

East Multnomah County Transportation Committee

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Meeting Minutes 5/5/14

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Jerry Hinton
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City of Fairview
City of Troutdale
City of Gresham
Port of Portland

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Guests

Shirley Craddick	Metro
Kim Ellis	Metro
Bill Peterson	Wood Village
April Bertelsen	City of Portland

Welcome and Chair's Comments

EMCTC Chair, Diane McKeel, called the meeting to order at 3:05 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 April 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the April 4th, 2014 meeting were emailed to the group prior to the meeting and also available at the meeting. Councilor Clark moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Barton Mullins seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Climate Smart Communities Update

Councilor Craddick started off by mentioning that Councilor Bob Stacey was unable to attend and present as planned. She also gave background on the project and introduced Kim Ellis, Metro Project Manager for the project. She then provided a recap of input received at the joint MPAC/JAPACT meeting that took place on April 11, 2014. There will be another joint MPAC/JPACT meeting on May 30, 2014. Guidance from EMCTC on the level of investment in different policies will be reviewed at the May 30, 2014 meeting. Kim Ellis reviewed the Climate Smart Communities "Shaping the Preferred Approach" Discussion Guide. Explained each of the 3 scenarios are based on

locally adopted plans. Susie Lahsene asked if scenario A reflects what we are currently spending on transit. Kim responded that it assumes funding increases. Craig Ward asked if bike/ped projects were included in the street/highway calculations. April Bertelsen asked if there was some overlap. Kim replied that the bike/ped projects are separated out. Kim explained that parking management would look very different in different areas because it manages supply.

Climate Smart Communities Straw Poll Exercise

The exercise was led by Councilor Clark. Asked for everyone's participation prioritizing level of investments. Noted that scenario A does not reach the 20% reduction goal. Jerry Hinton asked where the 20% goal came from. Kim responded that the State Legislature mandated the goal. It was adopted by LCDC. Jerry asked what happens if we do not meet the goal. Kim responded we have not been told what would happen if the goal was not met. The goal was developed through use of the Green Step Model. It is a tool that is now being used nationwide. The results were compared to the Straw Poll results from the Joint MPAC/JPACT meeting.

Category	JPACT/MPAC	EMCTC
Transit	4.9	4.8
Technology	6	5.1
Travel Information Programs	3.9	3.2
Planned Active Transportation Network	4.3	2.5
Planned Street and Highway Network	3.9	4
Parking Management	4.8	5

Kim asked why "Travel information Programs" scored so low. Do we need to do a better job of explaining? Councilor Clark said people tended to score at the extremes (either a 1 or a 6.) Susie said it's unclear what an incremental cost increase would result in.

Susie asked how parking management techniques would affect the neighborhoods. Kim discussed lots vs. structures (parking costs) permit parking in neighborhoods and explained the concept of "unbundled parking."

This exercise will inform the May 30th joint meeting. The results of the May 30th meeting will be reported back to EMCTC. A draft preferred scenario will be drafted following the May 30th meeting and evaluated over the summer. A formal 45 day comment period in the fall to hear back from committees (EMCTC) about further refinements that may be needed. MPAC and JPACT will be asked to make their final recommendation in December for council to take final action before the end of the year.

This work will be taken to the legislature in 2015. It will guide future funding and inform future RTP updates. Will inform policy on how to keep up with transportation needs and addressing barriers other than funding as well.

Bill mentioned that numbers expressed in cost per household would be more accessible and easier to understand.

Jerry suggested the process could be more marketable to citizens if the discussion were focused on population growth rather than emissions.

JPACT Agenda

Grace Cho was absent so Councilor Craddick and Kim Ellis went over the agenda. Councilor Craddick said John Mermin will be presenting an action item to accept the project list for the purpose of Air Quality Conformity. Next Ted Leybold will be reviewing the metropolitan area boundary update. Kim explained this is based on census urbanized boundary. The 2010 census triggered the need to update our boundary which hasn't been updated since 2000. Kim will be presenting the results and summary reports on the Climate Smart Communities project. Dan Kaempff will give a report on the RTO program and the benefit/influence it has. Essentially, the data demonstrates that we do get a good result from dollars spent in education on transportation options.

Project Updates

EMCP preliminary work is getting started on the 238th to Hogan corridor for the TRB/TCAPP Grant. Design work (10%) on the path along 282nd down to Springwater through working with a student group. Would create a grant ready proposal.

Powell-Division project gathering input over the next 16-18 months. Will be deciding on route, stops, and mode.

Tirnet will be having 2 community meetings around the service enhancement plan May 7th and May 8th. There is a list of other community meetings on the project webpage.

Other Business

ACT task force first meeting was in conflict with this meeting but Commissioner McKeel will be participating on our behalf as the project moves forward. Currently we do not have an ACT. There is a taskforce to explore the possibility of creating an ACT for our area. There are 5 meetings planned and will result in a recommendation. It will affect how funding is distributed through the STIP.

Rich Watanabe said there has been a recommendation to postpone the STIP from a 2017-2020 STIP to a 2018-2021 STIP.

Rich gave an update on the Sandy River Bridge project. Ongoing and should be completed by the end of the summer.

Rich gave an update on the Troutdale interchange at Frontage and Marine Drive. Raising the grade and making it two-way to eliminate the loop (West.)

Phil Healy updated us on the Bike/ped tunnel that would connect tunnels (Jordan Rd.) to Sandy River Delta is being designed as a part of the 40 mile loop.

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.