

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 July 18, 2016, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Gresham City Hall, 1333 Northwest Eastman Parkway, Room 2A/2B

Members

Tim Clark
Jerry Hinton
Doug Daoust
Tim Clark
Susie Lahsene
Dianne McKeel

Representing

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

EMCTC Staff

Katherine Kelly
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Rich Watanabe
Jamie Snook
Phil Healy
Jessica Berry
Joanna Valencia
Sean Files

Representing

City of Gresham
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City of Wood Village
ODOT
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Port of Portland
Multnomah County
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Guests

Shirley Craddick
Ryan Parker
Lise Glancy
Xao Xiong
Megan Neill
Ian Cannon
Steve Entenman
Greg Olsen

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Multnomah County
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East Metro Economic Alliance
Gresham Transportation Committee/ Multco Bike/Ped Committee

1. Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner McKeel called the meeting to order at 3:05

2. Chair's Comments

None

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

None

4. Review and Adoption of May 16 and June 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes - All

Action Item

Motion was made by Mayor Doug Daoust, seconded by Councilor Tim Clark. Minutes approved

5. JPACT Updates – Shirley Craddick and Jamie Snook, Metro

Informational/Discussion

Jamie briefly updated the group on the upcoming discussion of the SW corridor which is moving into Scoping phase, the formal entry into NEPA phase. She also mentioned the Oregon Transportation Forum and the National Policy on Rule Making (NPRM) would both be on the agenda. She highlighted that one of the major concerns with the NPRM is the consolidation of MPOs, which would affect Metro – having an MPO to the north of us in Washington. Councilor Shirley Craddick noted that the Oregon Transportation Forum (OTF) would be having a discussion about what to fund in the legislature. Doug Daoust noted that the Oregon Mayors Association starts on Thursday so some representatives will be missing JPACT.

6. Gresham Vista – Lise Glancy and Ryan Parker, Port of Portland

Informational/Discussion

Lise gave the group an update on both Gresham Vista and Troutdale Reynolds Industrial District (TRIP). She noted the region has a limited supply of industrial sites and in particular, market ready sites. East Multnomah County is fortunate to have several. The Port of Portland predicts that with the development of TRIP, 500 jobs will be created. Gresham Vista development is expected to create approximately 2700 jobs. Ryan then spoke about TRIP, noting that TRIP is the biggest brownfield development in the State's history. He also noted that there were more issues to work through than originally expected. The Port tackled the development of the site in 3 phases. The first phase was developed and is now being used by Fed Ex. The second phase is underway. He notes that public partners have been critical to making the site work.

Ryan then went on to discuss Gresham Vista. He noted one of the differences between Gresham Vista and TRIP is that it is a mostly ready industrial site. The roads are in great shape, it is served with utilities already. He noted that they have investment partners interested in large lot industrial development. Subaru is the anchor tenant, there are 2 speculative developments now as well – both are for warehouse distribution now.

Councilor Craddick asked, how well are we doing to meet our employment and wage goals for developments like these? Lise notes that it varies. Ryan noted that the location was targeted for manufacturing and distribution but we're seeing mostly distribution on the site right now. Lise noted that the port is committed to no additional speculative development on the site right now.

7. Burnside Bridge Feasibility Study– Megan Neill, Multnomah County

Informational/Discussion

Joanna introduced Megan Neill and Ian Cannon, noting that in addition to being the Transportation Director, Ian is also wrapping up the Sellwood Bridge project. Joanna noted that with the Sellwood Bridge project wrapping up, the County is beginning to address the seismic issues on Burnside Bridge and what the project plan is for the next 20 years. Commissioner McKeel noted that another reason we're hearing about it today is because other JPACT members have asked for an update on the Burnside Bridge as a lifeline route in need of seismic updates at this time.

Megan provided a presentation on the current bridge and why it is a lifeline. In particular the street itself is more seismically resistant than neighboring streets, is on less liquefiable soils, and is a more seismically resilient design. Additionally, the Morrison Bridge is the same type of bridge as the Burnside; however the Morrison Bridge is more vulnerable and less likely to withstand an earthquake because it is a feeder onto the I-5, which is not expected to withstand a large magnitude earthquake. Megan noted that in 15-20 years the County wants to

make an investment to seismically upgrade the bridge that can be in the form of a rehab or a new structure. Megan noted that first the County needs to do some maintenance to prolong the life of the bridge until the County can do a large scale upgrade – this will happen in the next several years. In the next few years the County will be working on a feasibility study to determine options for the large improvement. Councilor Hinton asked how important will this focus be to the County over a long term? Megan noted that the political climate influences the priorities, but it will likely continue to be a focus of the County. Mayor Daoust asked why the feasibility and NEPA study is \$20M for the study through NEPA. Ian answered that the estimates are conservative however, NEPA on Sellwood was \$10M, and there are a lot of complexities in the downtown area that will influence the cost. Councilor Craddick asked if there are any concerns about the right of way especially since there is a lot of construction that has been occurring near the bridge. Ian responded that yes, it has been a concern and that will influence the outcomes of the study and the improvement noting that right of way will most likely be a constraint. Councilor Craddick asked, what sort of funding are you thinking about? Ian responded that the County will be looking at anything that is available and possible. Commissioner McKeel noted she's feeling a sense of urgency about Burnside Bridge and she feels that the whole state isn't doing enough to look at seismic resiliency. Councilor Craddick concurred this really is a regional project and talking about it now is important to gain regional support. She also asked if we're planning to bring to JPACT. Joanna said we'll start planning that.

8. Safe Routes to School – Xao Xiong, Multnomah County
Informational/Discussion

Joanna introduced Xao Xiong who has been the County's Safe Routes to School AmeriCorps Member for the last year. Xao gave some background on herself and then described the work she's been doing for the last year. In particular she presented information about the focus groups she did with students. She noted students are very concerned with personal safety. She also notes that gaps in infrastructure continue to be a concern for many east county communities. She then provided some recommendations based on her work: she noted that action plans are becoming more and more important for schools as they develop Safe Routes activities. She also mentioned that staff time is critical to making the program work. She concluded by pointing out that Safe Routes for children are Safe Routes for everyone. Susie Lahsene asked if schools have safety patrol programs. Xao and Joanna noted that they may have programs like this, but that they're usually right at the schools, and not as much within the full ¼ mile school radius. Susie noted that where she grew up they had programs that trained students to be safety patrol. Joanna noted that the County looked into a mentorship program where high school students did the walking with students but the schools had concerns with liability and how to do background checks, etc. She gave examples of the difficulty the county faced with having events where every participant needs to have signed a waiver. She also noted that an area of potential is the focus schools have now on the STEM programs (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), this is an opportunity where teachers can provide lessons that incorporate walking and biking into the school program.

9. MTIP/RFFA, Staff
Informational/Discussion

Joanna introduced the item and notes that this is the project application and selection phase of the MTIP/RFFA. Up to this point the discussion has been about funding policies. The focus today will be on the schedule for application and project selection and potential projects. There is a change this year in that EMCTC will not prioritize projects, and there is no longer a sub-allocation for funding. Therefore EMCTC's involvement will not include a sub allocation or a project prioritization based on an allocation. However, EMCTC may want to provide support letters for the projects being submitted by local agencies.

The group looked at the East Metro Connections Plan as a way of discussing the potential projects to be submitted. Joanna discussed the projects underway – Arata Road and Sandy Boulevard projects are under development and are expected to be constructed in 2016-2017. Other projects the County is working on include Stark Street improvements that are likely to be funded through STIP Enhance, Beaver Creek Culvert, and 238th Street improvements. The County is considering applying for MTIP/RFFA funds for Sandy from 207th and 223rd. She noted that 223rd is another location the County has been thinking about, but it is less ready to pursue than the Sandy Boulevard project. Jamie asked if we're looking into Nature in the Neighborhood grants. Joanna said yes, Roy Iwai, Multnomah county staff, has been tracking that.

Katherine Kelly discussed Gresham's projects that they're looking at for MTIP funding. This includes: Cleveland Avenue from Division to Stark. The City received funding in 2006 for a portion of the corridor and would like

funds for the rest of construction. The project is 100% designed. Another project is Division Street from Birdsedale to Wallula. They applied for a TCSP grant a few years ago, they've done some design already. Other projects they'll seek funding 190th Ave from Powell to South City limit. They would apply for project development funding only. Hogan from Powell to Rugg Road the City would seek funding for preliminary engineering. Some discussion about other EMCP projects ensued.

Councilor Craddick noted that since we no longer have sub-allocations, how we ensure we have projects in East Multnomah County that compete well regionally. Councilor Craddick noted that Federal funding has continued to decline and we more and more need to show a local match on projects. Mayor Daoust asked about the culvert on Troutdale next to Fuji Farms. He asked if a culvert replacement would include improvements to bike and ped infrastructure. Joanna noted that yes, ultimately it would. Phil Healy noted that the Port is not yet certain if they're pursuing anything in East Multnomah County. Phil also noted that as part of the Regional Economic Opportunity Fund (REOF) during the last MTIP cycle, the Port project focused on the Graham and Sundial Road improvement which would support the 40 mile loop trail. Phil noted that Graham Road is under construction and that Sundial will be under construction soon. He notes that the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the levee trail component of the 40 mile loop section of the trail is nearly completed. Susie noted that this project has to go forward in this funding cycle or the region will lose the money. She noted that if any partners have concerns, to let them know as soon as possible. Greg asked that the Port or someone from Multnomah County could come to the County's bike/ped advisory committee meeting to present on this. Phil concurred. Joanna reiterated the timeline.

10. Project Updates, Staff

- a. Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Update - PD is on track to have a locally preferred alternative in October. Team is discussing funding options
- b. Safe Routes to School Update - none, on agenda
- c. East Metro Connections Plan Update - none
- d. ODOT Region1 ACT Update – July meeting was cancelled. Next ACT will be about work plan.
- e. Halsey Street Corridor - A vendor has been selected, an advisory committee is being formed.
- f. ODOT Gorge Transit Study – The transit service is operating successfully. Doug Daoust noted that the parking lot is still full even though the service is working and people are riding it. Commissioner McKeel noted that the restaurant has contributed some funding to put in a crosswalk that will help with pedestrian safety and traffic flow.

11. Other Business- none reported

12. Next EMCTC Meeting: August 15, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm