

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, May 15, 2017, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Gresham City Hall, 1333 Northwest Eastman Parkway

Members

Lori Stegmann

Phil Healy

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

Chris Strong

Scott Sloan

Ryan Kreuger

Joanna Valencia

Nathan Clark

Jessica Berry

Eileen Cunningham

Terra Lingley

Rich Watanabe

Jamie Snook

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City of Wood Village

City of Troutdale

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ODOT

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Metro

Guests

Brian Momberg

Shirley Craddick

Ernest Hayes

Kim Ellis

Judith Grey

Kevin Donahue

Vanessa Vissar

City of Gresham

Metro

Metro

Metro

City of Portland

City of Portland

TriMet

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Tim Clark called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. He noted that both the Chair and Vice Chair were unable to attend the meeting so he has volunteered to Chair. In order to do so, he asked for a motion to have him chair the meeting. Phil Healy moved to have Tim Clark chair the EMCTC meeting; Ted Tosterud seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment

None

**3. Review and Adoption of April 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes – All
Action Item**

Motion to approve was made by Ted Tosterud seconded by Phil Healy; motion passed unanimously.

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

Councilor Shirley Craddick noted that Metro is leading/hosting a series of Best Practices trips to visit other places around the country to see how they do transportation planning and funding. She noted they took a trip to Seattle recently and coming up in June the group will be going to Los Angeles to meet with officials there. She noted they passed a major funding package a few years ago and it is very interesting to see how the area is changing. She noted that right now no one from East County is planning to attend. She informed the group that in the Fall there is a Denver trip and she noted that she will be attending that trip. She said she would share information about the trips with the group. Jamie Snook then covered the upcoming JPACT agenda. She noted that there is an MTIP amendment on the agenda. She noted that this will be on the agenda every month. She said there are several action items as well: a resolution authorizing the bonding of the MTIP/RFFA money. She noted this will happen in 2 phases due to the changes in the CMAQ funding. As Metro is expecting a reduction but we do not yet know by how much. This will authorize bonding of \$15M for the Southwest Corridor HCT. Active Transportation is dropping from \$2M to \$1M, Division Transit will stay at \$25M and the ODOT commitment will maintain at \$10M. She noted another action item is approval of the Division Transit LPA (Locally Preferred Alternative). Katherine Kelly concurred that this is very exciting to be at this step of approving the LPA.

The third action item is the additions to the National Highway Freight network, which was discussed at the last EMCTC meeting. The final action item is the 2018 RTP financial strategy, which Kim will be discussing later. Councilor Craddick noted that the MTIP/RFFA funds are changing due to the decrease in funding through CMAQ. Jamie Snook noted that if we get more funding than originally expected, we may change this again. Mayor Tim Clark asked if the freight network was the same one we talked about at the last EMCTC? There was some discussion of asking for more miles for Clackamas County. Jamie noted that the Clackamas County segments are not officially added to the map but they're on a "wishlist" map, so that if additional miles do become available, they would be added to the map. Ernest noted that he would email the info about the LA trip to Jessica and she can distribute it to the committee.

**5. Regional Transportation Plan Investment Strategy – Kim Ellis, Metro
Action Item**

Kim Ellis noted that the RTP call for project will start June 1st pending recommendations from JPACT and the Metro Council to move forward. She noted she'll also be sharing funding targets. Metro has worked with staff to develop targets based on existing funding levels for operations and maintenance and capital projects. She reiterated that the RTP established a coordinated strategy for the region. Projects on the RTP list are eligible to apply for state and federal grants. She noted it is updated every 4 years. She noted the coordinating committees have an important role in developing the projects and the RTP. She also noted that the call for projects doesn't represent brand new projects, it is an opportunity to advance project that have already been recognized in various documents such as the EMCP and the climate smart strategies, for example. She noted that TSPs may also have projects that can be advanced in the RTP. The call for projects will happen between June 1 and July 21 and during time Metro expects coordinating committee staff will bring forward the draft priority projects to EMCTC for their approval. She noted that Metro is looking to the coordinating committees to identify the investments that are the priority to their geographic area. She noted that these projects must come from already adopted plans so that the outreach has already been completed on the projects. She noted the projects must also be on the regionally designated routes. She noted where these are available. She also noted that the

minimum project cost would be \$1M also. Projects that are smaller than \$1M but could be bundled should also be considered. She noted that EMCTC will need to provide a support letter or endorsement of the projects for the RTP list. She noted that we will need to use the newly developed project evaluation process to test 5 projects that are over \$10M to see how well the evaluation criteria work to select projects. She noted the region and the committees will continue to develop the chapters and policies for the RTP. She also noted they're working on the public engagement process for how they will share the projects and ask for public input later this year and into next year.

Mayor Tim Clark asked for clarification on the constrained and strategic lists. Discussion around the strategic and constrained funding ensued. Judith Grey asked why the ODOT and TriMet funding targets in both the constrained and strategic RTP are increasing substantially while the jurisdictions' targets are decreasing. Kim noted that ODOT's financial projection includes the upcoming legislative ask and the recognition that JPACT has identified the three bottle neck projects to be a priority for the region. For TriMet, a large part of the financial forecast represents the RFFA funding that has been bonded. This money has been committed to TriMet already. Joanna noted that for the local numbers, the funding doesn't include the legislative ask or what may be coming out of a state transportation package. Kim concurred. Councilor Craddick noted that Washington County and City of Portland has some local revenue packages and that is why those jurisdictions have a local revenue stream that East County cities and Multnomah County don't have. Joanna also noted that the Cities spend much of their transportation revenue on maintenance as well, which is another reason why there isn't as much funding showing up for capital in the financial forecast.

Mayor Clark noted that the July 17th EMCTC will review/approve the RTP project list. Jessica Berry referenced the schedule that was available at front of the room. She noted that the schedule shows the call for projects on June 1 and closing on July 21st and that staff would be getting together to review project needs and then bringing that to EMCTC on June 12 for review and July 17 for approval. Terra Lingley noted that ODOT had provided a presentation to EMCTC regarding the "big three" projects in March. She provided a handout regarding ODOT's anticipated priorities ODOT. The projects on the list include the big 3 as well as several smaller pots of funds for jurisdictional transfer, maintenance, and active transportation management. Phil Healy asked about a specific project. Terra noted that projects already in the STIP were not on ODOT's list at this time.

6. East Metro Connections Plan Update/Discussion – Staff *Information/Discussion*

Mayor Tim Clark noted that this item is being postponed to the next meeting.

7. ODOT Region 1 Metro Area East summer construction – Rich Watanabe *Informational/Discussion*

Rich Watanabe provided an update to the committee regarding upcoming construction projects. He also provided a handout with more information about projects in Region 1 and Region 2 boundaries. He outlined several projects along HWY 26 (Powell Boulevard) ranging from signal improvements in Portland to a separated bike/ped facility through Sandy. A project he noted includes automated signs for chain-up areas near Mount Hood, this will save time and resources as they currently have to send staff out to measure the conditions and change the signs manually. On HWY 213/ 82nd Avenue, the State has lots of projects they're finish in the corridor and more to do. He noted that on Foster, Woodstock, and Flavel they'll be replacing signals and ADA ramps at each location as well as providing improved pedestrian crossings. Further south they'll be paving and providing sidewalk infill and ADA upgrades. They intend to start this before the end of July/August.

On I-205 they have a number of summer construction jobs and they're in design for some lighting improvements on 224. He also showed a recent video the State made about operational improvements on freeway corridors. Councilor Craddick asked if we get the funding for the bottleneck projects as part of the legislative package, how will that fit with the projects as they're currently planned. Rich Watanabe noted that the State is working on developing projects with the intent to find this and additional funding as it come available. Kim Ellis asked what the funding sources are for the projects. Rich noted that he is not certain what the funding is for the projects. Judith noted that what ODOT is describing as an auxiliary lane seems to extend beyond two on/off ramps. In this case it seems like it is just an additional lane.

8. Project Updates, Staff

- a. Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Update –Katherine noted the biggest key decision still on the table is whether to use the Tilikum or the Hawthorne Bridge for the Willamette River Crossing. She noted that the next decision is when the starting in June the project will share information about the cost of the 15 percent design. That information will be coming out soon and there is an upcoming citizen advisory committee next week. Mayor Tim Clark asked if a new issued has been raised, he thought the decision had already been made about which bridge to use. Katherine noted that yes, it has gone back and forth. The biggest issue continues to be the cost/time associated with the Union Pacific Railroad Crossing.
- b. Safe Routes to School Update – Katherine noted that Gresham had a successful bike and walk to school event last week.
- c. East Metro Connections Plan Update – no additional discussion
- d. ODOT Region1 ACT Update – no additional discussion
- e. Main Streets on Halsey plan – Mayor Ted Tosterud noted there will be an open house on May 31st from 6:30-8 at the Wood Village Baptist Church. It is the last charrette and the public is invited to attend and participate. He noted the main thing going forward is to develop a working group among the cities to determine how to move forward to develop funding opportunities. Mayor Clark noted that yes, we want to keep things going.

9. Other Business

Ernest Hayes noted he's been working on a low income fair program in the Metro region. He noted that they're now using their energy to seek funding. He noted they're going to be doing a lobby day next Monday in Salem and he's inviting all the members of the task force and interested parties. He noted that he can provide additional information to anyone who is interested.

10. Next EMCTC Meeting: June 12, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm