

East Multnomah County Transportation Committee

City of Fairview City of Gresham City of Troutdale City of Wood Village Multnomah County Port of Portland

Meeting Minutes

**Monday
August 10, 2015**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Diane McKeel	Multnomah County
Tim Clark	City of Wood Village
Ted Tosterud	City of Fairview
Jerry Hinton	City of Gresham
Doug Daoust	City of Troutdale
Susie Lahsene	Port of Portland
<u>EMCTC Staff</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Mark Gunter	City of Wood Village
Chris Strong	City of Gresham
Katherine Kelly	City of Gresham
Joanna Valencia	Multnomah County
Jessica Berry	Multnomah County
Sean Files	Multnomah County
Phil Healy	Port of Portland
Rich Watanabe	ODOT
Jamie Snook	Metro
<u>Guests</u>	
Shirley Craddick	Metro
Raihana Ansary	Portland Business Alliance
Greg Olson	Gresham Transportation Committee, Multnomah County Bike/Ped Advisory Committee
April Bertelson	Portland Bureau of Transportation
Steve Entenman	East Metro Economic Alliance

Welcome and Introductions

EMCTC Chair, Commissioner Diane McKeel, called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM and started with introductions. A quorum was present.

Chair's Comments

None

Opportunity for Public Comment

None

Review and Adoption of June 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes- All

- Action Item
- Councilor Jerry Hinton moved, Councilor Tim Clark seconded. Minutes approved.

Cost of Congestion- Susie Lahsene, Port of Portland and Raihana Ansary, Portland Business Alliance

- Information Item
- Susie and Raihana gave a presentation on the Economic Impact of Congestion in Oregon. The study was completed in 2015 by the Economic Development Research Group and has a horizon year of 2040. The last study was completed in 2005. After the presentation, discussion ensued. Jerry Hinton noted he concurs with the presentation. Mayor Daoust asked for clarification about “Investing in the RTP”. He wanted to know if all the improvements have to be done in the RTP to see the improvement to the system. Susie said yes. The model included all constrained and unconstrained projects. There was some discussion about who was interviewed for the study. Mayor Daoust noted that a third bridge needs to be added to connect the east metro area to Washington. Mayor Tosterud noted that due to the drought in California, more people are moving to Oregon and that I-84 is going to get much worse. He noted that the region needs to develop a way to deal with electric cars, gas tax, etc. Councilor Craddick asked the group the question: how do we make legislative change? Discussion included talk of widening I-5 and/or fixing the chokepoints, safety concerns, etc. Councilor Craddick noted that match requirements are increasing for grants from the State and Federal governments and it is expected that local agencies are going to have to increase matches to leverage funds.

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JPACT Agenda – Councilor Shirley Craddick and Jamie Snook, Metro

- Informational/Discussion
- Jamie Snook noted that the next JPACT meeting is September 10th and there is no official agenda yet. Councilor Craddick noted that they’re going to begin featuring a “project of the month” to bring attention to regional projects that are getting built.

STIP Update – Joanna Valencia, Multnomah County

- Information/Discussion
- Joanna presented to the committee that the applications for the STIP will most likely be due in November and that the delay will allow better coordination with Connect Oregon. Katherine Kelly noted that we should have better guidance in the next few days as information is provided by ODOT. Phil asked for clarification about dollar amounts that Joanna noted. Rich Watanabe pointed out that the state has been working on some lower cost projects that provide operational improvements to help the highways. Councilor Craddick asked if there were any projects from the East Metro Connections Plan that could be used to apply for State money. Joanna noted that the TAC will start reviewing the projects to bring forward to EMCTC. This would likely happen in October.

Project Updates - Staff

- Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Update – Gresham staff noted that they’re going to begin intense outreach to develop the preferred alignment as the route travels to Mount Hood Community College.
- Safe Routes to School Update - Joanna told the committee that Multnomah County hired a safe routes to school coordinator and she’ll begin working in September.
- East Metro Connections Plan Update - Joanna noted that 242nd Avenue has been vacated and that the kick off of the Master Plan for the North South Connection of the 40 mile loop trail is beginning.

Other Business - All

- Website – Joanna noted that Multnomah County has been continuing to work on the EMCP website that will include a new web tool that will be a one-stop web resource for planning efforts and projects.
- Commissioner McKeel noted that ACT members were able to meet the Oregon Transportation Commission at their last meeting. Commissioner Craddick noted that one of the OTC Commissioners is an east county resident. Joanna would check into inviting the person to attend EMCTC to meet committee members.
- Rich noted that ODOT Trip Check project is going well and should be done by the end of the year. He also noted that the Troutdale Interchange is going well.
- The group discussed future presentation items including Multnomah Falls parking concerns and a presentation of the value of bridges.
- Susan Lahsene noted that Sea Port celebration would be Saturday at Terminal 4 from 10-4pm.
- Mayor Daoust noted that there was a grass fire in Troutdale.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Next EMCTC Meeting: August 31, 2015