Portland
Metro
TriMet
ODOT

Guests

Shirley Craddick	Metro
Andy Cotugno	Metro
Lake McTighe	Metro
John Mermin	Metro
Chris Strong	City of Gresham
Elizabeth Quiroz	Bicycle Transportation Alliance

Welcome and Chair's Comments

EMCTC Chair, Diane McKeel, called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM and started with introductions. A quorum was present. There were no additional Chair comments.

Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Review and Approval of March 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the March 7th, 2014 meeting were emailed to the group prior to the meeting and also available at the meeting. Councilor Barton Mullins moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Clark seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

RTP Update on the proposed changes in Public Review Draft

Councilor Craddick started off by recognizing John Mermin and his work on the project. She also gave background on the project. John Mermin started off with a PowerPoint presentation, giving background information and providing a high level look at the components of the update. John also went over an overview of the project list. John mentioned that they are currently in the middle of their public comment period which ends on May 5th. Air quality modeling with occurs in early May. John anticipates coming back to the coordinating meetings after the end of the comment period for endorsement. Commissioner McKeel asked about the increase in active transportation projects.

John responded that new projects come out of the local TSPs. Commissioner McKeel asked if there are Powell-Division projects. Staff responded that there is a place holder for projects that come out of the project.

Phil asked about the CRC and addressing it in the RTP. From Phil's understanding is that the CRC is staying on the list. Joanna asked about how the CRC is being addressed. John responded that ODOT is proposing to keep it on the list. Councilor Stacey is exploring some possible amendments to shift some amounts that are on the constrained list. It is anticipated that this conversation will also occur as part of the Bi-State committee. Councilor Craddick also mentioned about the possibility of phasing the CRC. It is recognized that addressing the project list and the CRC may have to come later due to timing.

Active Transportation Plan Update

Lake McTighe passed out a handout of her PowerPoint. She gave an update of the process and background on the project. Lake went over the project approval schedule. Councilor Craddick asked if anyone had comments on the project. Councilor Clark commented that he heard concern regarding not all areas in the region not fitting that ATP criteria and "rubber stamping" the ATP. Mayor Daoust talked about bicycle friendly businesses and if language addressing this is included in the plan. Lake replied that the plan addresses this and districts and connections to bike networks are identified. Councilor Craddick asked EMCTC about supporting this at JPACT and if any cities were interested in having Metro speak at their meetings. Commissioner McKeel asked about the equity criteria. Lake responded that they are new criteria and includes analysis.

JPACT 101

Councilor Craddick introduced Andy Cotugno. Andy passed out information on JPACT and went over JPACT's role in the region and also its role in decision making. Andy also went over the Federal requirements especially in regards to air quality. He also passed out the current JPACT membership list and bylaws. Commissioner McKeel thanked Andy for making it so easy to understand. Andy stressed the importance of EMCTC and its role in talking about local transportation issues. Mayor Daoust asked about JPACT membership. Andy replied that most of the seats are appointed until replaced. The city reps he mentioned are usually replaced every two years. The largest cities have the responsibility for managing the selection process, but all cities select the member and alternate. There is an East County provision that either the representative or alternate seat needs to be held by Gresham. Commissioner McKeel noted that Liesl Wendt is now the County representative. Grace commented that in thinking about funding, that everything is very much dynamic as we think about regional conversations on funding and project lists. Rich noted that there is not ACT for the region. Andy commented that there will be regional conversations to explore this. Mayor Daoust asked about the breakdown of total federal highway funds. Andy responded that it is about a 20% MPO share, 80% state share, and transit monies are through a separate bucket.

Councilor Craddick asked about the benefit of the ATP when it comes to funding regional projects. Lake responded that the ATP can make the case for needs when it comes to competing for funds, and has the possibility to make projects more competitive.

JPACT Agenda

Grace went over the agenda. Metro will be conducting a Demographic Survey. It is anticipated that conversations on a possible transportation package for the 2015 Legislative Session will start, and a question will be raised at JPACT to see if there is interest in having a regional position and also to gauge interest from JPACT. There will be a presentation on the Health Impact Assessment of the Climate Smart Communities Project. A resolution of endorsing the Transportation for America work will be up for a vote. Andy went over the Transportation for America proposal. Councilor Craddick asked if folks were supportive of directing JPACT reps in voting to support the resolution. Katherine asked about membership options. Andy went over the option for membership. He anticipates that Metro will be bringing conversations to JPACT regardless of membership. Conversations for membership can come back for further discussions at a later time and the ask right now is for JPACT's support of the resolution. Mayor Daoust asked when T4America needs direction. Andy replied that this is being discussed currently, especially with the expiration of Map-21. Something needs to happen imminently. Andy added that advocacy is needed with added voices and this would help today. Phil commented that the Port is supportive of this and will be voting for the resolution. EMCTC members expressed comfort in having the JPACT representatives voting to support the resolution. Commissioner McKeel emphasized that further conversations are anticipated and will come back to

EMCTC. Andy added that T4America is one of the larger advocacy groups with a voice. Andy noted that the Director for T4America is the keynote speaker for the Active Transportation Summit, so folks interested could hear him there. Grace went over the remaining JPACT agenda items.

RTP Project List and Public Comment Period

Joanna went over the only request received from the Port to add a placeholder for \$20M for the Troutdale Master Plan Transportation Improvement Program. No other requests were received from other jurisdictions. Mayor Daoust made a motion to submit a letter from EMCTC supporting the addition of the placeholder on the East County State List for \$20M for the Troutdale Master Plan Transportation Improvement Program, Councilor Clark seconded the motion. There was no discussion to the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Connect Oregon V Update

Joanna gave a quick update on the Connect Oregon V process and selection committee process. She added that since the region doesn't have an ACT, and selection committee has been formed to look at projects and select projects for funding. Joanna provided information on the projects. She noted that this is the first year that bike/ped projects can be considered for funding. Projects cannot be eligible for other federal funding and tend to be non-highway projects. Projects range from trails to purchasing of equipment. Commissioner McKeel added that one of the biggest differences is that private business can apply for funding as part of this program. Councilor Craddick commented about thinking about future Connect Oregon opportunities and East County projects. The funding is available every two years.

Project Updates

The TAC is working on putting together an EMCP website to highlight implementation of the plan and continued work occurring. Staff is working with Metro to develop a sort of brand for the project. Katherine added that Gresham is working on surveying the Hogan piece for the TRB/TCAPP Grant. Commissioner McKeel expressed her support for development of the website. Councilor Craddick asked about next steps and further implementation. Joanna responded that TAC Staff will start looking at this and looking at strategies for projects and funding.

Katherine gave an update on the Powell-Division project. The TAC is looking at developing of screening factors and measures to run alternatives through. Another steering committee is scheduled for June to look and approve screening factors, which will be used to score the alternatives that will be reviewed during the summer.

Commissioner McKeel commented that she was impressed with the diversity of the Steering Committee and inclusion of committee members that live within the corridor. Katherine also talked about the TIGER planning grant that is being worked on to look at the connection of the Powell-Division project to the Southwest Corridor project.

Other Business

Steve Kautz distributed a flier of upcoming Service Enhancement Planning outreach events in the community.

Phil requested a letter of support for a TIGER application for the overcrossing in the Rivergate Industrial district and the north Portland greenway trail. This is the same application that was submitted for the last TIGER process.

Katherine mentioned that with the TIGER planning grant that the applications may not be competing against each other for the Powell-Division project to the Southwest Corridor project. The committee expressed support for submitting letters for both TIGER projects.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.