

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, August 15, 2022 3:00pm-5:00pm, Virtual Meeting/Zoom

Time indicators reference meeting recording which is located at this [Dropbox link](#).

✓	Indicates person attended meeting
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Members	Representing
Lori Stegmann	Multnomah County
✓ John Miner (Vice Chair)	Wood Village
✓ Wendy Lawton	Fairview
Philip Morley (Alternate)	Fairview
✓ Travis Stovall	Gresham
Vince Jones-Dixon (Alternate)	Gresham
✓ Tom Bouillion	Port of Portland
✓ Lem Lewis (Alternate)	Port of Portland
✓ Glenn White	Troutdale
EMCTC Staff	Representing
✓ MaryJo Andersen	Multnomah County
✓ Jessica Berry	Multnomah County
✓ Allison Boyd	Multnomah County
✓ Eve Nilenders	Multnomah County
✓ Oscar Rincones	Multnomah County
Guests	Representing
✓ Jay Higgins	Gresham
✓ Chris Strong	Gresham
✓ Jaimie Lorenzini	Happy Valley
✓ Shirley Craddick	Metro
✓ Dan Kaempff	Metro
✓ Sarah Paulus	Multnomah County
✓ Hannah Polow	Multnomah County
✓ Taylor Steenblock	Multnomah County
✓ Glen Bolen	ODOT
✓ Tara O'Brien	TriMet
✓ Melissa Johnston	Troutdale
✓ Greg Dirks	Wood Village

1. Welcome and Introductions
(00:00:00)

Councilor Miner opened the meeting, welcomed the group and moved forward with introductions (introductions were done later at 00:04:12 due to the later availability of elected members)..

2. Opportunity for Public Comment
(00:00:46)

There were no public comments submitted for this meeting.

3. Review and Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes - All
Action Item
(00:01:03)

Councilor Miner asked for a move to adopt the meeting minutes for July 18, 2022; Mayor Stovall moved to approve and it was seconded by Councilor Wendy Lawton.

The meeting minutes were approved (00:01:33).

4. Fatalities Report - MaryJo Andersen, Multnomah County
Information Item
(00:01:52)

MaryJo Andersen provided the group with the fatalities report for July of 2022.

A period for comments and questions followed (00:03:28).

5. Regional Toll Advisory Committee, East County representative - Sarah Paulus, Multnomah County
Action Item
(00:08:52)

Sarah Paulus provided the committee with an update on the Regional Toll Advisory Committee and the opportunity for someone in EMCTC to act as a representative at the Regional Toll Advisory Committee meetings.

Meetings are scheduled to be monthly for 2 hours and in person; most likely Wednesday mornings and the work is set to end in late 2023 or early 2024 (00:09:40).

Sarah explained (00:11:07) that if an EMCTC member is not able to commit to be the representative, an active community member in any of the represented cities or active community member may volunteer to take on the role and would need to commit to attending RTAC as well as attending EMCTC meetings to report out what they learned.

Sarah would like (00:11:34) members who want further information or feel they have a private citizen or community member in mind for the role to reach out to her by August 29th.

If neither of the above is the case, Commissioner Stegmann or a member of her staff might

take on the role but would do that in a non voting capacity.

Sarah will move forward with providing EMCTC with a list of candidate names and/or asking Commissioner Stegmann's office to fill that role.

Melissa Johnston (00:13:18) will ask Troutdale's citizen's advisory committee members if there is any interest in taking on that role and report back to Sarah after that meeting in the first week of September.

If there are any further questions please contact Sarah Paulus.

6. EMCTC 101 Orientation – Staff, Multnomah County

Action Item

(00:14:25)

MaryJo Andersen provided the group with a presentation providing orientation and onboarding information for new members and a refresher for existing members of EMCTC.

An opportunity for questions and comments followed (00:25:31).

Metro Councilor Craddick led a discussion (00:26:11) on suggested improvements to the presentation in the future with a stronger emphasis on how EMCTC influences local policies and its mission.

Councilor Miner followed with a discussion on EMCTC's emphasis on safety and prioritizing that in an EMCTC 101 presentation (00:29:06).

Councilor Lawton and Jessica Berry led a conversation about how EMCTC'S agendas are influenced (00:31:07).

7. RFFA Update - Staff, Multnomah County

Information/Discussion Item

(00:35:17)

Jessica Berry and Dan Kaempff provided an update on the status of RFFA and what is on the horizon.

They provided the committee with an opportunity for comments and questions (00:41:12).

Councilor Craddick (00:42:28) asked if the group if the committee members would like to forward a letter of support for their recommendations on what proposals they'd like to see passed to JPACT.

Jessica explained that there is a challenge in doing this because there are competing proposals that need support (00:43:05).

Committee members continued to discuss how to move forward since it is not likely that all 4 projects will be funded (00:43:30).

Dan Kaempff explained that most scenarios show the Sandy River Greenway Trail and the Gresham Fairview Trail will most likely be funded (00:47:29), the 162nd Avenue project is the highest rated project and the Sandy Boulevard project is on the cusp.

Jessica Berry (00:49:24) advised that if the committee wanted to vote or prioritize one of the options or projects they should make the decision to do that at this meeting.

Councilor Lawton and Dan led a discussion (00:50:35) on how funding is allocated and further discussion on the Sandy Boulevard project.

Mayor Stovall (00:54:06) suggested drawing up a letter of support for the projects already included in funding outlines and highlight the need for funding the other two projects on the table to emphasize the comprehensive support that exists within EMCTC and set up the possibility of identifying opportunities for additional funds in the future.

Councilor Miner (00:55:57) emphasized that one of the goals would also be to help the larger community understand the equity issues that exist along Sandy Boulevard.

Mayor Stovall (00:58:31) moved that the EMCTC committee submit a letter of support for the four projects and the motion was seconded by Mayor Lawton. There was no opposition and the move was passed unanimously (00:58:36).

Further discussion on the impact of the diversity score on the Sandy Boulevard project followed (00:58:58) along with how to address other issues that might impact the scoring for the project.

8. Region 1 ACT Report - Member

Information/Discussion Item

(01:03:42)

Mayor Stovall provided the committee with the Region 1 ACT and the JPACT reports.

- Great Streets Update (01:05:05) - \$50 million for projects on ODOT facilities and street safety improvements
- Oregon Federal Lands Access Program Needs Assessment (01:06:22) - transportation and access through federal lands
- ADA Update (01:07:09) - 26k upgrades for ADA ramps and other safety measures across the state
- Urban Mobility Office Updates (01:07:22) - Strategic initiatives, tolling

There was an opportunity for comments and questions (01:08:08).

9. JPACT Report – Member and/or Alternate

Information/Discussion Item

(01:09:44)

- RFFA Funds Presentation

- Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge - adjustments to local preferred option
- Better Bus Program - Collaboration between Metro and Trimet. Smaller scale capital projects (5 million invested)

10. JPACT Agenda and Metro Updates (report on next JPACT meeting agenda items) –

Eliot Rose, Metro

Information/Discussion Item

(01:13:45)

Dan Kaempff shared a listing of the upcoming JPACT Agenda (01:13:56):

- RFFA Funds Discussion
- HCT Strategy Update
- Regional Transportation Plan

There were no questions or comments.

11. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Application Update – Allison, Multnomah County

Information/Discussion/Action Item: Letter of Support for Grant

Action Item

(01:18:01)

Allison and Hannah Pollow provided the committee with an update on the SS4A grant process, followed by an opportunity for questions and comments (01:41:46).

A discussion about whether there was enough information to vote on a letter of support followed (01:45:09). A draft letter of support was provided in Dropbox for committee members to review.

Committee members decided they would send any questions they might have on SS4A to Allison before the next scheduled meeting (01:56:02).

12. Agency Updates

● **Metro (00:00:00)**

No updates

● **ODOT (00:00:00)**

September 28, 2022 JPACT/Metro Council workshop will be on health and safety arterials

● **Port of Portland (01:58:24)**

No updates

- **TriMet (00:00:00)**

No updates

- **Fairview (00:00:00)**

No updates

- **Gresham (00:00:00)**

No updates

- **Portland (00:00:00)**

No updates

- **Troutdale (00:00:00)**

No updates

- **Wood Village (00:00:00)**

No updates

- **Multnomah County (00:00:00)**

No updates

Other Business- All

Links Mentioned in Meeting:

The Zoom Chat transcript contains links mentioned in the meeting and is available in the [Dropbox folder](#).

Next Regular Meeting: September 12, 2022