



**Multnomah
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**Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Virtual Meeting/Zoom

Time indicators (00:00:00) reference the meeting recording located in Dropbox at this link:

[Dropbox Meeting Recordings](#)

✓ = Attended

e = Excused Absence

u = Unexcused Absence

	Members	Guests	Staff/Presenter
✓	Carolyn Briggs	Benji the Cat	MaryJo Andersen
✓	Dean Derek	Megan Moser, pear	Oscar Rincones
✓	Art Graves		Aysha Ghazoul
✓	Andrew Holtz		Mike Pullen
✓	Joel Huffman		Patrick Sweeney, PBOT...
e	Ken Lanteigne		Steve Drahota, HDR...
✓	Greg Olson		Sharon Daleo, PBOT...
e	Michael Rubenstein		
✓	John Russell		
e	Susan Watt		
✓	AJ Zelada		

Welcome and Introductions (00:00:00)

Andrew Holtz and MaryJo Andersen, welcomed everyone. MaryJo informed everyone that we are honoring Native American Heritage Month this month and presented a survey map showing pathways that were originally created by Native Americans that are now major roads in the Portland area. (links to videos in the agenda).

Fatalities Report - MaryJo Andersen, Multnomah County (00:05:45)

MaryJo reviewed the October of 2021 fatalities report with the group.

Public Comment (00:07:23)

No public comment was submitted for November.

Chair Report - Andrew Holtz (00:05:20)

The Cornell Road closure has posted signs for cyclists and pedestrians.

Meeting Minutes Approval - All (00:08:18)

Joel Huffman moved to approve the minutes for October, Dean Derek seconded the motion and they were approved. Greg Olsen abstained, he wasn't at the meeting.

EQRB Update – Mike Pullen, Multnomah County and Steve Drahota, HDR Bridge Operations(00:40:39)

Mike Pullen, Public Affairs Coordinator for Multnomah County, along with Steve Drahota with HDR Bridge Operations provided the group with an EQRB project update and a discussion on cost reduction ideas (00:41:43).

Steve Drahota led the presentation about cost reduction ideas (00:49:41) followed by Mike with information about the community engagement process (01:03:42).

Patrick Sweeney (01:15:56) informed the group about potential alignment on ideas between the county and the city.

Art Graves, BPCAC liaison to the project, shared BPCAC's viewpoint on the project priorities around cost reduction (01:22:36).

The presentation was followed by a period for comments and questions (01:25:23).

Andrew Holtz, BPCAC Chair suggested bringing a formal motion at the next meeting to draft a letter, a formal statement, of BPCAC concerns to Multnomah County staff (01:43:12).

Bridge Operations - Aysha Ghazoul, Multnomah County (00:11:35)

Aysha, Multnomah County Lead Bridge Operator, provided a presentation for the group describing what bridge operators do.

The presentation was followed by a period for comments and questions (00:34:39).

Comment and question period highlights:

Are there counting mechanisms to measure the use by people with mobility devices or who are elderly or visually impaired on the bridges (00:35:58)?

Mike Pullen explained that the county has estimates for motor vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists that are usually taken more precisely before a big project (00:36:51). Patrick Sweeney shared that typically PBOT does a lot of bike counts and will follow up with information to the group (03:37:23).

AJ Zelada explained that he is curious about ADA access use.

Mike went on to explain that the Burnside Bridge typically gets a lot of use by people with disabilities because of its location near to social service agencies (00:38:25).

Greg Olson volunteered to participate in doing counts (00:38:48)..

Staff Updates – MaryJo Andersen, Multnomah County (01:24:38)

Mike Pullen updated the group on the speed limit reductions on 238th. Working with the City of Portland, Multnomah County was able to get ODOT to approve a reduced speed limit of 30mph. In addition, a short section of the Madison ramp westbound was approved to be reduced to 30mph (01:44:15).

Mike also provided the group with an update on 238th, scheduled to open the week of Thanksgiving and information on ADA improvements coming to East County (01:45:22).

Also, Reeder Road has been approved by ODOT for a reduction to 45mph (01:47:57) and possible pavement improvements in 2022 for Lucy Reeder Road.

MaryJo Andersen shared new information about an effort to provide optional stipends to members to help reduce barriers for people that may have challenges to participate and add to the diversity of committees. More information to follow. (01:49:46).

MaryJo provided membership updates. Susan Watt has resigned from the committee and the committee is down to ten members (code requires a minimum of seven) (01:51:55).

Open Share/Project Updates/Other Business

AJ shared that at a meeting about the Gorge and the summer experiments to get people from Corbet and to the Multnomah Lodge via bus were successful and brought in about \$120,000.00 (01:53:58).

Also, the Multnomah County Sheriff's office at the meeting shared that they used a deputy along the highway during this past summer (01:54:48).

Links mentioned in this meeting:

Next Regular Meeting: December 8, 2021