

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, October 17, 2016, 3:00pm-5:00pm

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

Members

Phil Healy

Diane McKeel

Tim Clark

Doug Daoust

Representing

Port of Portland

Multnomah County

City of Wood Village

City of Troutdale

EMCTC Staff

Katherine Kelly

Scott Sloan

Jamie Snook

Joanna Valencia

Sean Files

Vanessa Vissar

Rich Watanabe

Representing

City of Gresham

City of Wood Village

Metro

Multnomah County

Multnomah County

TriMet

ODOT

Guests

Shirley Craddick

Michael Calcagno

Metro

Mt. Hood Community College Board and Powell-Division Steering
Committee Member

Ernest Hayes

Kelly Betteridge

Kristen Stallman

Josh

Tony Coleman

Bob Hillier

Metro

TriMet

ODOT

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner McKeel called the meeting to order at 3:00

2. Chair's Comments

None

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

None

4. Review and Adoption of September 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes - All

Action Item

Motion to approve was made by Councilor Tim Clark, and seconded by Phil Healy. Minutes approved

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

Informational/Discussion

Councilor Craddick noted that the upcoming JPACT meeting has been cancelled for October. The next meeting is in November 10th. She noted that at JPACT Finance Subcommittee will be held on October 24th. The agenda includes presentations on the SW Corridor and Powell-Division transit projects. A best practices trip to Seattle is scheduled for November 18th.

6. Overdimensional Truck Route Study – Bob Hillier, City of Portland

Informational/Discussion

Bob Hillier handed out some materials and went over a PowerPoint giving an overview of the project. This study looks at overdimensional truck routes throughout the region and the movement of these types of vehicles. Bob shared that the project is about to be wrapped up. Bob focused on the constraints, gaps, needs and recommended improvements. Bob shared that largely in East County there are hardly any constraints. Of the two constraints identified, one is funded for East County.

Councilor Craddick asked about the 282nd and US 26 bridge and its relation to the new trail being considered as part of the Troutdale to Springwater project. Rich replied that they are currently not looking at widening the structure. Katherine noted that it was good to raise it to keep the project in mind and explore opportunities to coordinate the projects. Councilor Clark asked if issued overdimensional permits are time constrained. Tony added that permits are good for 10 days. Jessica noted that some loads are restricted to ensure that it doesn't occur during peak times. Mayor Daoust asked if this is the first time the study was ever done. Bob replied that this is a new study and it is the first time. Mayor Daoust asked how this ties into the existing road funding and how is it prioritized against other projects. Bob replied that regional priority will need to be explored and he also added that this is meant to be a technical report that is a tool that local jurisdictions can use to inform their priorities. Mayor Daoust suggested that this should be considered as the East Metro Connections Plan continues to be implemented.

7. ODOT "Gorge Express" Shuttle service to Multnomah Falls – Staff

Informational/Discussion

Kristen provided a highlight of the project that occurred over the summer noting that season one exceeded their expectations. She shared survey results noting that folks with access to cars were choosing to ride the shuttle. She noted that many users were using public transit to get to the shuttle. They had a 93% approval rate, noting that the shuttle is part of the solution but not the only solution to address congestion. Kristen went over some of the lessons learned. Kristen shared that they will be doing the same thing for next season, noting that they will aim to get amenities and different buses to accommodate more riders. She shared that they are hoping to receive additional funding from the FLAP program and that decision is still pending. Additionally, they are looking at shuttle service to Hood River.

Councilor Craddick asked about long term funding opportunities. Kristen noted that they are looking to continue it, but long term; ODOT is exploring options of a transit agency taking over the shuttle service. Commissioner McKeel recognized the work of the Regional Solutions team and ODOT's work in prioritizing the shuttle this season. She noted that the Collaborative will continue and solutions will continue to be explored to address

congestion in the Gorge. Mayor Daoust asked about the possibility of a stop at Troutdale. Commissioner McKeel noted that solutions continue to be explored and that could be added for consideration.

8. TriMet Service Enhancement Plan – Staff

Informational/Discussion

Commissioner McKeel kicked off this agenda item, noting that at the last EMCTC meeting it was shared that the Powell Division Bus Rapid Transit wouldn't go to Mt. Hood Community College, so decisions on priorities were postponed since the staff recommendation was prepared assuming that the BRT would be going to Mt. Hood Community College. Commissioner McKeel shared that a smaller group from East County has been working to address the elimination of the BRT service to MHCC and that the group has been working to ensure that transit service is enhanced to the college.

Joanna handed out 3 maps that showed the existing service today, the SEP report map, and a map showing proposed enhancements from staff. Joanna provided an update on the Powell-Division BRT conversations, noting that with the BRT not servicing MHCC a number of items including enhancing local transit service to the college have been identified. Joanna went over the key transit routes currently serving the college that includes the 20, 81 and 80. She added that the staff took this into consideration in revising the staff recommendation for the Service Enhancement Plan priorities. Joanna went over the handout and went over the proposed changes that includes: service enhancement to Line 20, service to TRIP being prioritized with a reroute of Line 81 to serve TRIP and rerouting the line to follow the BRT route, Line 80 frequency should be enhanced, Line 87 frequency enhancement, Line 25 extension, and keeping Line 21 to serve Wood Village Town Center and creating a new line to serve 238th/242nd/Hogan.

Councilor Clark asked about Line 21. Joanna responded that the only change would be to explore a reroute at Wood Village Town Center. Vanessa asked about Line E 2.0 and where it would be starting and ending. Katherine responded that 242nd/Hogan is identified as transit corridor and that it is to be determined. Ernest asked about the map and who was proposing the changes. Joanna noted that the map is a combination of recommendations from the TAC and Powell Division conversation as a result of the changes to the BRT route ending at Gresham Transit Center and not at MHCC.

Councilor Craddick asked if EMCTC would be prioritizing one route over another route. Commissioner McKeel responded that this is part of the conversation today, and that the SEP is looked at every year by TriMet and that she hopes that this establishes a road map of transit priorities.

Mayor Daoust appreciated the extension to TRIP noting that a potential new employer may be locating their business in TRIP. He noted that employees for this employer use transit at their current location and that service to TRIP is important. Vanessa went over the option of a shuttle service to serve TRIP. Kelly noted that fixed service or jobs connector would be the only service provided and that would need to be considered when exploring options for service to TRIP as both options would likely not be chosen to serve the area. Joanna added that the dashed new line on 238th/242nd/Hogan could be extended to TRIP as another north-south connector service. Mayor Daoust urged that this be considered and that the Port of Portland will be having similar conversations on transit service to TRIP with the potential employer and TriMet.

Michael asked about the extension of Line 81. Katherine responded that the re-route at MHCC still needs to include public outreach. Kelly added that the reroute would need to be explored further, as this would impact "front door" service to MHCC if rerouted from Kane to Hogan. Katherine added that Gresham will be exploring looking at the intersection of Stark and Kane as a gateway. Vanessa added that Line 81 is currently used and that changes to service will need to be explored before they are implemented. Katherine added that providing more frequency on Line 80 could address the reduction of service if the Line 81 is rerouted.

Mayor Daoust inquired about the possibility of the Line 77 service TRIP, noting that ridership is low along the frontage road. Councilor Craddick asked about addressing demand in TRIP. Vanessa responded that increases in employers are key for TriMet to start looking at the TRIP area. She added that operation constraints will need to be explored including providing for a layover space.

Kelly emphasized that understanding why the services are a priority is important. Commissioner McKeel asked about the funding for Line 20. Kelly responded that the first phase is funded and the second phase is still being

explored. The 1400 hours from the Line 4 will be determined in the coming years as the BRT is developed and implemented. The SEP will be going to the TriMet Board in January. A draft plan will be available for review and comment. Mayor Daoust noted that the new TRIP development should be determined in the next month or so.

Commissioner McKeel went over the following priorities based on what staff has presented. Sean asked about the amount of service hours for the Line 20 allocation.

- Increased service on 20 in accordance with agreement by Powell-Division/MHCC subcommittee
- Increased service on 81: Consider extension to serve TRIP. Re-route if service and increase frequency on line 80
- Increase service on 87
- Increase service on 25 to go to Reynolds High School as proposed in SEP
- Keep line 21 on current 223rd alignment with consideration for reroute through Wood Village town center. E2.0: A new line on 238th/242nd/Hogan needs to be still be reflected on the SEP, however this new line is a longer-term priority. This new line should consider service to the TRIP.

9. **MTIP RFFA Grant Timeline – Staff**

Informational/Discussion

Joanna provided an update. Katherine and Joanna went over the projects submitted for grant funding. Gresham projects included a project on Cleveland, a project on Division, a project on Hogan and a project on Highland Drive/Pleasant View Dr/190th Ave. Multnomah County submitted a project on Sandy Blvd. Joanna went over the number of applications submitted and the total amount of funding requested in comparison to the amount of money available. Joanna noted that the funding is extremely competitive. Joanna went over the East County project rankings. Staff is currently going over the comments received to address comments received. She noted that Metro is currently receiving comments on the projects.

Councilor Craddick emphasized the importance of supporting the projects. Staff will work with folks to provide comments and talking points.

10. **Project Updates, Staff**

- a. Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Update
- b. Safe Routes to School Update - none
- c. East Metro Connections Plan Update - none
- d. ODOT Region1 ACT Update – will meet again in November
- e. Halsey Street Corridor - none
- f. ODOT Gorge Transit Study

11. **Other Business-** none reported

12. **Next EMCTC Meeting:** November 7, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm