

# 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 June 13, 2016, 3:00pm-5:00pm**

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

### Members

Doug Daoust

Tim Clark

Phil Healy

### Representing

City of Troutdale

City of Wood Village

Port of Portland

### EMCTC Staff

Bill Peterson

Terra Lingley

Jamie Snook

Jessica Berry

Joanna Valencia

Sean Files

### Representing

City of Wood Village

ODOT

Metro

Multnomah County

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### Guests

Shirley Craddick

Grace Cho

Ted Leybold

Maureen Bock

Jae Douglas

Brendon Haggery

Mike Pullen

Allison Boyd

Lael Tate

Metro

Metro

Metro

ODOT

Multnomah County Health Department

Multnomah County Health Department

Multnomah County – Levee Ready Project

Multnomah County- Levee Ready Project

Multnomah County Communications Office

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

EMCTC Vice-Chair Mayor Doug Daoust called the meeting to order at 3:03

## **2. Chair's Comments**

Mayor Daoust noted that the on June 6<sup>th</sup>, the Region 1 ACT recommended that the Stark Street improvements be funded with STIP funding and be included in the 100% funded list. With this, the project is moving forward for recommendation of funding for OTC approval. He also noted that the 100 year anniversary of Historic Columbia River Highway was last week. He said they had an antique car parade from Troutdale park to Crown Point and on to Multnomah Falls.

## **3. Opportunity for Public Comment**

None

4. **Review and Adoption of May 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes - All**  
*Action Item*

Aquorum was not present, so action on the minutes were deferred to next month's meeting.

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

Jamie briefly noted that the upcoming agenda included an item on the CMAQ funds, which is a topic on this agenda. She also noted that the other item of interest is the STIP amendment to include I-205 widening from Stafford Road to HWY 99. It is not additional funds from the MTIP, but it is moving funds into the NEPA phase. Funds are from State and FAST Act.

6. **ODOT changes to CMAQ Funds** – Grace Cho and Ted Leybold

Councilor Shirley Craddick introduced the item and noted that the discussion on Thursday at JPACT will be on what process will be used to determine how much Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding will go to each of the regions. Grace Cho explained that ODOT will be revisiting the statewide allocation of CMAQ funding because there are two new regions that are eligible for funding. There will be an impact to our region because there will be new eligible areas, but no new funding to the State. CMAQ funds are for transportation projects that improve air quality. ODOT will be bringing a new funding allocation process to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) sometime between fall and the end of the year. Grace notes that Metro and JPACT want to weigh in on the schedule and process. Councilor Craddick started the conversation by asking if we know what kind of financial impact this will have on the region. Grace noted that it really depends on what formula ODOT decides on for allocation of funds. She noted the next step is to really look at what different allocations may impact the region. Ted noted that it is why we may want to ask for more time to review it. The funds make up approximately 1/3 of our MTIP/RFFA program. Mayor Daoust asked if ODOT's ACT groups weigh in on this. Ted noted that they can do so, but that the CMAQ area is the Metro boundary, so areas outside the metro are not eligible.

Councilor Craddick asked what role the coordinating committees should play. Grace noted that the may come back and suggest that the members write letters to the state to extend the timeline for deciding on the allocation timeline. Mayor Daoust asked if ODOT makes the decision about what projects get funded. Grace noted that the federal requirement allows states to decide how to administer the funds. ODOT chooses to distribute the funds to the region's that are CMAQ eligible. Ted noted that CMAQ is part of the Regional Flex Funds so the CMAQ process we just went through – those funds will decrease. Joanna asked if we have a dollar amount. Ted said it could have a \$4m impact on the funds. Bill Peterson asked if the ODOT could withhold CMAQ funds entirely; Ted said yes. What is the real estimate of impacts? Grace said if the formula is focused on population only it could be approximately \$3m annual impact. Councilor Clark asked what the threshold was that made them eligible. Grace noted that they were designated "non-attainment" areas for air quality. Joanna asked how it will impact the different programs of the MTIP/RFFA. Ted noted that it will be a decision that still has to be made. The bonded project funds are already committed so they'll need to be maintained first.

7. **Multnomah County Health Department**– Jae Douglas and Brendon Haggerty  
*Informational/Discussion*

Jae Douglas gave an overview of what the Health Department is doing and how they can work with the local agencies. She explained more about the three divisions: clinical services, mental health and addictions, and public health. Public health and environmental health is focused on the health of the population. They do regulatory work as well as public outreach and planning to make sure that communities are healthy. She noted that in the last year or so they've been building capacity to provide service to the local agencies and influencing the built environment. Brendon Haggerty outlined some of the work that he is doing with the environmental health department. He noted that the three areas that they focus on with regard to transportation: physical activity, air quality, and safety. He noted that they now have the ability to model the health benefits of transportation projects so if we want to work with them on reviewing and providing input on our planning and capital projects. He also noted they can partner through grant support as well as providing input on the health quality of different parts of the county. He also noted that County health covers the cities in the County as well. Not limited to County – covers incorporated cities in the County as well. Mayor Daoust noted that the data is always useful when we apply for grants and other project for making the case for important projects. Councilor Craddick noted that it's interesting they're here today when we're talking about losing our funding that helps improve health. She noted we're only going to achieve the climate smart strategies through getting people out of their cars. Jae noted that part of that decision making is being at the right table. She sits on Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) and she and Brendon also sit on various TACs and committees. There was an emphasis on the importance to keep the lines of communication open.

**8. Levee Ready Columbia – Mike Pullen and Allison Boyd**  
*Informational/Discussion*

Mike Pullen introduced himself, Allison Boyd, and Lael Tate as part of the team. He noted that he'll set the background and the Allison, the project manager, will discuss the program. He also noted that no decisions are being made today – at this time, it is informational. Mayor Daoust noted that the Columbia has a very large watershed. Mike Pullen concurred, noting that it is the second biggest in the US (Mississippi is the biggest). He went on to note that they're in the process of looking at all the levee's to see how well protected the communities are. He showed a graph noting the frequency of 100 year floods. He listed/noted that there are many industrial and residential areas that are protected by the levees. He talked about the role of the Army Corps of Engineers. The maintenance districts agree to maintain the levees. The Army Corps helps with flood fighting and can help make the repairs afterward. FEMA certifies the levees and draws the maps to show where you can get flood insurance and what the rates are. The certification of the levees is what sets the rates for flood insurance so it is critical that the levees are and continue to be certified. Sean Files asked how the districts fund the maintenance. Mike and Allison noted that there is an assessment that you pay on your property. Each district has a different assessment methodology.

Allison provided info on the changes to the levee program – which were initiated by the federal government after Hurricane Katrina. She noted that while some of the levees are up for recertification it doesn't mean they are not accredited. It means that the levees need to be recertified before the FEMA redraws the maps for accreditation. The purpose of the Levee Ready Columbia program is to make sure the levees are certified so they don't lose accreditation. Additionally, we are concerned about public safety. It is important that we keep people safe. They're currently in the Phase II engineering analysis and studies. Phase III will be the implementation of the construction process. Bill Peterson asked Mayor Daoust if Troutdale is thinking about this with regard to the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Project – there is a lot of potential development there. Mayor Daoust noted that Troutdale is also looking at the 40 mile trail and putting it on top of the levee. He also noted that FEMA is updating

the maps right now and people are starting to look at whether they're being more or less affected. He asked how we work with people on this. Allison noted that the current maps won't show any changes to insurance requirements right now. FEMA knows we're working on updating the levees so they may hold off on any future mapping until this process is done. Mayor Daoust inquired about who will pay for the repairs. Allison noted that once they know what those projects are and how much they cost, that discussion will have to happen once they know more. Bill Peterson noted that Wood Village is not a participant in the agreements and not going to be impacted by the levees. Jamie asked about the Willamette, Mike noted that the Willamette doesn't have any levees so that is why it is not in the program. Allison noted that the City of Portland and PSU are beginning a project to look at flooding concerns along the Willamette as well. Sean Files asked if the County should have their lobbyist work on anything for this. Allison noted she would follow up.

**9. Ore-Go, Maureen Bock ODOT**

Maureen introduced the Ore-Go program which is a mileage based fee as an alternative to the Gas Tax. She gave an overview of the history of the program as well as how it works. She outlined several features about the program. Councilor Clark said the current tax is about 30 cents/gallon. He asked how much does it cost to run the program and it breaks even. Maureen responded that the program doesn't make money right now, but they're in a phase where they're building the program right now. The program will become more cost effective with time.

**10. Project Updates, Staff**

- a. Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Update - none
- b. Safe Routes to School Update - none
- c. East Metro Connections Plan Update - none
- d. ODOT Region1 ACT Update - The act approve the 100% STIP Enhance list. There is one project that is in this region. That was the Stark Street project.
- e. Halsey Street Corridor - Mayor Tosterud provided an update that Jessica read to the team. Project timeline includes getting the RFP out and by July select a consultant. Mayor Daoust said they're putting a committee together right now.
- f. ODOT Gorge Transit Study – The transit service is operating successfully! There is a lot of latent demand.

**11. Other Business-** none reported

**12. Next EMCTC Meeting:** July 18, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm