

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, March 12, 2018, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Gresham City Hall, 1333 Northwest Eastman Parkway

Members

Lori Stegmann
Tim Clark
Emerald Bogue
Jerry Hinton

Representing

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

EMCTC Staff

Katherine Kelly
Greg Dirks
Nolan Young
Chris Damgen
Nathan Clark
Joanna Valencia
Jessica Berry
Jamie Snook
Phil Healy

Representing

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

Guests

Jessica Vega Pedersen
Shirley Craddick
Steve Entenman
Brian Monberg

Representing

Multnomah County
Metro
East Metro Economic Alliance
City of Gresham

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Lori Stegmann called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm

2. Opportunity for Public Comment

None

3. Review and Adoption of January 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes – All

Action Item

Motion to approve by Councilor Jerry Hinton. Seconded by Mayor Tim Clark.

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

Councilor Shirley Craddick noted that at the upcoming JPACT meeting, Chair Dirksen would provide an update JPACT trip to Washington DC. She also noted there are 2 letters from Clackamas and Washington Counties regarding the RTP. She also noted that we'll here about value pricing at JPACT and the investment area strategy. She noted that they'll be talking about the next big investment corridor. She noted that last Friday's Regional Leadership Forum and the outcomes and what was said/heard is the most important thing on the agenda. She then asked Jamie Snook to update the group. Jamie thanked Commissioner Vega Pederson for attending and providing the closing comments of the forum. Jamie noted that the three topics she heard discussed most were equity, safety, and transit. She noted that they provided the "Seven Key Takeaways" summary at the front of the room. She then discussed some of the "takeaways" and also noted that they were now looking to the coordinating committees to update the RTP projects in the list to attempt to make changes to better meet the goals of the region.

5. HB 2017 Transit Advisory Committee, ODOT Value Pricing, and potential 2020 bond measure –

Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson talked about several projects she is involved with.

The HB 2017 Transit Advisory Committee is looking at what to do with funding from Employee tax to provide additional funding to transit. This group is meeting earlier than other transit districts because they wanted to get discussions started early. This Committee has approved the Low Income Fares project as well as the 2019 service proposal – including some service on 162nd and other north south lines in east county. The committee is also discussing Regional Coordination to talk about how last mile service is provided. She also noted her interest in ensuring electric busses as part of transit service. The next meeting is March 23rd and the meeting is open to the public.

The Commissioner talked about her involvement with ODOT Value Pricing Advisory committee: website (<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Pages/Value-Pricing.aspx>). Last meeting they examined 5 different value pricing scenarios. The legislation required ODOT to look at I-5 and I-205 and not on other facilities, so the scenarios are all on these 2 roadways. The scenarios are:

1. Pricing on I-5 from Going Street north to Columbia River
2. Pricing on I-5 from Barbur Boulevard to Going Street
3. Pricing all of I-5 and I-205 – wouldn't have to happen all day, could be time of day based
4. Adding a priced lane on I-205 from junction to Stafford Road
5. Tolling both directions of Abernathy bridge on I-205

She noted that these are the things ODOT will do more research on in advance of providing a recommendation to Oregon Transportation Commission in July 2018. The proposal would need to go forward in December 2018 for FHWA consideration. She noted that this project is getting a lot of attention including at the Federal level.

She is also working through JPACT on the Regional Transportation Plan and looking at projects going forward with safety and equity and making sure that we're not just solving one problem but making sure that people have options.

The Commissioner also talked about the 2020 Bond Measure. Staff is looking at priorities and what projects can be done. The projects need to be things that voters want. She noted that not one project on its own can pass, but the region is looking to create a comprehensive package of projects that create the place we want to live in.

Commissioner Stegmann asked Commissioner Vega Pederson what the funds would be used for if the value pricing goes forward. Commissioner Vega Pederson noted that federal requirements say that the funding can only be used on the tolled facility. She noted that things may change and it could be used in other ways. She noted that she would like to see how that funding could be used to offset the impacts to low income communities.

6. East Multnomah County Capital Projects Update— Riad Alharithi, Multnomah County

Riad shared a handout that is a map of current County projects that are moving forward in the near term in East County. He discussed several projects that are going to construction in 2018: Sandy Blvd improvements, 223rd Drainage improvement, Arata Road, Lusted road system preservation project, Discovery Block (Historic highway) bulb outs in Troutdale. He also noted several improvements that are in design now and will go to construction in upcoming years: Sandy Boulevard sidewalk infill, 238th drive improvement, Stark Street widening, 267th Culvert replacement, Cochrane road culvert replacement. He also noted a list of upcoming overlay projects. Councilor Craddick asked if there is a website for each of the projects as they have meetings and develop and go to construction. Riad noted that yes, there are web pages for every projects. He noted he can have the links added to this map. Chris Damgen asked if the stark street project in 2021 will require a road closure? Riad noted it will be unlikely to need a complete roadway closure, just periodic lane closures. Chris also asked what the communication with ODOT has been regarding the exit 17/Graham Road project. Joanna Valencia noted that a lot of the work is within the ODOT right of way but that she anticipated they'll be coming in with a traffic control plan for the County to review prior to construction. Councilor Craddick asked if Gresham could provide a similar update next month? Katherine Kelly said yes, Gresham can do this next month.

Mayor Tim Clark noted that the 238th public outreach received a lot of comments and asked if anything changed on the project design as a result of this? Riad noted that they asked the public for input on their preference a cross section: curb tight sidewalk, sidewalk with buffer zone, or larger cross section. Riad noted that the feedback showed the preferred design to be a shared use facility on both sides with a buffer zone for water quality, vegetation, and safety. Mayor Tim Clark was curious about the other concerns that the community had, but the project is still moving forward. Commissioner Stegmann asked if there is another meeting on the project. Riad said they'll come back to the public and City Council once the 30% design is complete. Commissioner Stegmann noted that Multnomah County staff often hear a lot of complaints from members of the public during meetings like this and she noted they're usually just the messenger –the projects themselves have come from the East Metro Connections Plan and the City's own Transportation system plan. She noted that elected officials in the cities should come to the meetings and support the work of EMCTC and this group needs to support each other because these are things that we all agreed upon. She noted that as long as she's been in public office people have complained about the lack of transportation investment in east county and now that we're making investments that are caused by development – these projects are now being developed and we all need to be on the same page about the work and show our support.

Councilor Shirley Craddick asked that upcoming public meetings be added to the EMCTC agenda so that we know about these workshops. Mayor Tim Clark asked for a presentation on the history of the East Metro Connections Plan to remind people of the history of when it was created and the outreach that was done. Commissioner Craddick noted that this would be very helpful. She pointed

out that Metro had been working on the 40 mile trail loop connector and that was a project in the EMCP but that there was so much community opposition it was cancelled and that funding was lost to east county. Brian Monberg said that he would be happy to provide a presentation in the future.

7. Regional Active Transportation Regional Formula Flexible Funds (RFFA) Project Development funding – Staff

Jessica Berry provided some background on funding – it came from the last RFFA funding process with \$5M set aside for Project Development on Active Transportation projects. The funding targets are based on population. Funding to east county is approximately \$170k. Staff at the jurisdictions have identified two projects to use the funding on. They are the following:

1. Multnomah County project – 223rd Railroad undercrossing pedestrian access. Close gap in bike/ped infrastructure along 223rd under the railroad bridge.
2. Gresham project – Division street between Birdsedale and Wallula, funds would bring the project to 30% design.

Joanna noted that we will bring the item back for final action next month. Tim Clark asked if the two project were in competition. Staff noted that we've been working together to determine the fund breakdown for each project, which will be brought to the group next month.

8. Project Updates, Staff

- a. **Division Transit and Development Project Update:** Katherine noted that the 30% design showed that the project is over budget so they're looking at cost saving opportunities. Shirley Craddick noted that jurisdiction that are pursuing Bus Rapid Transit projects are working together to lobby congress for earmarks for this type of transit since they know it won't be in the President's budget.
- b. **Safe Routes to School Update:** Mary Jo has been meeting with partners and working on promoting the May walk/bike challenge. Open streets demonstration to test safe routes to school concepts.
- c. **East Metro Connections Plan Implementation:** Joanna noted that July will be the 6th anniversary since the adoption of the EMCP. She noted that staff will provide another report in July about the document and the implementation of the plan.
- d. **ODOT Region1 ACT Update:** Joanna noted there was a meeting last Monday and there was an update on Fixit Program. Jon Makler will come next month to talk about the 150% list.
- e. **Main Streets on Halsey Street Corridor:** Nolan note the last meeting was February 28th the next meeting is April 11th and Wood Village has an RFP out for the DLCD funding for the phase 2 of the project.
- f. **RTP Update:** Joanna noted that we will begin looking at project refinements to be made based on input from the Regional Leadership Forum.
- g. **Multnomah County CIPP:** Jessica noted that there will be workshops in April. She noted that the urban east county workshop will be on Monday April 9th at the Wood Village Baptist Church at 6:30 pm.
- h. **ODOT Value Pricing:** on agenda
- i. **Historic Highway Congestion and Transportation Safety Plan:** Commissioner Stegmann noted that the project leadership team has been meeting to look at various improvement options. The next PLT will look at more refined packages of improvements.
- j. **Pleasant Valley TSP refinement:** Katherine Kelly noted that Gresham has started a series of public meetings. She noted that the regional model shows a need for greater capacity and so the project needs to figure out where or how that might be accommodated.

- k. **Columbia to Clackamas Corridor Plan:** Katherine Kelly noted that this is a new Transportation Growth Management grant to look at improvements along the corridor and look at it holistically to identify investment packages.
- l. **Troutdale Town Center Plan update:** Chris Damgen noted that the City is working in finalizing an existing conditions report. Next public engagement opportunity will be in May.

9. **Other Business** – Jessica noted that the HB2017 Public Transportation funding also identified funding for rural transit. She noted that Multnomah County will receive a small amount of funding to provide transit service outside TriMet’s service boundary. Multnomah County staff is working on looking at ways to supplement this funding with federal 5311 funds which is rural transit funding. She noted that the process is moving quickly and staff is learning as we go. Chris Damgen noted that there is a meeting on Wednesday in Cascade Locks about the Columbia Gorge Express later in the week.

10. **Next EMCTC Meeting:** April 16, 2018
Meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm