

# East Multnomah County Transportation Committee

City of Fairview

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Multnomah County

Port of Portland

## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, April 17, 2017, 3:00pm-5:00pm**

Gresham City Hall, 1333 Northwest Eastman Parkway

### Members

Lori Stegmann

Phil Healy

Tim Clark

Ted Tosterud

Rich Allen

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

Chris Strong

Jay Higgins

Scott Sloan

Joanna Valencia

Nathan Clark

Jessica Berry

Eileen Cunningham

Jamie Snook

Rich Watanabe

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City of Gresham

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Metro

ODOT

### Guests

Shirley Craddick

Ernest Hayes

Lake McTighe

Lisa Barton Mullins

Metro

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City of Fairview

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Commissioner Stegmann called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

**2. Opportunity for Public Comment**

None

**3. Review and Adoption of March 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes – All**

*Action Item*

Motion to approve was made by Jerry Hinton seconded by Rich Allen; motion passed unanimously.

**4. JPACT Updates – Shirley Craddick and Jamie Snook, Metro**

*Informational/Discussion*

Jamie Snook noted it is a full agenda. One item is the DC trip which Councilor Craddick spoke about. President Hughes and JPACT Chair Craig Dirksen represented Metro. The trip coincided with the Portland Business Alliance (PBA) trip. The JPACT group was focused on meeting with the congressional delegation. PBA group also met with congressional delegation and some delegates from other parts of the country. They also met with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) staff. FHWA seemed fairly optimistic that the traditional programs will continue. Jamie noted another item on the JPACT agenda is the Active Transportation Pipeline list, which Lake is here to talk about. She also noted that there is a formal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment on the agenda. She noted the one action item on the agenda is the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). This is a federal requirement that the agency adopt their yearly work program. She noted a few discussion items including the national highway freight network noting that there have been lots of conversations about these roads. Jessica noted that we have an item on the agenda to discuss this JPACT agenda item.

Other agenda items include the 2018 RTP investment strategy. The call for projects will begin June 1<sup>st</sup>. Jamie noted that we've heard a lot of emphasis on safety, climate smart strategy, and equity. Katherine noted that there are conflicting references to the National Highway Freight Network vs. the National Multimodal Freight Network. Mayor Tosterud noted that Marine Drive isn't currently on the freight network and that the levee certification isn't finished yet and we won't have results until July or August. He noted that if that doesn't come back good, it's going to be difficult to make it a freight network. Jessica noted that we do have this item on the agenda later. She noted she'll pass out a map that clarifies which segment of Marine Drive is included. Councilor Craddick asked if there would be more discussion on the investment strategy. Jessica said it will be discussed at the May meeting.

**5. Active Transportation Pipeline projects – Staff**

*Action Item*

Lake McTighe, from Metro, passed out a handout on the Active Transportation Projects 10-year Investment Strategy. She noted that last year JPACT and Metro Council adopted policy that sets aside funds for highway, transit, and active transportation projects to advance project development. She noted that the highway and transit projects are identified. Since September, Metro, regional partners and advocates have been putting together a list of projects that we can move forward with and have a high level of confidence that we can construct. The work group has developed two lists of projects, one for a \$300M bond measure and one for a \$600M bond measure (which would include everything on the \$300M list). They've also coalesced around the projects falling into three categories: Critical Connections, Safe Routes to School, and Access to Transit and Jobs. She noted that staff have been narrowing down which projects could be delivered and are included on the draft brochure she handed out. She noted the next step for this project will be to bring it to JPACT, finalize the handout, and then make it available for the JPACT lobbying day trip on Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>. After that they will be working with jurisdictions and their consultant to do an evaluation of which projects are most eligible for the \$2M in project development funding. The goal is to have a really strong list of ready to deliver Active Transportation projects throughout the region.

Councilor Craddick noted that this list is supposed to be East County's top priority active transportation in this part of the region. Jessica noted that it is also about a time frame, which is that these should be deliverable in the next 5-10 years. Phil asked if the projects have been prioritized. Lake noted that these are not prioritized, they're all priority projects though. Joanna noted that staff brought this to EMCTC a few months ago and then the technical committee has reviewed and refined that list into deliverable projects. Joanna noted that we want to

make sure we're all comfortable with this list before EMCTC today. The committee concurred that they are comfortable with the list.

Commissioner Stegmann mentioned that the City of Gresham received a Public Health Hero award from Multnomah County public health for the active transportation work they've been doing in the City, particularly in the Rockwood area.

#### **6. 2017 Policy Makers Bike Ride – Staff**

##### *Information/Discussion*

Jessica noted that this item has been briefly discussed at previous meetings. She noted that Jay Higgins and the City of Gresham is taking the lead on the project. Jay shared a draft map with the committee, noting that the intent is to get together and look at all the good stuff we've done and the things we hope to accomplish in the coming years. He asked the group to make sure that the right projects are on the list. Katherine Kelly noted the last time we did the ride it was in 2013 and some things have been completed. Jay outlined the intended route. Katherine noted that the City will provide snacks at McMenamins Edgefield and a shuttle back to Gresham City Hall will be provided. Commissioner Stegmann commented on the value of seeing firsthand how safe or unsafe she felt on various facilities (bike lanes or no lanes, etc.). She noted it would be great if everyone could come. Councilor Craddick asked if we are inviting people outside the area. Jay said yes.

#### **7. Recommended additions to the National Multimodal Freight network – Staff**

##### *Informational/Discussion*

Jessica introduced the topic, noting that Multnomah County, Gresham, and the Port of Portland staff have all participated in discussions about this topic. She referenced the map that was passed out. The map shows several colored line segments noting the additional 34.7 miles of freight network in the region. The primary intent of these additional miles is to be eligible for FAST Act funding over the next 4-5 years. Purple lines on the map will be added to the network. She noted that this is not to be conflated with the Regional Transportation Plan Freight network. This item came to TPAC and the major takeaway is that 34.7 miles is not enough to make a network in our region. The map shows two segments that didn't make it into the 34.7 miles but that the region would like to include if we were able to secure more miles. Joanna noted this has been discussed among staff and it sounds like technical staff are generally supportive but that there is still a desire to seek additional miles. Phil noted that the given the freight network importance of this region, the Port agrees more miles should be added to this region. He also noted that there can be drawbacks to having a segment on this network since having the designation may come with additional design requirements.

Commissioner Stegmann asked what improvements would we be getting for the two projects in Gresham if we were to receive funding. Katherine Kelly noted that the improvement on Hogan would be to bring it to the full cross section which is a center turn lane and two travel lanes in each direction, a 12 foot multiuse path on the west side and a sidewalk and planting strip on the east side. She noted that this is an ODOT supported connection. Joanna noted that this north south corridor is important to the whole region and came out of the East Metro Connection Plan. Joanna also noted that the Marine Drive segment is important to the region given new development in this area. There was some additional discussion regarding safety on Marine Drive at I-84. Mayor Clark asked what miles might get chopped if Milwaukie/Clackamas County pull really strongly for more miles. Would we stand to lose any miles? Katherine Kelly noted that the discussion was focused mostly on requesting more miles and that they would be focused on those segments in Milwaukie/Clackamas County. Councilor Craddick asked if we expect the JPACT conversation to get into the details. Joanna noted the C4 Clackamas County subcommittee meeting is tomorrow and staff can provide some update after that meeting.

#### **8. Project Updates, Staff**

- a. Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Update –This Thursday will be a community advisory committee meeting. Councilor Craddick noted that Metro is no longer leading the planning process (as it is complete) and TriMet is now leading the design process.
- b. Safe Routes to School Update – Joanna noted that staff sent out an all call to see if any schools are participating in a walk/bike to school challenge in May. She noted she'll do some pointed outreach to commissioners and councilors to assist with activities. The event is on May 10.
- c. East Metro Connections Plan Update –Commissioner Stegmann said she wanted to have a discussion to look at the status of the EMCP projects and see if there were any changes that

need to be made. Councilor Craddick noted that the EMCP was created through an IGA so we would need review that before making any changes. Councilor Hinton noted that there may just be some modifications to the project descriptions or status. Joanna noted that staff will bring it back as an agenda item in May with updates on what has been completed and what we still want to focus on. It will coincide with the RTP call for projects so we will use it as a key lens in informing project prioritization. Councilor Craddick asked for clarification that it is not a wholesale change to the plan, it's a review and update. Staff responded that this is correct. Commissioner Stegmann asked that everyone review the EMCP before the next meeting so we can discuss at the May meeting.

- d. ODOT Region1 ACT Update – Rich Watanabe noted that he will be retiring from ODOT very soon but is still available to come to EMCTC to provide an update on ODOT projects. Joanna noted that we are replacing one member on the Region 1 ACT board and we've been working with Portland to identify some folks who may be good candidates. Joanna said we would try to bring one name to the May meeting for the committee's review and approval with the City of Portland.
- e. Main Streets on Halsey plan – Mayor Tosterud noted that they had a meeting in June and a public workshop and there are some improvements that have been recommended. He noted that the final meeting will be the plan rollout/open house. Joanna asked when the public review draft will be coming out. Mayor Tosterud said he's not certain, but the next advisory committee meeting is April 27. Councilor Craddick noted that the Halsey Street plan could influence the EMCP. She said it is a question about process. Joanna noted that what is in the current Halsey street effort is not inconsistent with the existing Halsey Street Corridor Plan and is also consistent with the EMCP.
- f. RTP Update – Joanna noted that we're moving into the RTP season and there has been a lot of work at the subcommittee and technical level, but we will be moving into the discussion of call for projects, funding, Transit planning strategies, etc. there will be a lot of conversations over the next several months.

## 9. Other Business

Ernest noted that the 2040 Grant program (formerly CPDG) grant program has been announced. Commissioner Stegmann noted that the County is getting some grant funding to have interns doing housing inventory this summer. She noted that Mayor Ryan and that the Cities don't necessarily have the housing stock that is needed for the types of commercial development that is beginning to happen in the east county cities. Nathan noted that they're hoping to produce something similar to what Portland recently released. Ernest noted that staff should check in with Sheila Martin at Portland State University and with Metro's data center.

Jamie Snook noted that Community Placemaking grant program has started as well. This is a new and smaller grant program.

Joanna noted that the County is kicking off the NE 238<sup>th</sup> project. They're doing a "road show" at each of the City Councils and then after that they'll start developing the design. They really want to get community feedback before things get fully designed. She noted we'll be bringing it to EMCTC when it is ready.

Rich Watanabe noted that he'll be retiring but he'll still be working for awhile. He noted that 15-20 ODOT staff are leaving in the next month to 2 months. He noted we'll be seeing new people in the future.

## 10. Next EMCTC Meeting: May 15, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm