

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, February 25, 2019, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Gresham City Hall, 1333 Northwest Eastman Parkway

Members

Lori Stegmann

Jerry Hinton

Phil Healy

Jamie Kranz

Brian Cooper

John Miner

Representing

Multnomah County

City of Gresham

Port of Portland

City of Troutdale

City of Fairview

City of Wood Village

EMCTC Staff

Katherine Kelly

Jay Higgins

Chris Damgen

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John Niiyama

Nathan Clark

Joanna Valencia

Jessica Berry

MaryJo Andersen

Jamie Snook

Eve Nilenders

Hector Rodriguez Ruiz

Representing

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City of Troutdale

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City of Wood Village

Multnomah County

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Metro

TriMet

ODOT

Guests

Shirley Craddick

Steve Entenman

Heidi Beierle

Representing

Metro

East Metro Economic Alliance

West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce

- **Welcome and Introductions**

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

- **Opportunity for Public Comment**

None

- **Review and Adoption of January, 2019 Meeting Minutes – All**

Phil Healy moved to adopt the minutes, Councilor Kranz seconded, minutes adopted.

- **Election of Chair and Vice Chair - Staff**

Jessica Berry noted bylaws are written in such a way that the Chair does all prep and staffing for the meeting. Therefore the Chair needs to be the County representative. However we still need to elect a Vice Chair.

Commissioner Stegmann nominated Councilor Kranz to be vice chair, Councilor Miner seconded, motion approved.

- **EMCTC 101 – Jessica Berry, Multnomah County**

Jessica Berry gave a presentation on EMCTC, what the role is, what EMCTC does, how it fits in the region, and provided an update on recent accomplishments. Councilor Craddick explained Metro's role and how JPACT, EMCTC, etc. are related to Metro.

East Metro Connections Plan: Councilor Craddick and Commissioner Stegmann explained the East Metro Connections Plan (EMCP) and described where the projects in the plan came from.

Discussion: how to discuss changes to EMCP – Joanna notes all cities have adopted the EMCP, so everything is aligned and is part of the Regional Transportation plan. Any changes will need to go back through cities and EMCTC.

Councilor Kranz – 2012 EMCP annual update, when do updates occur? Katherine notes: as issues arise we should discuss. Joanna noted that we always use the EMCP when we have opportunities for funding.

Councilor Miner – consistent messaging is critical, so he can be consistent in messaging back to his FairviewCouncil.

- **Clackamas to Columbia Corridor – Katherine Kelly and Jay Higgins, City of Gresham**

Katherine Kelly presented. Corridor runs from Clackamas River to Columbia River along 172nd/190th in Clackamas County, and 181st/182nd in Multnomah County. The planning project is funded with a Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) grant.

Project will identify transportation projects in existing plans and evaluate them along the corridor, develop criteria, and prioritize projects (and packages of projects) along the corridor.

Jay Higgins provided information on the schedule. The project is taking hiatus until Clackamas and North Carver plans are complete. In the summer they will reach out to elected officials and the public. Katherine shared the "Value Proposition" summary of the corridor for the T2020 Bond Measure opportunity.

Discussion: Councilor Craddick asked about transit and how it will serve the area since some is within TriMet boundary and some is outside the TriMet boundary. Katherine responded that transit operation improvements have been recommended by Gresham and by TriMet on the developed part of corridor. On the developing part of the corridor the design can address for future transit.

Jamie Snook: Metro mobility corridors are geographic areas that are used for modeling transportation and air quality impacts in discreet areas with the region.

Councilor Miner: does mobility include crossings? Jamie Snook responded yes and the Liveable streets guidance also can includes and recommend things like crossings at specific locations. Eve Nilenders added that the more pleasant a street is for walking, the better it is for transit.

- **East Multnomah County Travel Options Survey Results – Heidi Beierle, WCGCC**

Heidi Beierle gave a presentation on the Travel Options Survey, providing results and recommendations. Study area includes Halsey street north to the Columbia river to include the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park (TRIP) where both Fed Ex and Amazon are large employment facilities. She noted most people drive.

Discussion: Councilor Miner asked what large employers think about making investments in these types of activities. Are they already doing some of this? Heidi noted that Amazon is currently running a shuttle service when TriMet isn't operating on the weekend. Chambers of Commerce are engaged, but don't provide direct service. Councilor Craddick: How does this overlap with Troutdale's work? Chris Damgen: Troutdale is meeting directly with employers to find out what their needs are and trying to find ways to meet the need. Heidi's study acknowledges the work that Troutdale is doing. Eve notes TriMet runs from 5:45 am to 10:45 pm and runs every 30 minutes during peak. It is challenging to serve TRIP due to the land use arrangement. Only approximately 2% of the Amazon and Fed Ex employees actually ride the bus. Commissioner Stegmann noted that there is some responsibility on the employer as well. Transportation is something they should have been thinking about when they chose to locate there. Chris noted that TriMet is constrained by what they can provide.

- **Metro Regional Travel Options Grant (RTO) program – Staff**

Staff at Cities and Counties gave update on what they're applying for in this program:

1. Multnomah County: Travel Options coordinator (half time) at Multnomah County to do direct outreach with employers to reduce the number of employees driving alone to work. Enroll more people in drive.less.connect, develop trip reduction programs at employers, do outreach directly to general public.
2. Multnomah County: Safe Routes to school coordinator (full time) to continue the work that MaryJo is doing in Gresham-Barlow, Reynolds, and Centennial school districts.
3. Multnomah County: Sponsorship grant to provide bike lights and locks at schools
4. Wood Village: Applying for construction of bike hub at Donald Robertson Park, bike fix-it station, wayfinding signs, etc.
5. Gresham: Infrastructure grant for signage and wayfinding on local streets
6. Troutdale: May apply for a bike hub. Also mentioned TRIP last mile connection options, marketing for weekend shuttle service.

- **JPACT Updates– Councilor Shirley Craddick and Jamie Snook, Metro**

Councilor Craddick noted JPACT happened last week. JPACT provided a resolution for the proposed "Cap and Invest" legislation. MTIP: Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program for the upcoming four Federal Fiscal Years – The four focus areas are Equity, Safety, Climate Change, and Congestion. These four focus areas will influence how the funds get spent.

- **Project Updates, Staff**

- **Division Transit and Development Project Update:** Public Workshop on Thursday, February 28th at City Hall. Supposed to have NEPA clearance very soon.
- **Safe Routes to School Update:** Upcoming walk to school event at Davis Elementary on April 1.
- **East Metro Connections Plan Implementation:** no additional update.
- **ODOT Update:** Hector provided updates on several ODOT activities:
 - i. Region 1 ACT tonight was cancelled and will be rescheduled
 - ii. Graham Road Bridge construction underway – provided handout

- iii. Historic Highway Congestion: last meeting was rescheduled. Happening in March.
- iv. ODOT I-5 and I-205 Value Pricing – provided handout
- **Main Streets on Halsey/ Halsey Street Corridor:** Community Meeting Monday March 4th, 8 pm.
- **Regional Transportation Plan:** Was adopted in December. It will be online soon.
- **Multnomah County CIPP:** Open house open online until March 4th.
- **Pleasant Valley TSP refinement:** Council selected existing plan as preferred alignment. They're now looking at the implementation plan and how things will get built.
- **Columbia to Clackamas Corridor Plan:** update received
- **Troutdale Town Center Plan update:** Next meeting, Wednesday May 27th at 7 pm. Will have something for project update later this spring.
- **TriMet Updates:** Rescheduled open houses to this week: March 26 at Rosewood from 5 to 7pm. FY 2020 changes will be in Fall 2019:
 - i. Line 20: Frequent service (Burnside/Stark),
 - ii. Line 74: Saturday, Sunday, more frequent service and later trips (162nd)
- Sunday March 3rd there will be new service on line 24 between Gateway and Downtown.

- **Other Business**

Joanna Valencia provided a handout for the Metro Regional Transportation bond measure discussion on Metro Council's direction. The effort is titled "Get Moving 2020". There is a Transportation Funding Task Force (TF2) being convened by Metro. She noted that in preparation of the March 20th meeting of the taskforce, we want to hear from EMCTC about what are the corridors that we should be thinking about for the Bond Measure? Project should be able to be delivered in 5 years, and could be project development and also Regionwide Concepts such as Safe Routes to School. Ideas from an EMCTC brainstorm include:

1. 238th/242nd/Hogan corridor – also on Gresham's list
2. Main Streets on Halsey
3. Sandy Boulevard
4. 162nd Avenue
5. Clackamas to Columbia - Gresham
6. Division Street - Gresham

On March 20th, Task Force Members can bring additional corridors to the Task Force. Prior to that, EMCTC staff will create information to the Task Force Member(s) to bring corridors forward from East County that aren't currently identified based on the guidance provided at this afternoon's meeting brainstorm and aligning with Metro Council direction. Joanna asked EMCTC members to please talk to staff if there are any additional corridors they would like staff to explore. .

- **Next EMCTC Meeting:** March 18, 2019
Meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm