

# East Multnomah County Transportation Committee

City of Fairview

City of Gresham

City of Troutdale

City of Wood Village

Multnomah County

Port of Portland

## EMCTC Meeting Minutes - Draft Monday, April 14, 2025 - 3:00pm - 5:00pm

### Members

	Members	Representing
✓	Councilor Vince Jones-Dixon - Chair	Multnomah County
✓	Councilor E'an Todd	City of Fairview
	TBD (Alternate)	City of Fairview
✓	Mayor Travis Stovall	City of Gresham
	TBD (Alternate)	City of Gresham
✓	Tom Bouillion	Port of Portland
	Lem Lewis (Alternate)	Port of Portland
	Councilor John Leamy	City of Troutdale
	TBD (Alternate)	City of Troutdale
	Mayor Jairo Rios-Campos	City of Wood Village
✓	Greg Dirks	City of Wood Village
	Councilor Ashton Simpson	Metro

### EMCTC Staff

	EMCTC Staff	Representing
✓	MaryJo Andersen	Multnomah County
✓	Tina Birch	Multnomah County
✓	Allison Boyd	Multnomah County
✓	Trini Leslie	Multnomah County
✓	Eve Nilenders	Multnomah County
✓	Sarah Paulus	Multnomah County
✓	Oscar Rincones	Multnomah County

### Guests

	Guests	Representing
✓	Adam Torres	Clackamas County
✓	Sarah Selden	City of Fairview
✓	Jay Higgins	City of Gresham
✓	Brendan Finn	Multnomah County
✓	Max Nonnamaker	Multnomah County
✓	Tom Powers	Multnomah County
✓	Glen Bolen	ODOT
✓	Francesca Jones	PBOT
✓	John Serra	TriMet
✓	Frank Stevens	Troutdale Guest
✓	Mike Sellinger	Alta
✓	Frank Stevens	Guest

These minutes, and any presentations and documents, when submitted, are available in Dropbox [at this link](#) and on the [EMCTC website](#).

### **1. Welcome, Zoom Meeting Guidelines & Introductions**

- The meeting commenced at 3:00 PM.
- Oscar R. provided meeting support guidelines and noted closed captioning was activated. Attendees were instructed to use the "raise hand" feature for questions and comments. The chat feature was also available for assistance.
- Committee member introductions were conducted.

### **2. Opportunity for Public Comment**

- Sarah Paulus noted no public comments were received ahead of time. A call was made for public comment. None were received, and the meeting proceeded.

### **3. Review and Adoption of March 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

- Mayor Stovall made a motion to adopt the March 17, 2025 meeting minutes.
- Tom Bouillion seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved by all in favor, including alternates.

### **4. Safety Update - MaryJo Andersen, Multnomah County**

- MaryJo Andersen provided a safety update.
- The Safe Streets for All safety action plan (TSAP) is finalizing its safety analysis, and summer engagement activities are being planned. The engagement plan is posted on the website.
- Safe routes to school events and safety lessons are being planned in East Multnomah County.
- A new coordinator, Ian, has been hired at Centennial School District.
- A student from Reynolds High School is on the statewide safe routes to school task force.

### **5. 2025 Legislative Session Update - Tom Powers, Multnomah County**

- Tom Powers provided an update on the 2025 legislative session, focusing on the transportation reinvestment package (TRIP).
- Transportation investment is a top priority for legislative leadership, with bipartisan support.
- House Bill 2025 will include the TRIP framework.
- The TRIP framework includes adjustments to the fuel tax (20-cent increase phased in over time), road user charge (mandatory for EVs and hybrids in 2026, efficient fuel vehicles by 2030), new vehicle purchase tax (1%), adjustments to the payroll tax for transit, and other various taxes and fees.
- The TRIP framework is estimated to raise 1.9 billion per biennium.
- Discussion occurred regarding the difference between the privilege tax and the proposed 1% sales tax.
- Discussion occurred regarding what this means for Multnomah County specifically and how road maintenance is being addressed by this package.

- Discussion occurred regarding the County's potential letter of support.

#### **6. Safer Sandy Project Overview - Arini Farrell, Multnomah County, and Sarah Selden, City of Fairview**

- Arini Farrell and Sarah Selden presented the Safer Sandy Project overview.
- Sarah Selden provided background on Sandy Boulevard, noting its regional significance and status as a designated freight corridor. She highlighted the diverse residential community and outreach efforts.
- Arini Farrell mentioned a previous county project on Sandy and explained the Safer Sandy Project is a planning project focused on community input and alternative design considerations.
- Project limits were described, covering portions of Gresham and Fairview, and Multnomah County jurisdiction.
- The project is funded by regional flexible funds, with a main deliverable of an existing conditions and considerations report, community engagement, and a 15% conceptual design.
- Funding has been awarded for a step 2 RFFA for construction improvements on Sandy, with approximately 6.5 million dollars allocated.
- The project timeline was shared, with the project slated to end in February 2026.
- A road audit was conducted with the Alta team, MaryJo Anderson, Mike Cook, Sarah Selden, and resident Frank Stevens, providing insights into on-the-ground conditions.
- Findings from the road audit were discussed, including issues with intermittent sidewalks, bike lanes, speed limits, and crash data.
- A public engagement campaign will launch on May 7th, including an online survey, input map, social media promotion, mailers, and in-person interviews and community conversations.
- Postcards with survey information will be available in English, Spanish, Russian, and Ukrainian.
- Mayor Stovall inquired about roundabouts, expressing his support for their safety benefits. Arini Farrell indicated they are open to considering roundabouts in the design. Commissioner Jones-Dixon emphasized including roundabouts in the report.

#### **7. Community Connector Policy Framework - Ally Holmqvist, Metro**

- Ally Holmqvist provided an update on the Community Connector Policy Framework.
- She discussed key needs themes identified, including mobility solutions for low-density areas, access to jobs and recreation, and needs of shift workers.
- A framework is emerging for using community connectors to expand the transit network into suburban areas and reach more employment areas.
- Three opportunity categories are being identified: current opportunities for shuttles, near-term areas planned for future service, and additional areas with anticipated future need.
- The assessment will consider transit needs, transit supportiveness, and local expertise.
- Mobility hubs are being considered to link transit services and other transportation options.

- Community engagement efforts include partner workshops, a public survey, noticing, and tabling events.
- Commissioner Jones-Dixon inquired about autonomous vehicles, and Ally Holmqvist stated they have focused more on ride and car share but that the hubs could accommodate autonomous vehicles.
- Discussion followed regarding specific transit needs on 223rd down to downtown Gresham, and TriMet's considerations regarding community expectations.

#### **8. Portland Transportation Systems Plan Update - Francesca Jones, City of Portland**

- Francesca Jones, Senior City Planner with the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT), provided an update on the 2045 Transportation System Plan (TSP) update.
- She discussed the purpose of the TSP as a 20-year plan to guide transportation projects, programs, policies, and investments in Portland.
- The update is a major TSP update, including updating goals, policies, classifications, and the list of major capital projects.
- The update is required by the State of Oregon and must be consistent with statewide planning goals, transportation planning rules (TPRs), and Metro rules.
- The TSP must also be consistent with the city's comprehensive plan.
- The update addresses the State's climate-friendly and equitable communities rulemaking (CPEC), which requires projects to result in no net new vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in the horizon year (2045).
- The process for the TSP update includes 10 tasks across 4 phases: groundwork, development, refinement, and post-adoption implementation.
- The major capital projects list includes a financially constrained list (most important for securing funding) and an unconstrained list.
- Projects must be on the financially constrained list to be eligible for programming funds in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and inclusion in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).
- A prioritization process will be used to determine which projects make it onto the constrained list.
- PBOT is recruiting applications for the 2045 TSP Community Advisory Committee, with an extended deadline of April 21st. Stipends are available for participants.
- Discussion included inquiries about how autonomous vehicles fit into the system. Francesca Jones stated that the current TSP describes autonomous vehicles as fully autonomous and electric shared vehicles, and this policy may be revisited in the update.
- Greg Dirks and Tom Bouillion noted their interest in seeing how the Portland TSP update folds into Metro, county, and city plans.

#### **9. EMCTC Process Update - Sarah Paulus, Multnomah County**

- Sarah Paulus provided an update on the process for expanding EMCTC membership, based on existing bylaws.

- Interested organizations or jurisdictions must submit a written request.
- The EMCTC chair would convene a membership subcommittee (chair + 2 members) to interview candidates.
- Candidates would present to the full EMCTC Committee.
- EMCTC would vote on accepting the prospective member.
- Approved members would undergo a 6-month probationary period before a final vote on membership.
- Commissioner Jones-Dixon inquired about the process for setting up the subcommittee. Sarah Paulus clarified that the chair convenes the subcommittee.

#### **10. Region 1 ACT Report Update - Sarah Paulus, Multnomah County & Glen Bolen, ODOT**

- Sarah Paulus provided a staff-level report on the Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) meeting held on April 7th.
- Timura Ender and Nancy Chapin, two new Multnomah County Community members previously supported by EMCTC, were formally voted on and accepted as new members of the ACT.
- The Urban Mobility Office gave updates focused on the Rose Quarter project, including work phases, timelines, and current project cost. Presentations were shared, and links to these presentations were promised to be shared in the chat.
- A presentation was given on the I-205 Bus on Shoulder Transit Service Project, which aims to improve transit reliability from Sunnybrook Boulevard to Stafford Road by allowing buses to use the shoulder. The project is anticipated to be operational by November of this year, and funding was discussed.
- A presentation on ODOT's new Capital Investment Plan (CIP) was provided. ODOT is developing a 5-10 year CIP to bridge the gap between immediate and long-term allocation plans. This is in the early stages of development, and ODOT is seeking feedback from all ACTs in the state, considering goals and evaluation metrics.
- Sarah Paulus shared that she would post a link in the chat to the website with all the ACT presentations.
- Commissioner Jones-Dixon invited Glen Bolen from ODOT to add any further information.
- Glen Bolen explained the motivation for the CIP, noting that project scoping often leads to delays and cost changes. The CIP aims to reduce these issues by doing less work upfront until projects are ready to proceed. He indicated this would lead to cost savings and better resource management.
- Glen Bolen mentioned that cities and counties are used to having a project list for 20-year plans, while ODOT typically operates on a 5-year cycle. The CIP would provide a more formalized inventory of planned projects, facilitating better communication and prioritization.

- Glen Bolen stated the CIP should help in discussing with cities and counties about which projects should move forward and when, providing a better inventory of planned actions.
- Commissioner Jones-Dixon thanked Sarah Paulus and Glen Bolen for their updates.

#### **11. JPACT Report - Mayor Stovall**

- Mayor Stovall reported on recent Jpac activity, including:
  - Resolution 2554-73 adding funding for paratransit vehicles.
  - Resolution 2554-63 adding funding for the I-5 Rose Quarter project.
  - Discussion on potential Federal funding for the I-5 Rose Quarter project.
  - Regional Flexible Fund allocation (RFFA Step One) scenario package recommended for public comment, including adjustments to funding for various projects

#### **12. Upcoming JPACT Agenda – Eliot Rose, Metro**

- Eliot Rose provided a preview of the upcoming JPACT agenda for Thursday, April 17, at 7:30 AM.
- Consent items include approval of meeting minutes and a series of MTIP amendments focused on Americans with Disabilities Act requirements and transit service for people with special needs and disabilities.
- A resolution to adopt the unified planning work program for federal and state-funded transportation planning over fiscal years 25-26.
- Information and discussion items include a public hearing on a regional, flexible funding allocation. Members of the public are invited to give comments on proposed funding packages.
- Regional priorities for the Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill were discussed, and Metro's lobbyists will provide an update on the State transportation funding package.
- A presentation on the locally preferred alternative for the Tualton Valley Highway project.
- Discussion occurred regarding the funding for the Sunrise Corridor vs. the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge. Greg Dirks expressed a preference for the Sunrise Corridor.
- Allison Boyd clarified the Burnside Bridge project's funding application and the process for public comment and survey participation.
- Eliot Rose emphasized that no final decisions have been made regarding funding levels, and Jpact will review public comments before making decisions.
- Mayor Stovall expressed support for both the Burnside Bridge and Sunrise Corridor projects.

#### **13. Agency Updates**

- **Metro:** Eliot Rose reported that Metro received its certification as a Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- **ODOT:** Glen Bolen mentioned new rapid flash beacons at 36th and Powell, 174th on TV highway, and Ashford and Tigard on Hull Boulevard. New real-time signage is on the Marquam Bridge to the Twiliger

area. Glen Bolen also followed up on a previous concern about speeding around bridge construction and bike routes, noting speeds are higher than expected. Glenn mentioned the signage on Exit 14 and mentioned it is Travel Oregon, and not ODOT, who handles signage.

- **Port of Portland:** Tom Bouillion mentioned an email regarding the 82nd Avenue Transit Project, with Trimet soliciting input on design options such as bus-only lanes. He will share the reference in the chat.
- **Fairview:** E'an Todd asked about getting the Fairview Fork and Tanny's bakery on the exit 14 freeway sign. Glen Bolen and Sarah Paulus clarified it is a Travel Oregon process, and information was shared with the counselor.
- **Gresham:** Mayor Stovall reported on significant projects, including the widening of Division Street between 201st and further down the hill and the Cleveland Street project between Burnside and Stark.

#### 14. Other Business

- The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2025.