

# 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 8, 2018, 3:00pm-5:00pm**

Gresham City Hall, 1333 Northwest Eastman Parkway

### Members

Lori Stegmann  
Tim Clark  
Ted Tosterud  
Emerald Bogue  
Rich Allen

### Representing

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

### EMCTC Staff

Jay Higgins  
Chris Strong  
Greg Dirks  
Scott Sloan  
Nolan Young  
Chris Damgen  
Joanna Valencia  
Jessica Berry  
Terra Lingley  
Paul Scarlett  
Jamie Snook  
Eve Nilenders  
Bob Kellett  
Phil Healy

### Representing

City of Gresham  
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City of Wood Village  
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City of Fairview  
City of Troutdale  
Multnomah County  
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ODOT  
ODOT  
Metro  
TriMet  
City of Portland  
Port of Portland

### Guests

Shirley Craddick  
Ernest Hayes  
Steve Entenman

Metro  
Metro  
East Metro Economic Alliance

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Commissioner Stegmann called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

**2. Opportunity for Public Comment**

None

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

*Action Item*

Motion to approve by Ted Tosterud. Seconded by Tim Clark.

**4. 2018 EMCTC Representatives – All**

*Action Item*

Jessica handed out ballots to elect Chair and Vice Chair. Tim Clark nominated Commissioner Stegmann to be Chair. Emerald Bogue nominated Mayor Clark to be Vice Chair. All committee members voted.

2018 EMCTC Chair will be Commissioner Stegmann, Vice Chair will be Mayor Clark.

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

Jamie provided an update on the draft JPACT agenda. The formal agenda is not out yet. She noted the following items on the agenda:

1. Two MTIP amendments (because the December JPACT meeting was cancelled). She noted one of the projects is in Gresham. It is a project cost increase on an ITS project.
2. Red Line Extension – Alan Lehto will be presenting this item which will include an extension of the red line in Hillsboro as well as double tracking at the Gateway transit center and PDX.
3. Regional Travel Options strategy – public review draft. She noted that there are some recommended changes in how to allocate the funds of this program. The public comment review draft is supposed to be out from Feb 5<sup>th</sup> to Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>
4. Regional Transportation Plan – Kim Ellis will provide an update. JPACT adoption in December 2018. There will be a public comment period on the draft in June. She also noted the differences between the Community Leadership Forum and the Regional Leadership Forum. The Regional Leadership Forum is scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be an online open house in February.

Councilor Craddick asked if EMCTC wanted to have a presentation on the RTO program at the February meeting. The committee noted that yes, they would like that.

Councilor Craddick noted that the JPACT finance subcommittee meeting will be on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and the committee is working on plans for future funding options. Anyone can attend.

**6. East Metro Connection Plan Update –Staff**

This item was postponed.

**7. Regional Bond Measure Update – Tyler Frisbee, Metro**

Tyler Frisbee gave some background on the previous work that has been done to determine the level of desire for a regional transportation funding measure. The original intent was for TriMet to take the lead on funding transportation needs and the original goal was to bring it to the voters in 2018. At the December JPACT finance subcommittee and community task force meetings, TriMet determined it would be best to not go to voters in 2018. At that time TriMet also requested the Metro take the lead to get the region to a 2020 measure. This happened in large part because the region has expressed need for more than just transportation projects. Metro is on board with doing this effort. Staff is working on a work plan to get to a measure in 2020.

She then explained the five principles of the measure as Metro sees it:

1. Measure must be regional – our needs are regional
2. Invest in multimodal
3. Don't reinvent the wheel. We already have many plans. We need to build the projects in the plans
4. Whenever possible projects should meet multiple outcomes – sustainability, safety, economic development, etc.
5. The measure needs to fund local match for Southwest corridor.

Tyler noted that she is now going to the coordinating committees to get input now. And 38 months is not a long time to get to the ballot. Councilor Rich Allan asked some questions about the Southwest Corridor project. Tyler then provided a draft timeline for the work plan to get ready for the ballot measures. She noted that Councilor Craddick is going to be presenting to various councils in the next few months. She discussed voter values and the outreach they'll be doing to determine what voters will support. She noted that JPACT finance committee members thought that the bond measures should focus on corridors (as opposed to individual projects), so the work plan includes how to determine which corridors the bond measure should focus on. In early 2019 they'll do a feasibility study of what improvements on the corridors will be possible. She noted that Metro would work with the local jurisdictions on this. At the end of 2019 the projects to include in the measure would be determined.

She noted as well that Metro doesn't build projects so one step that has to be done is to develop project delivery IGAs for the projects in the measure. This is necessary because the projects in the measure MUST be delivered as they were outlined and approved in the ballot measure. Commissioner Stegmann expressed what she learned about the sales tax measure that LA passed. She noted that all the jurisdictions got something. There was a lot of negotiating between jurisdictions. She appreciated seeing what a transportation measure could do for a region. Councilor Craddick said that LA County has 86 jurisdictions and if they can work together, we can too. She noted that if Metro is going to make this work then all jurisdictions need to be on board. Mayor Clark noted he likes the priority corridors. He likes the common theme – it seems easier to sell to the voters. Phil Healy asked if this measure would include ODOT projects as well. Tyler said yes, Councilor Craddick noted that anything within the Metro boundary is a possibility. Emerald Bogue noted that most measures moved forward in a presidential election year. She also noted that it is good that Polling is important because it doesn't mean much if voters don't want it. Chris Damgen asked about the Columbia River Crossing and if that is something that might be on the measure. Tyler noted that it is highly unlikely that we could commit to build it by 2027, so it would not be a great ballot measure candidate. She noted that some jurisdictions included studies in their measure. Mayor Ted Tosterud noted that they should not time this ballot measure with the Levee project. He noted that something needs to be done for I-84 and that there are only 30,000 residents between Fairview, Troutdale, and Wood Village and that they're generally lower income than other part so of the region so any ballot measure needs to benefit this area without unduly burdening the residents. Tyler noted that in their research they have found that lower income communities need reliable transportation the most. Mayor Tosterud noted that the education and outreach is most important part. Mayor Clark noted that it can be a very expensive part of the effort too. Jessica Berry asked when the Priority corridors would be identified and if Tyler would be coming back to EMCTC to give a presentation and when that would be. Tyler suggested she may be back in a couple months with more info about which corridors.

## 8. Project Updates, Staff

- a. **Division Transit and Development Project Update:** Joanna noted that there is a CAC meeting on Thursday. They're still working through the 30% design.

- b. **Safe Routes to School Update:** Joanna noted that on Wednesday there will be interviews for the coordinator. Councilor Rich Allen noted that the safe routes to school improvements in Troutdale are really good.
- c. **East Metro Connections Plan Implementation:** Jessica noted that we don't have a specific update on this. Just that many of the projects continue to move forward. Tyler noted that they could potentially be included in the bond measures. Councilor Craddick asked if we were going to be bringing new projects into the EMCP. Jessica said that we previously added some County Capital projects to the layout so we could see how all the projects worked together, but at this time we're not intending to add new projects to the existing document. We are focused more on which of the EMCP projects to move into the constrained list of the RTP.
- d. **ODOT Region1 ACT Update:** Terra noted there is a meeting tonight. There will be conversation about STIP allocations. Commissioner Stegmann asked if Councilor Hinton would be replaced on the committee. Jessica noted that it is a two year term so he'll remain on it for another year unless he doesn't want to.
- e. **Main Streets on Halsey Street Corridor:** Mayor Ted Tosterud noted they had a three city meeting with Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), and they secured a grant from DLCD to continue the planning on the corridor. He noted that McMenemy's is going to go forward with their project to develop on the north side of Halsey. He noted that this little project has a lot of value given what is happening in TRIP. Councilor Craddick noted she was impressed with the presentation the Mayors gave to Oregon Solutions. She asked what the next steps are and asked when they would know if the Regional Solutions team was going to take it on as a project. Mayor Tosterud noted they're having an Executive Committee meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> to determine the next steps and what will the Regional Solutions team can do for the project. The committee now has to determine what they want from Regional Solutions. Mayor Clark noted that Wood Village is still moving forward with selling City Hall and new development will eventually happen at that location. Commissioner Stegmann noted that she has been appointed to the Regional Solutions Team. She can report back on what she's learned. Councilor Craddick asked if it is just for this project or for other project. She noted that it is for this region and there have been 20 projects that have been submitted.
- f. **RTP Update:** Jessica noted that she had received an email from Frankie from Metro that had gone out to different business groups asking if we wanted to have a presentation from our councilor on the RTP. Tyler noted that the Regional Leadership Forum is March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8 am. There is a Community Forum January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- g. **Multnomah County CIPP:** Jessica noted that the project is still underway, we're moving into phase II and when she has more information on the outreach she'll bring that back to this group.

## 9. Other Business – All

Jessica asked if Troutdale would like to have an item on the monthly update agenda for the Troutdale Town Center Master Plan. Chris said yes. He also gave the group a brief update on the project. He noted that the City appointed an ad hoc committee last year. The update is underway now. He noted they will have an open house on January 30<sup>th</sup>. They hope to wrap it up in early 2019.

Phil Healy noted that the Port updates their Port Transportation Improvement Plan annually and the public hearing for this will be next Wednesday January 10 at the Port Commission Hearing. He noted there is a copy on the Port's website. They are aviation and marine terminal projects as well

as transportation projects that serve the other port facilities. He noted they have projects in East County that touch each of the jurisdictions. He will send out a link to the transportation plan.

Jay Higgins noted that Gresham is kicking off their Pleasant Valley Transportation System Plan (TSP) refinement plan looking at the 174<sup>th</sup> or McKinley extension. There are a number of roads in the plan that haven't been built yet but there is a growing need to provide north/south connectivity between Clackamas and Multnomah Counties. He noted that the project is just kicking off. Councilor Craddick asked if this was becoming the most important project in the EMCP from Gresham's perspective. Jay noted that it is one of many priorities and that the City wants to make sure they get the early planning phases done correctly so that when opportunities arise they have the right improvements in plans.

Ernest Hayes note that Metro is working on the housing initiative and suggested that they come to EMCTC in February. He also noted that he and Councilor Craddick will be coming to each of the councils to provide updates on the Housing initiative.

Ernest also noted the TriMet board approved moving forward with the Low Income Fare Program and that is moving ahead this summer.

Jessica noted that 2018 is going to be a busy year and that the agendas will likely be very full. Mayor Tosterud requested that we receive information in advance of the meeting. Jessica noted that she will work on getting materials out earlier.

Councilor Craddick noted that she attended a meeting about the Halsey Corridor. She thought it would be useful to learn what is happening in Portland and how these corridors and the projects connect to one another.

**10. Next EMCTC Meeting:** February 12, 2018  
Meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm