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
February 8, 2016

Members	**Representing**
Jerry Hinton	City of Gresham
Tim Clark	City of Wood Village
Doug Daoust	City of Troutdale
Dianne McKeel	Multnomah County
Phil Healy	Port of Portland

EMCTC Staff	**Representing**
Katherine Kelly	City of Gresham
Chris Strong	City of Gresham
Kelly Clarke	City of Gresham
Scott Sloan	City of Wood Village
Joanna Valencia	Multnomah County
Jessica Berry	Multnomah County
Sean Files	Multnomah County
Stephanie Millar	ODOT
Jamie Snook	Metro
Vanessa Vissar	TriMet

Guests	
Shirley Craddick	Metro
Ted Leybold	Metro
Rich Watanabe	ODOT
Andrew Palmblad	ODOT
Craig Ward	City of Troutdale
April Bertelsen	City of Portland
Sam Haffner	Governor's Transportation Vision Panel
Diego Hernandez	Reynolds School Board
LeeAnne Fergason	Bicycle Transportation Alliance
Ian Cannon	Multnomah County
Xao Xiong	Multnomah County

Meeting start: Welcome and Introductions
Commissioner McKeel called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

Chair's Comments
Commissioner McKeel noted that we would be doing election of officers.

Opportunity for Public Comment
None

Election of 2016 EMCTC Chair and Vice Chair – All
Commissioner McKeel listed the agencies' representatives and alternates and asked the group if this would stay the same. Representatives answered yes. Joanna Valencia distributed ballots. The remainder of this item will be addressed at the end of the meeting.

Review and Adoption of January 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes- All
Action Item

- Tim Clark moved, Councilor Doug Daoust seconded. Minutes adopted.

Governor's Transportation Vision Panel– Sam Haffner, Project Manager
Informational/Discussion
Sam Haffner provided a presentation on the Governor's Vision Panel. (Visionpanel.wordpress.com). This effort was started under Governor Kitzhaber. It started in Autumn 2014 and has 35 members on the panel. Work is broken down into subcommittees (four modal committees, one transportation finance committee). Preliminary findings have been developed and they're now going around the state and are holding forums to get public input into the preliminary findings as well as future recommended actions. He noted that there is a meeting on March 14th at the Portland Airport. Additional details are available on the website:www.visionpanel.wordpress.com

Councilor Jerry Hinton asked if there has been any discussion or movement around another Columbia River Bridge.Sam responded that there has not been a lot of discussion about the bridge. Mayor Doug Daoust mentioned that he has put the item on the agenda of the Bi-State Coordinating committee. Commissioner McKeel noted the different committees for roadways and bridges vs. seismic resiliency and why there are not specific bridge findings in the seismic resiliency subcommittee findings. Sam noted that the seismic issues need to be looked across all modes and facilities and that the seismic resiliency subcommittee recommended the "Seismic Plus Program" that will identify and fund seismic retrofit projects, much of which will be the bridge system. He noted that two other recommendations include a funding assessment of non-highway and local infrastructure and looking across all modes. Sean Files asked if these recommendations were going to be what informs the upcoming legislative session or if there are other conversations we should be tracking. Sam noted that it is part of what will inform the session but it is also meant to help the governor inform what the state will pursue federally. Councilor Shirley Craddick asked how this works with and/or feeds into the Oregon Transportation Forum (OTF) proposal, and how that will fit into what this group is doing? Sam said there is overlap, and that the OTF has been a great partner in bringing expertise. Sam noted that this will be complete in April 2016 and that the OTF conversation will continue into next year.

Safe Routes to School– Diego Hernandez, Reynolds School Board Member
Informational/Discussion
Diego Hernandez serves on the Reynolds School Board, but is before EMCTC speaking on his own behalf and reporting on an event that happened earlier this year. He started by showing a video of the event and then provided a handout. Councilor Hinton asked if he has received any feedback on the Rapid Flashing Beacons that have been/are being installed around the County and if we are ahead/behind the curve on this? Diego noted that it depends. He noted that it is difficult to stay positive when people are still getting hurt. He asked, "when are we going to be consistently safe?" Diego noted

that a crosswalk alone doesn't make everything better. April Bertelsen responded to questions about where future projects might be going in. April also noted that there is currently a group asking for $15M in safe routes to school funding from the Regional Flex Funds Allocation (RFFA)., and asked how Diego sees that being used. Diego noted that the school districts should decide how/where those funds are spent and deferred to LeeAnne Ferguson from the For Every Kid Coalition to respond on the RFFA request . LeeAnne noted that there is a need to figure out where the problem areas are and that there needs to be engineering reports for the schools to show where the problems are. Katherine Kelly noted that the City of Gresham has lots of mapping and internal prioritization and activities and has been doing work along with Multnomah County to do outreach and figure out where the problems are. The Cities are really the ones that do the infrastructure work and have to put the projects into their work plan to build them. LeeAnne noted that it is hard for schools to start an encouragement program when they don't have infrastructure

JPACT Updates –Jamie Snook and Shirley Craddick, Metro
Information/Discussion
Jamie passed out the agenda for JPACT noted that it is not yet final. She said the agenda is pretty light. There will be an update from Sam about the Governor's Vision Panel, a presentation from the Finance Committee, and the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) program. Councilor Craddick noted that they'll likely talk about the JPACT trip and that maybe we don't need a JPACT trip since the FAST Act has passed. Perhaps it should be a "best practices" trip and look at other projects. She noted that JPACT may also be joining the Portland Business Alliance trip in May. She hopes that some representatives from East County may also attend.

Funding: STIP and Connect Oregon–Staff
Joanna passed around the 150% list, and noted that project 17 (in Hood River) was moved up to Project 6 during the Region 1 ACT meeting. At this point the project partners are working on the scope and budget estimates in order to move toward a 100% list, which will go to R1 ACT in June. Mayor Daoust noted that we will need to be able to articulate how important the Stark Street project is to our partners and other agencies. Discussion ensued. Andrew Plambeck from ODOT noted that projects are listed on the website and there are opportunities to comment. Councilor Craddick asked how project match was factored in. Andrew noted that it wasn't a project criterion per se, but that raters could consider that important if they wanted to during the rating. Discussion regarding the Connect Oregon process followed. Phil Healy noted the Port of Portland's project. April Bertelsen noted the three Portland projects. Katherine Kelly noted the City of Gresham's project. Phil Healy asked for clarification on what the Regional Solutions team will be doing. Andrew noted that the regional solutions team will look at the projects after the modal teams do. Commissioner McKeel noted that she also sits on the Regional Solutions team. April Bertelsen asked if there is a possibility that there will be an increase in funding due to the FAST Act being adopted. Andrew said possibly and if so, it would not go beyond the 150% list. Some additional discussion on 238th ensued asking if that project would be impacted. Joanna noted that this project was part of the previous STIP cycle and will not be impacted.

FAST Act–Ted Leybold, Metro
Informational/Discussion
Ted Leybold presented on the new federal transportation bill called FAST Act. This is a five year bill (which hasn't happened in awhile) and that is good news.. Bill covers Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. Oregon Transportation Commission is in conversations now about what to do about funding increases. This bill covers funding for existing transportation program (through 2018). With the ACT, they're in the process of decided what to do with additional funds 2016-2018 (in the spring), and then later in the fall they're look how much funding increases for the FY 19-21 STIP. The other thing the Bill does is looks at performance measures for use of funds. The Bill also created a new Highway Freight program – both programmatic to state and also a national discretionary program.

This program is being created now and that there will be funding available this fiscal year. Mayor Daoust asked if there were any appropriations for this during this fiscal year (2016). Ted responded that there is and noted that it is funded for this fiscal year. Councilor Craddick asked if we want to apply for a TIGER grant, do we need to have PE done and where do we stand as a region on how ready we are to apply for projects. Ted noted that with TIGER, what has been successful are project that are pretty much completely set up for construction and TIGER likes to be the "last dollar in". Councilor Hinton asked if this will take any pressure off the gas tax. Ted suggested that it's not enough money to replace the gas tax. Councilor Craddick noted that there is more pressure on the local level to commit funds to the project. We can't just rely on the federal government.

Project Updates - Staff

- Powell-Division: Steering committee meeting has been postponed until March 28th.
- Safe Routes to School: None
- East Metro Connections Plan: Make Halsey a subheading. East Buttes Trail System plan and the Sandy River to Springwater Trail Master plans are both getting ready to start. EMCTC requested to have regular updates on this.
- ODOT Region 1 ACT: no additional info.
- Halsey Street Corridor: Joanna shared information from Mayor Tosterud who couldn't attend the meeting: City of Fairview is performing corridor analysis on Halsey Corridor from 207th to Sandy River. Some questions that the analysis aims to answer: What kind of place do we want it to become how do we get there? what tools do we need? How will each community participate in this? They expect the project to last 12-14 months.
- ODOT Gorge Transit Study: Stephanie Millar announced that the survey just closed and there will be information available soon. Captured a lot of local people. They're currently setting up 2 sets of meetings – with transit providers and with elected officials.
  Two related topics: Mayor Daoust noted that Gray Line tours is looking for parking lots to use as part of their Gorge tours and Commissioner McKeel noted she is on a Oregon Solutions committee to find some short term solutions to congestion issues in the Gorge.

2015 EMCTC Year in Review– Joanna Valencia, Multnomah County
Informational/Discussion
Joanna provided a list of successes this year.

Other Business - All
Offices for next year: Commissioner McKeel will continue to be Chair, Mayor Doug Daoust will continue to be Vice-Chair.
Councilor Craddick noted that Metro is starting a discussion on Equitable Housing and EMCTC should be briefed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Next EMCTC Meeting: March 14, 2016