

East Multnomah County Transportation Committee

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Meeting Minutes 6/8/15

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Guests

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| Shirley Craddick | Metro |
| Ted Leybold | Metro |
| Brian Monberg | Metro |
| Rich Allen | City of Troutdale |
| Nicole Peirce | ODOT |
| April Bertlesen | City of Portland |
| Riad Alharithi | Multnomah County |

Welcome and Chair's Comments

EMCTC Chair, Commissioner Diane McKeel, called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM and started with introductions. A quorum was present.

Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Review and Approval of May 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the May 11, 2015 meeting were emailed to the group prior to the meeting and also available at the meeting. Mayor Doug Daoust moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Tim Clark seconded the motion. There was no discussion to the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Capital Projects Update

Staff from Multnomah County, Gresham, and Metro gave updates on the following capital improvement projects:

- Arata Road – Project is in 90% design, currently in ROW acquisition. Bid expected by the end of October 2015. Construction to start in Spring 2016, end late 2016.
- Sandy Boulevard – Currently in ROW phase with construction expected to begin May 2016
- 238th Drive – Staff are currently completing the preliminary planning and surveying
- 242nd – ROW vacation scheduled for the June 25th at Multnomah County Board of Commissioners
- Cleveland Avenue – Currently at 90% design
- Sandy (181st to limits) in design this year, construction expected 2018-2019
- Hogan Rd
- 190th Ave
- MAX bicycle/pedestrian path – nearly complete, not technically open until landscaping is complete in late summer 2015
- I-84 ITS project is kicking off this month

JPACT Agenda

The JPACT agenda was distributed. Councilor Craddick noted that the majority of the June 2015 JPACT agenda will be informational items.

East Metro Connections Plan Update

Brian Monberg gave an update on the East Metro Connection plan which was adopted unanimously in 2012, and included a steering committee of public and private entities. He outlined the value of the plan in its support of the housing and employment types in the east county as well as the development of a “regional grid” that has lead to several corridor strategies including the Powell-Division BRT service enhancement. He also noted that the collaboration and agreement of all the East County partners makes the projects in the plan more competitive for regional and state funding.

Funding

Staff gave a presentation of the life cycle of transportation projects, how they are initiated through a planning process through local policies, Transportation System Plans, then subregional, regional, and statewide plans. Staff explained the project lists in the Transportation System Plan (TSP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and that they may be constrained or unconstrained. Some discussion about what constrained means ensued. As defined from Metro, the RTP must estimate “reasonably expected revenue” for the lifetime of the plan (20 year horizon). Then the RTP determines which projects should be funded with this reasonably expected revenue (Constrained) and which ones are important but are not anticipated to be funded in the lifetime of the plan (Unconstrained). Staff also explained that funding opportunities arise (grants) and that the criteria for funding and the amounts of funding vary when they do. Prioritizing projects might vary based on these different fund types and at different levels of coordination (some through the state, some at a regional level, and some at the subregional level (EMCTC)). Staff also sought input from the committee on their improvement priorities for regional projects.

The following projects were brought forward by the committee for additional discussion and consideration.

Gresham:

- Hogan Road (Powell-Rugg) – Katherine Kelly noted this is a large project which could be scaled
- 202nd/Birdsdale (Division – Burnside)- collector not built to full cross section

Multnomah County:

- Sandy Boulevard (223rd – 230th)
- SE Stark Street (257th – Troutdale Road)- full build out. Also explore Troutdale Rd culvert pinch point just north of SE Stark St (sidewalks and bike lanes). Leveraging Powell-Division project.

Wood Village:

- Halsey St Corridor- looking at land use, economic development and transportation along corridor
- 223rd (Halsey – Marine Drive/40-mile loop)- full build out, multimodal.

Port of Portland:

- Gresham Vista intersection improvements (242nd/Glisan)

Sandy to Springwater

- Connection 40 Mile Loop to Springwater- multimodal

Councilor Craddick expressed desire for continuing and leveraging work, and finishing 242nd (Gresham portion) and Sandy as priorities. She also suggested considering which projects provided the most “bang for the buck”, leveraging development opportunities, safety, etc. She also noted that multimodal projects should connect to the 40 mile loop. Councilor Craddick also suggested that EMCTC soon discuss the federal TIGER grant opportunity, and which project(s) could be the East County priority.

Susie Lahsene asked if the projects had cost estimates, staff noted that most of them do, and that most are in the Transportation System Plan(s).

Ted Tosterud suggested that there should be some local criteria used to evaluate the projects.

Councilor Craddick suggested the agencies start thinking about what projects could be pursued under a TIGER grant the next time they’re available.

Bill Petersen noted that the Columbia Cascade River District (CCRD) transportation project priorities should be revisited as EMCTC considers its priorities.

Project Updates

Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Update: Brian Monberg of Metro, gave an update on the project which is scheduled to begin the formal project development phase this coming summer. Councilor Craddick shared that there is currently an online survey for the three Gresham route alternatives for the Powell Division Bus Rapid Transit project which are NE 223rd/Eastman, Cleveland Ave, and 242nd/Hogan.

Safe Routes to School Update: Kate McQuillan, Multnomah County staff, shared the announcement for the Safe Routes to School AmeriCorps position and asked that committee members share the information with anyone who may be interested. She will send the announcement to the group.

Other Business

Councilor Craddick again expressed concern about funding, noting that the message from the Federal government is that local agencies can no longer rely on Federal funding alone; that local agencies need to

bring a significant local match to project funding requests. She feels that the local agencies need to work together to determine if and how local funding for transportation can be increased. Mayor Doug Daoust noted that he wants to see a flowchart that shows where funding from State, Federal and Local sources come from and how it can be used. Staff will work on this and bring to a future EMCTC meeting.

It was noted that Councilor Dirksen will come to the July meeting to share information about regional funding options.

An idea for a shuttle to Multnomah Falls was discussed. Rich will talk to his team to come back and talk about projects around and for the Falls.

Vanessa Vissar distributed the draft Eastside Service Enhancement Plan and announced a comment period for the plan through July.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.