

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, January 9, 2017, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Gresham City Hall, 1333 Northwest Eastman Parkway

Members

Lori Stegmann
Emerald Bogue
Tim Clark
Ted Tosterud
Casey Ryan
Jerry Hinton

Representing

Multnomah County
Port of Portland
City of Wood Village
City of Fairview
City of Troutdale
City of Gresham

EMCTC Staff

Katherine Kelly
Scott Sloan
Joanna Valencia
Nathan Clark
Jessica Berry
Terra Lingley
Phil Healy
Erika Palmer

Representing

City of Gresham
City of Wood Village
Multnomah County
Multnomah County
Multnomah County
ODOT
Port of Portland
City of Fairview

Guests

Eric Chambers
Lisa Barton-Mullins
Rich Allen
Shirley Craddick
Greg Olson

City of Gresham
City of Fairview
City of Troutdale
Metro
Gresham Transportation Committee, Multnomah County Bike/Ped
Advisory Committee

1. Welcome and Introductions

With no elected Chair or Vice-Chair identified, EMCTC member Mayor Tim Clark called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment

None

3. Review and Adoption of December 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes – All

Action Item

Motion to approve was made by Emerald Bogue, seconded by Jerry Hinton; motion passed unanimously.

4. EMCTC Overview – Staff

Information/Discussion

Joanna introduced the item and noted that because there are several new EMCTC committee members, staff wanted to provide information on what EMCTC does and who we are and how we fit into the region and to go over some of the accomplishments of the previous year.

Jessica provided a PowerPoint presentation on the roles of EMCTC and the bylaws. She went over policy direction, shared resources, guidance on support for grants, and coordination of projects and process in the jurisdiction. She reviewed the roles of EMCTC Technical Advisory Committee (EMCTC TAC) as well.

Joanna provided information about the East Metro Connections Plan (EMCP) which is East County's guiding document for transportation projects. There is also an online map that members can look at and see descriptions on the projects from the EMCP. She noted that each of the jurisdictions adopted the projects in the EMCP and it describes the corridors that we're working on making improvements on for the East County transportation grid.

Link to EMCP Website: multco.us/emcp

Jessica then provided some information on the 2016 year in review, noting there is also a handout available. She also noted the things that are coming up in 2017 noting both the Regional Transportation Plan and several local plans coming up or underway. She also noted several County construction projects that will be starting construction in 2017.

Joanna added that staff will be putting together a packet of information for members and that they can also call staff to answer any questions they may have.

5. 2017 EMCTC Representatives – Staff

Action Item

Ballots were passed out to identified voting members after the opportunity to comment and announcements were made. Multnomah County Commissioner Lori Stegmann was chosen to be Chair and Gresham Councilor Jerry Hinton was voted to be Vice-Chair for 2017.

6. 2017 Appointments – Staff

Action Item

Region 1 ACT: Commissioner Stegmann took over the meeting as Chair and introduced the Item. Joanna explained the Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation (ACT). She noted that previously Commissioner McKeel was the County representative and Mayor Daoust was the City representative. The County representative will be Commissioner Jessica Vega-Peterson and Commissioner Lori Stegmann will be the alternate. She noted that this meeting is tonight, and it does sometimes happen right after the EMCTC, but it doesn't always coincide with EMCTC evenings. Terra Lingley pointed out that they're usually scheduled every other month. Commissioner Stegmann asked if there was a member interested in participating in the ACT to replace Mayor Daoust. Councilor Hinton noted that he would be available and could participate.

Bi-State Coordinating Committee: Joanna then noted that we should appoint a representative for the Bi-State Coordinating Committee. She noted they usually meet Thursday mornings, quarterly. And it moves around the area. Commissioner Stegmann asked how Commissioner McKeel did it because it coincides with County Commission meetings. Councilor Craddick noted that the County usually sent staff. Mayor Ted Tosterud volunteered to be the representative to the Bi-State Committee for EMCTC.

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

Informational/Discussion

Councilor Craddick gave an overview of the draft JPACT agenda. She noted that the items for discussion at the January 19 meeting would be beginning discussion of the legislative agenda: what are the legislative issues that

JPACT wants the legislature to focus on. In addition to this, there will be beginning of discussion of the applications submitted for the regional funds. These two items will take up the majority of the meeting. Joanna noted that Multnomah County JPACT representatives on JPACT will be Commissioner Jessica Vega Peterson and Commissioner Lori Stegmann is the alternate. For the East County Cities, Gresham Mayor Shane Bemis will be the representative and Wood Village Mayor Tim Clark will be the alternate. Curtis Robinhold will most likely be the representative from the Port of Portland, Emerald Bogue and/or Catherine Williams will be the alternates.

Joanna noted that at TPAC there was a discussion of the Regional Flex Funds Allocation (RFFA) funds and there is some conversation being raised with regard to the identified East County projects of Division Street or Cleveland Street to be funded with RFFA. Joanna asked the group if EMCTC wanted to discuss choosing a priority project since that had not yet been done as part of this RFFA process. Councilor Jerry Hinton noted that both projects are good, but he noted that people along Cleveland have wanted the project for 40 years. When the Powell-Division Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) changed to have the terminus at Gresham Transit Center Cleveland became less of a regional priority, but the residents and City still want to see it completed. Katherine Kelly provided some data about accidents along Cleveland street and the importance of improvements there. She noted that while both projects are important, Cleveland is fully designed and is ready for construction while Division is not. Additionally, she noted that Division Street will compete well for funding from Connect Oregon or other grants, while Cleveland isn't eligible or will not compete well for other funding.

Councilor Craddick noted that there is regional pressure to fund the project on Division due to it supporting the regional Bus Rapid Transit project. Councilor Jerry Hinton noted that there is a school on Cleveland. Mayor Tim Clark noted there is a church on Cleveland as well. Katherine Kelly noted that they just heard from the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) that the sidewalk along Division will not be required as part of the Division BRT project. Some discussion ensued regarding the entrance to Gresham Vista from Cleveland. Cleveland connects Stark Street to Division Street, but doesn't currently bring vehicular traffic into Gresham Vista however the north south corridor connects to Gresham Vista. Commissioner Lori Stegmann asked if it was known as part of the BRT development that we would be required to add sidewalks along the corridor. Katherine Kelly noted that TriMet had not been clear up to this point if the sidewalks would be required. Katherine also noted that TriMet recently received confirmation that the intersections need to be ADA compliant, but the sidewalks are not a required part of the project. Erik Chambers asked if redevelopment on Division street would trigger improvements and would Gresham's development code require the developer to build the sidewalk? Katherine noted yes, that this would be a requirement.

Commissioner Stegmann asked why this question is coming up now. Shirley Craddick noted that the reason we had to have the terminus end at Gresham Transit Center was because there is only \$175M for the project. Councilor Jerry Hinton noted that when Metro evaluated the RFFA applications it was assumed that the Division BRT would travel along Cleveland and that made it score higher. Now that the BRT won't go to Mount Hood Community College it won't travel along Cleveland, therefore Division Street is a higher regional priority. Katherine Kelly noted that the technical scoring put Cleveland higher than Division and that during the public engagement, Division came up higher.

Commissioner Lori Stegmann asked how the final decision gets made. Joanna noted that EMCTC can make a recommendation to JPACT and JPACT makes a recommendation to the Metro Council. If the Metro Council doesn't concur with JPACT's recommendation, they will send it back to JPACT for additional review. Washington County and Clackamas County coordinating committees prioritized their projects for JPACT's review. EMCTC didn't. Councilor Shirley Craddick asked if EMCTC would want to prioritize a project for funding. Discussion ensued regarding funding opportunities for Cleveland and Division Street projects. Mayor Tim Clark asked if we would be taking a vote; he noted that he spoke with Mayor Bemis. Mayor Clark noted that as Mayor Bemis' alternate on JPACT and he will support Mayor Bemis' preference to fund Cleveland. Mayor Casey Ryan noted that he also spoke with Mayor Bemis and he also concurs that Cleveland is a connector between the Gresham Vista and downtown Gresham and it is an important project for East County. Commissioner Lori Stegman asked if folks are ready to vote for Cleveland over Division. All members were ready to move forward a recommendation to JPACT to prioritize Cleveland.

Formal action: Councilor Hinton Moved that EMCTC prioritize and recommend Cleveland be the number 1 priority for EMCTC for this RFFA funding period. The motion was seconded by Mayor Ted Tosterud. The motion

was unanimously approved. Staff will work with Commissioner Stegmann to draft a letter and send in a signed letter communicating to JPACT the EMCTC action to prioritize Cleveland as East County's top project to be funded with Regional Flex Funds.

8. Project Updates, Staff

- a. Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Update – no additional update provided.
- b. Safe Routes to School Update - Joanna noted Metro Council will make a final decision on the Regional Travel Options grant and once that is complete we will received funds to hire a Safe Routes to School Coordinator
- c. East Metro Connections Plan Update - Joanna noted that we continue to plug along. Terra Lingley noted that Fairview just adopted their Transportation System Plan (TSP) and Wood Village is working on their TSP. She notes that the projects from the EMCP are being integrated into those plans.
- d. ODOT Region1 ACT Update – Terra Lingley noted that the meeting will be tonight and that two members of the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) will be in attendance to discuss the upcoming legislative session. Additionally, the Region 1 Planning Manager will be talking about the top three bottleneck projects. Councilor Shirley Craddick suggested that EMCTC invite Alando Simpson- who is representing this part of the state on the OTC. He lives in the east county. It may be nice to invite him to this meeting to get to know EMCTC.
- e. Halsey Street Corridor – Erika Palmer noted they're in the process of scheduling a meeting with the Policy committee and hope to come to the next EMCTC meeting. She noted the goal is a shared vision on Halsey for the three communities. Shirley noted that this is an East Metro Connections Plan project.
- f. Troutdale to Springwater Trail Master Plan – Councilor Shirley Craddick noted that this is another East Metro Connections Plan project. Mayor Casey Ryan noted that residents in Troutdale are very concerned about the potential trail. Commissioner Lori Stegmann noted that this would be a good issue for the Gresham's Public Safety Committee to take on with coordination with City of Portland. She also thought Gresham's CVIPs (Citizen Volunteers in Policing) could participate. Councilor Craddick noted that Metro has funding to help with this. Eric Chambers noted that Police officers have been reluctant to put volunteers on the trail. He noted that it's hard for the police forces to work together when the cities have different policies on camping along the trail. Emerald Bogue noted that this could be something for Local Public Safety Coordinating Committee (LPSCC) to discuss. Greg Olson said that he's been on a number of committees and he rides the trail a lot. He notes that he can see the work that Gresham is doing and that it has helped, but community members fail to believe it. He thinks the City could do a better job of letting members of the public know that the intervention is working. Eric Chambers noted that the City knows the intervention is working but they're concerned about how much money the City has to spend on the intervention.

9. Other Business

None

10. Next EMCTC Meeting: February 13, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm