

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 15, 2016, 3:00pm-5:00pm

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

Members

Tim Tosterud

Phil Healy

Dianne McKeel

Representing

City of Fairview

Port of Portland

Multnomah County

EMCTC Staff

Chris Strong

Scott Sloan

Jamie Snook

Jessica Berry

Joanna Valencia

Sean Files

April Bertelsen

Vanessa Vissar

Representing

City of Gresham

City of Wood Village

Metro

Multnomah County

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City of Portland

TriMet

Guests

Shirley Craddick

Robert Spurlock

Dan Kaempff

Ernest Hayes

Greg Olson

Metro

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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 July 18, 2016 Meeting Minutes - All

Action Item

There was no quorum so minutes could not be reviewed and approved.

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

Informational/Discussion

Jamie noted that JPACT was cancelled and there would be no meeting on Friday. Councilor Craddick updated the group on the work of the JPACT Finance Subcommittee. She noted that Councilor Dirksen formed this committee to look at the future of funding for transportation projects. Right now they're focusing on the Regional Flexible funds and what projects we want to fund in the future. She noted that the flexible funds are going to be used to prepare three projects to future construction funding. She noted that the next meeting will be focused on high capacity transit projects. Later they'll move on the Active transportation projects. The group is looking at how to fund these projects in the future. Such as the future federal transportation package. Additionally they're discussing the state legislative program as well as how we may look for funding in the region. She also noted they committee is exploring going to Seattle to look at how they've been able to finance transportation projects. She also noted that they're inviting people from outside of JPACT also for this trip. She invited the group to attend.

6. TriMet Service Enhancement Plan – Vanessa Vissar, TriMet

Informational/Discussion

Vanessa presented the final report for the Service Enhancement Plan document and maps. Service enhancement plans are long range plans for service enhancements. This eastside service enhancement plan has few route changes and is instead focused on service level improvements, either more service hours or greater frequency. There are 2 routes changes: line 25 along Glisan will extend to Reynolds High School and Mount Hood Community College. Line 21 serves Sandy will be rerouted to 22nd and a new line (E) out to TRIP. She then explained that in the fall they're looking at improvements that will go into place in Fall 2017. At this point she would like to know EMCTC's priorities for next year's service enhancements. TriMet will have about \$4.3M in revenue each year that will go toward new services and the operations of Powell Division transit project. TriMet is also considering extending the red line to Hillsboro.

She noted that if line 4 services decreases or is removed due to Powell division improvements, then the services hours would be redistributed along that corridor. She explained how TriMet is evaluating the service improvements to priorities improvements. They're looking at criteria such as equity issues (minority, low income, senior, youth, etc.), growth, connections to jobs and major destinations, demand, operating cost and productivity. Joanna asked the group for input on what they think the priority criteria are. Commissioner McKeel asked if the frequency of service information is what is currently available or if it is the goal. Vanessa confirmed that it is the goal. Vanessa also noted that the line 9 has been recently added to the SEP because the Powell-Division high capacity transit service is most likely going to be on Division instead of Powell so TriMet is looking at how to improve service on 9 as well. Vanessa noted they're hoping to have EMCTC priorities by the end of September. Commissioner McKeel said EMCTC will want to discuss it again in September. Councilor Craddick asked if any of the route improvements are in the East Metro Connections Plan, Joanna noted that only the Powell-Division project was listed.

Joanna outlined next steps for discussion, which is for staff to discuss this with their elected representatives, provide input at the EMCTC TAC meeting in late August and then Staff will bring recommendations to the elected officials at the September EMCTC meeting. Councilor Craddick noted that north south connections are important to people. Phil Healy noted that access to jobs in the TRIP area is important to people. Sean Files asked if we

have data about what people are using transit for (commute, recreation, etc.). Vanessa said that TriMet doesn't track that regularly. Occasionally they do surveys to get at that type of information. April noted that the City of Portland is also trying to prioritize improvements and those places where service is important to both jurisdictions – these may become higher priority. Councilor Craddick asked to clarify if we're prioritizing the lines or the criteria. Joanna and Vanessa noted that we're trying to prioritize the service and that the technical committee will take a first look and bring it back to EMCTC in September.

Joanna asked Vanessa how the five service enhancement plans talking to each other. Vanessa noted that the service plans will eventually all be looked at together as TriMet attempts to determine the best use of limited funding. Jamie noted that the service enhancement plan feeds into Metro's Regional Transportation Plan as well. Mayor Tosterud noted that areas around Fairview Lake and Townsend Farms are not well served and that these are the areas that he hears from constituents about. He noted that the Line E area needs to be better defined on a map instead of just an undefined area. His areas of concern are 223rd north, to Blue Lake Road, where there is a large population of retirement age folks. The City has talked about doing their own private shuttle in that area. He also noted there will be a lot of future development that will create a greater need for good transit service.

7. Troutdale to Springwater Trail Plan update— Robert Spurlock, Metro

Informational/Discussion

Robert Spurlock gave the group an update on the status of the Troutdale to Springwater trail, noting that there are three routes options right now, all of which converge at Mount Hood Community College. He noted the intent is to determine which trail alignment best aligns with the project goals. The committee is using several criteria to evaluate the alignments. These criteria include user experience, environmental impact, connectivity to parks recreation, and schools, cost or ease of implementation, safety and security, conformity with local plans, economic impact, property ownership, directness of travel, and topography. He also discussed some of the outreach they've done – along with getting information about how people want to use the trail and where their destinations are. Commissioner McKeel asked about the timeline. Robert responded that February would be the time for council adoption. There will be an open house in December. Robert was asked if he is expecting Council support. Robert responded that this is the anticipation. Robert noted that if there are reasons Councils may not be able to support it, they want to discuss it now and to try to make it work. Councilor Craddick said at the meeting, that a lot of the people at the workshop who were opposed to the trail have not been on it, so they're really getting their information from the media not personal experience. Greg Olson commented that the statistics don't reflect peoples' fears and that when he rides the trail he sees families, elderly people, all ages and abilities using the Springwater trail.

8. CMAQ Letter – Tyler Frisbee, Metro

Informational/Discussion

Tyler Frisbee introduced herself and presented information on the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding program. She described what CMAQ is, what is happening with it, how that impacts the region, what we can do about it, and what the next steps are. CMAQ funds are part of the overall MTIP/RFFA funding program that we've recently completed. She noted that there are two new eligible areas for CMAQ funding – but no new funding for the State. With these new eligible areas for funding, there will likely be a decrease in the amount of funds available to our region. ODOT will need to determine how they want to reallocate the funds. Originally they intended to use a population based formula. Based on population based allocation, the region could lose approximately \$3M per year. She noted that Metro has asked ODOT to look at other ways of allocating the funds based on policies as well as the air quality issues of the newly eligible areas. She noted this was announced in June, the Oregon Transportation Committee (OTC) will be briefed on this issue for the first time on Friday. Metro is sending staff down. ODOT has said it will take 4-9 months to determine the approach they will take. She noted Metro is encouraging everyone who will be impacted to send letters to ODOT and OTC highlighting concerns. Councilor Craddick asked if the County would be willing to submit a letter. Commissioner McKeel noted that the County has already drafted a letter and it is in the Chair's office awaiting signature. She then asked if Fairview would be willing to write a letter, Mayor Tosterud said he wasn't sure the City had enough clout but would consider it. Chris Strong noted that he had sent some information in the past and that he would check in with City officials to see if they're considering it. Scott Sloan noted that he wasn't certain but would check with Bill Peterson if the City of Wood Village was considering a letter.

9. MTIP/RFFA projects being submitted, Staff

Informational/Discussion

Joanna noted that all jurisdictions staff has been working hard putting together grants. Without a quorum we can't approve support letters for the grants; however the staff provided a brief summary of the projects they're submitting. Joanna noted two potential projects that County would apply for: Sandy Boulevard and a culvert replacement/bridge on Marine Drive. Chris noted that Gresham is submitting 4 projects. Design and construction for Cleveland phase 4 and Division Street from Birdsedale Avenue to Wallula and Project development for 2 projects: 190th from Springwater trail to county line and Hogan from Powell to County line. Phil Healy noted that the Port of Portland is applying for a multiuse path on Cornfoot Road between 47th and Alderwood in front of the Port's cargo facilities. Robert Spurlock noted that is part of the Columbia Slough trail. April noted that Portland is applying for a number of projects in east Portland, she noted five projects: Jade District Connected centers, David Douglas SRTS, Montavilla- Stark/Washington and 82nd, Halsey 82nd-77th access to jobs, and Columbia Blvd ITS. Councilor Craddick asked if there will be a prioritization process for the subregion. Dan Kaempff noted that there will be a technical and a project readiness review and that process will continue through October. He noted that all the subregions can submit prioritized projects if they want to, but it is not required. JPACT will ultimately review and settle on a set of projects. Councilor Craddick noted that this is the first time we don't have a subregional allocation, but hopefully we will have some balance of funding across the region. Dan noted that yes, one of the directives for JPACT is to make sure that projects are funded across the region.

10. Regional Travel Options (RTO) Grant – Dan Kaempff, Metro

Informational/Discussion

Dan noted he is here to talk about the Regional Travel Options grant program. He noted every 2 years they solicit projects across the region. The projects are focused on educating and encouraging the public to use bike, pedestrian, transit facilities across the region. There is \$2.5M in funding and it will be available July 1, 2017 and run through June 30, 2019. The main pot of funding is really for projects that engage with the public through events and outreach. The minimum grant application amount is \$75,000. For this funding pot they do have subregional targets. He noted that the target for East County is \$100,000. He noted that EMCTC is being asked to identify a priority project for our subregion. He provided a timeline for when this needs to happen. He described the three grant types available within the RTO program, which included planning grant, small infrastructure projects, and general outreach/education programs. He also noted that there is a 10.27% match and that grant applications are due September 23rd. Joanna asked Dan if this round of grant funding includes the Safe Routes to School funding. He said, no, that funding is part of the next fund cycle which was just adopted. This RTO grant is from previous funding program years.

11. Project Updates, Staff

- a. Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Update – Joanna noted that the project is doing outreach for outer division and downtown Portland. She noted there will be a presentation at the September EMCTC meeting.
- b. Safe Routes to School Update - no update, but gearing up for October walk/bike day.
- c. East Metro Connections Plan Update - none
- d. ODOT Region1 ACT Update – none
- e. Halsey Street Corridor – Mayor Tosterud noted that they had a bus tour of the corridor with the consultant and advisory committee teams. Drove by Gresham Vista and Glenn Otto Park as well to look at the corridor. Duration of the planning would be 12 months. A lot of businesses along Halsey are interested in this project.
- f. ODOT Gorge Transit Study – Commissioner McKeel noted that the group will get back together in October to see how we can move forward with longer term solutions and ideas.

12. November JPACT and EMCTC Meetings, Joanna Valencia

Information

Joanna noted that the JPACT November meeting is November 10th. With this change we're proposing to move EMCTC to November 7th.

13. Other Business- none reported

Phil Healy thanked Multnomah County and Fairview for approving IGAs for the 40 mile loop trail. The port will be moving forward with the project.

Commissioner McKeel noted that she met with Governor Kate Brown. Commissioner McKeel noted that if she (the governor) is reelected one of her priorities is seismic resiliency. Commissioner McKeel reiterated that the

Burnside Bridge is a lifeline route and Multnomah County is committed to a seismic upgrade on this bridge.

14. **Next EMCTC Meeting:** September 12, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm