



Transportation Planning and Development Program  
1600 SE 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland OR 97233  
503-988-5050 Fax 503-988-3389  
<http://www.multco.us/transportation-planning>

## Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

Board Room, Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland, OR

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joel Huffman  
Andrew Holtz  
Michael Rubenstein  
Gary Purvine  
Carolyn Briggs  
AJ Zelada  
Susan Watt

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Art Graves  
Martha Berndt  
Ryan Farncomb  
Greg Olson  
Jim Couch  
Rory Renfro

STAFF: Kate McQuillan (Transportation Planner), MaryJo Andersen (SRTS Coordinator), and Natalie Klingsporn (Transportation Planning and Engineering Intern)

GUESTS: Gabe Graff (Portland Bureau of Transportation)

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm. There was a quorum of members present. Michael Rubenstein filled in as a volunteer facilitator for the evening.

#### **2. Approve March and May 2018 Meeting Minutes**

There were no edits to either the March or the May 2018 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Joel Huffman moved to approved both the March and the May 2018 meeting minutes. Andrew Holtz seconded the motion.

VOTE: All voted in favor. No members opposed or abstained.

### **3. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **4. Staff Report**

Kate shared that the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge project has an open solicitation to join the advisory body (the "Community Task Force") for the project's upcoming 3-year environmental review phase.

### **5. Chair Report**

Michael acted as Chair for this meeting. Michael shared with the committee that the re-opening of the Historic Columbia River Highway (HCRH) since the Eagle Creek Fire last year has been delayed due to some reconstruction delays and active landslides. Michael asked the Committee to reaffirm its support of the planned pilot project to reopen the HCRH to one-way vehicle traffic with another lane dedicated for bicyclists and pedestrians. Other members offered support and expressed similar concerns that a delayed reopening of HCRC may cause the innovative pilot to lose momentum.

Kate offered to share the Word version of the Committee's previous letter in support of the pilot project to Michael and to Z who may be interested in bringing back a draft letter from the Committee. Kate will also check in with Terra Lingley at the Oregon Department of Transportation about attending a future BPCAC meeting to provide an update and to hear the Committee's support.

### **6. Central City in Motion**

Gabe Graff, Project Manager from the Portland Bureau of Transportation, provided an overview of the Central City in Motion (CCIM) project. CCIM uses four lenses to prioritize super project bundles in the central city of Portland: (1) enhanced transit corridors, (2) bikeway network, (3) pedestrian network, and (4) auto and freight considerations. The Burnside Bridge is super project bundle #1 as part of the enhanced transit corridor concept to improve and prioritize transit movement through a congested area. Other projects near the County's Willamette River Bridges are improvements near the Hawthorne Bridge approaches on the west side, and a potential two-way cycle track at the west end of the Morrison Bridge to provide better connections to the downtown grid.

Comments and questions from the Committee include:

- General hesitation about calling some of these projects "pilot projects". Sometimes projects labeled as "pilots" never come to fruition.
- Please consider eliminating flashing yellow arrow at traffic signals for vehicles, as they are unsafe for pedestrians trying to cross.
- Consider eliminating parking as much as possible

The CCIM project will host two open houses in September, as well as an online open house to get feedback on the specific projects. Ultimately, a prioritized project list will be included in the final CCIM plan and will go before Portland City Council this fall. In early 2019, some of the

prioritized project will be ready for early design and engineering. At this point, if there are projects on or near a County Bridge, the BPCAC will be engaged for early design input.

### **7. Update on Safe Routes to School in East Multnomah County**

MaryJo Andersen provided a quick update on Safe Routes to School activities in the East Multnomah County cities of Gresham, Fairview, Wood Village and Troutdale. MaryJo has been working with Gresham staff to support the May Walk and Bike Challenge activities at Dexter McCarty Middle School, as well as encouragement activities at Sweetbriar Elementary School. She is also doing outreach to solicit participation in the International Walk to School Day coming up in the first week of October. Lastly, MaryJo is planning an "Open Streets" type event in Gresham next year.

### **8. Grant Opportunity for SRTS Infrastructure**

MaryJo Andersen shared with the Committee the brand new revenue source for infrastructure improvements related to Safe Routes to School. Oregon House Bill 2017 (or HB2017) includes dedicated annual grant funding for local jurisdictions and schools to make infrastructure improvements within one mile of schools. Applications for the first round of funding just opened, making approximately \$12 million available statewide. For this first year, only improvements within 1-mile of low-income schools are eligible.

The County is considering a few different projects on 223<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Halsey Street, both in Fairview; however, more engineering input is needed before moving forward with applications. The County will need to submit letters of intent to apply for the funds by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Staff will come back to the September meeting with an update on what projects were submitted.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

\* \* \*

**Meeting minutes written and submitted by:** Kate McQuillan

**The next scheduled BPCAC meeting:** Wednesday, September 12, 2018