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, December 12, 2016, 3:00pm-5:00pm
Gresham City Hall, 1333 Northwest Eastman Parkway, Room 2A/2B

Members	**Representing**
Susie Lahsene	Port of Portland
Diane McKeel	Multnomah County
Tim Clark	City of Wood Village
Ted Tosterud	City of Fairview
Doug Daoust	City of Troutdale
Jerry Hinton	City of Gresham

EMCTC Staff	**Representing**
Katherine Kelly	City of Gresham
Scott Sloan	City of Wood Village
Jamie Snook	Metro
Joanna Valencia	Multnomah County
Sean Files	Multnomah County
Jessica Berry	Multnomah County
Eileen Cunningham	Multnomah County
Rich Watanabe	ODOT
Phil Healy	Port of Portland

Guests	
Lori Stegmann	City of Gresham, Commissioner-Elect Multnomah County
Rebecca Stavenjord	Multnomah County
Shirley Craddick	Metro
Ernest Hayes	Metro
Dan Kaempff	Metro
Steve Entenman	East Metro Economic Alliance
April Bertelsen	City of Portland
Greg Olson	Gresham Transportation Committee, Multnomah County Bike/Ped Advisory Committee

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1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Commissioner McKeel called the meeting to order at 3:00

2. **Chair's Comments**

Commissioner McKeel noted this will be her last meeting as commissioner. She thanked the committee for all their work. She also noted that it is also Vice Chair Daoust's last day. He noted that it has been a real pleasure being on the committee. Commissioner McKeel also noted that the value of the East Metro Connections Plan and she encouraged the members to continue to work on it. She also thanked staff for their work on the committee. She then invited Multnomah County Commissioner-Elect Lori Stegmann to introduce herself. Lori Stegmann introduced herself as a current Gresham City Council member and the new Commissioner-elect for Multnomah County District 4. Rebecca Stavenjord introduced herself as Lori Stegmann's Chief of Staff.

3. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

None

4. **Review and Adoption of November 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes –** All
   Action Item

Motion to approve was made by Mayor Ted Tosterud, and seconded by Mayor Doug Daoust. Minutes approved

5. **JPACT Updates** – Shirley Craddick and Jamie Snook, Metro
   Informational/Discussion

Councilor Craddick noted that this Thursday is the JPACT meeting. She noted that this will move into the legislative discussion. She noted that Metro hosted the third Regional Leadership Forum. This was focused on the constraints and challenges to fund what we want/need to fund in the region. She noted that there will be several updates from Councilor Dirksen (the JPACT Chair). She noted that several local folks went to Seattle to meet with and learn about how they made their ballot measure happen. She also noted that she, Katherine Harrington, Councilor Dirksen also went to Transportation for America (T4America) summit and were able to learn about how other regions are putting together local/regional funds. She noted that they're looking at going back to Washington to lobby for additional funding in the Spring. Right now they're focused on the State legislative session that is starting. She noted that the focus will be on the three bottlenecks: The Rose Quarter, Highway 217, and the I-205 Abernethy Bridges; also with some focus on the SW Corridor – high capacity transit corridor and other transit; Active Transportation, backfilling the CMAQ funds that this region will be losing; among other things, which will be discussed at JPACT. She noted that Ted and Dan will be discussing the MTIP/RFFA. Jamie noted that this will be the first of three conversations/presentations on the State Legislative program. She also noted that there will be an item on the JPACT Finance Subcommittee discussion of transit funding in the region. Commissioner McKeel noted that she was just in Salem at the Association of Oregon Counties meeting and she noted that there were three State Legislators at the meeting and all three were interested in seeing a transportation funding package this year. Councilor Craddick noted that we all know there is limited state funding and we want to look at how to raise funds regionally.

6. **MTIP RFFA Grant: Update on project selection process** – Dan Kaempff, Metro
   Informational/Discussion

Commissioner McKeel introduced Dan who gave a presentation on what JPACT will be reviewing on Thursday. Dan noted that he has presented to this group several times as the MTIP/RFFA project selection process was developed. He provided handouts and gave a PowerPoint presentation. He noted they used several filters to evaluate the project. First there was a technical evaluation, followed by a public input process that included a web based tool, phone calls and letters, and a public hearing. He also noted that the Coordinating Committees like EMCTC provided input. He noted that JPACT will be voting on which projects to fund at the January meeting. At the December meeting they'll be reviewing and providing input on how to evaluate the project. He referred to the handouts which show two funding options: Option A is a strict review and rank based on the technical score. Option B is a more "balanced" approach that takes into consideration the public input and the coordinating committee's priorities. Commissioner McKeel asked how the Brentwood-Darlington safe routes to school project is different from the funding that Metro identified for Safe Routes to School. Dan noted that the $1.5M that Metro will be using from MTIP/RFFA specifically for non-infrastructure activities. He noted that these "Option A and B" are just examples. They are not necessarily exaction what will be funded under each option. Mayor Daoust asked if the tables are both showing costs for funding above what is available. Dan concurred and noted that the jurisdictions will have to find ways to reduce their costs associated with the projects. He noted that the

City of Portland has identified ways to reduce their project costs, which is not yet noted on the tables. Commissioner McKeel asked how the project readiness fits into this project selection. She asked if projects that are more ready are more likely to be funded. Dan said that Metro did collect information on project readiness but that information is not being used for project selection. Commissioner McKeel asked if the type of comments were received. We're they unique individuals or were they form letters? Was the type of comment weighted by value? Dan noted that no, the comments were not all individually unique. Councilor Craddick asked about the Cleveland comments and why it appeared to have a lower approval rating. Katherine Kelly noted that the City of Gresham received many more positive comments for the Cleveland Complete Streets improvement during the Powell-Division BRT outreach but that is not reflected in the Metro web tool. Councilor Craddick asked Katherine to provide that data because it is helpful for JPACT and Metro when they make funding decisions. Councilor Craddick noted that the Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood got very involved in the project and that probably lead to the project moving up on the list under Option B. She said she hopes that in the future the East Multnomah County citizens will get more involved. Councilor Craddick asked if there are ways to still influence the east county projects. Dan noted that at this point the jurisdictions need to work with each other to influence which projects get funded. Katherine noted that the Division street project is still very important to the East County. Additional discussion about the east County projects and project readiness of all the projects ensued. The committee members expressed some concern about some of the projects that are recommended for funding may not be ready. Mayor Tosterud asked why the Highway 43 project which was previously tied with scoring with the Sandy Boulevard project, was moved up to the 100% list and Sandy didn't. Dan noted that the lower ranked projects that were moved up – those decisions came from the coordinating committee or the sponsoring agency to move the project up and another project down. The other coordinating committees actually prioritized the projects that they supported, whereas EMCTC chose three projects as their preferred projects without prioritizing the three. Greg Olson noted that it would be good for businesses and business alliances to get their support and that would be helpful.

7. **Project Updates,** Staff
    a. Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Update – Joanna provided an update noting that the Division Bus Rapid Transit will be going to Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners for approval of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). Councilor Craddick noted that now that it is moving out of the planning phase and into the design phase, TriMet will be taking over from Metro as the lead agency. Jamie Snook noted that will be an RTP amendment once the LPA is approved by the agencies. Sean Files noted that the item going to the Board on Thursday will include both the LPA and the memorandum of understanding to provide transit service to Mount Hood Community College (MHCC). Commissioner McKeel said she still wishes the BRT service would have gone to MHCC.
    b. Safe Routes to School Update - Joanna noted that the County will be receiving funding from the Reginal Travel Options (RTP) funding for a coordinator position that will serve east county schools' safe routes efforts.
    c. East Metro Connections Plan Update - Joanna noted that we continue to work on funding and building projects in the plan. Councilor Craddick asked about the 238th Avenue hill. Joanna noted that an IGA between the County and ODOT will be going to the Board soon.
    d. ODOT Region1 ACT Update – Region 1 ACT bylaws were just adopted at the last meeting. She noted that new members will need to be appointed in January.
    e. Halsey Street Corridor – Ted Tosterud noted that there was a meeting on November 27th. Next meeting will be sometime in January. He noted that the City is worried they'll run out of money to complete the plan so they're looking at grants.
    f. Troutdale to Springwater Trail master plan – Joanna noted that the name is evolving to the Troutdale to Gresham Plan. Katherine noted that there are 3 alignment options in Gresham right now so on January 19 they're going to have a public workshop to focus on the selection criteria and the routes. The meeting on the 19th will be at Mount Hood Community College. Councilor Craddick noted that she and Robert Spurlock met with the citizen advisory committee in Troutdale and that there was general support for the discussion about the alignment of the Troutdale routes.

8. **2017 EMCTC Calendar and Representatives** – Staff
    Information/Discussion

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Joanna noted that the first meeting in January is on a holiday so she asked the group to select a new date. The date selected was January 9th. Joanna also noted who the representatives and alternates are for each of the Cities, the County, and the Port of Portland. She noted that the folks come to the January meeting with their appointments so that they can come to the January meeting ready to elect a chair and vice-chair. She then noted that at the January meeting, we will not have a chair or vice-chair. But another committee member can call the meeting to order. Commissioner McKeel also noted that the bylaws require that the representative and the alternate have to be provided to staff in writing. Commissioner McKeel also thanked Susie Lahsene for her service to EMCTC because she is retiring. Susie thanked the group for their work and reminded them to not forget the freight issues.

9. **Year in Review** – Joanna Valencia
Information/Discussion

Joanna noted that we want to celebrate our three committee members who are leaving so we brought some treats. She noted that there are also cards for Commissioner McKeel, Mayor Daoust, and Susie Lahsene. The treats were passed around. Joanna presented information on the year in review while committee members ate cupcakes. Some successes she noted included funding for Stark Street, some Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant funding in the Gorge, RTO grant funds for a Safe Routes to School Coordinator. She also outlined some of the regional activities our members have participated in. She noted three Multnomah County projects: Arata Road, Sandy Boulevard, and Beaver Creek culver projects will all go to construction next year. She noted there are a number of transportation plans underway. Commissioner McKeel also noted the success of the Gorge shuttle service this year. Councilor Craddick brought up a possible project called Bus on Shoulder which would possibly run on the shoulder of I-205 and SR 14. It would run a short distance on SR 14 and then use shoulder on I-205 from 18th street in Vancouver to Gateway Transit Center. There is a discussion happening between ODOT and WSDOT. Susie asked if EMCTC had discussed the legislative package and how we might feel about it. Councilor Craddick reiterated some of what she said at the beginning of the meeting.

10. **Other Business**

Commissioner McKeel thanked Sean for his work on her staff. She also thanked Commissioner-elect Lori Stegmann and Rebecca Stavenjord for attending the meeting today. Commissioner-elect Stegmann noted that she has big shoes to fill and thanked Commissioner McKeel for her work.

11. **Next EMCTC Meeting:** January 9, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm

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