

# 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

Monday, October 13, 2025 - 3:00pm - 5:00pm

### Members

	Members	Representing
✓	Commissioner Vince Jones-Dixon	Multnomah County
✓	Mayor Travis Stovall	City of Gresham
✓	Councilor E'an Todd	City of Fairview
	Councilor John Leamy	City of Troutdale
	Mayor Jairo Rios-Campos	City of Wood Village
✓	Tom Bouillion	Port of Portland
	Councilor Ashton Simpson	Metro

### EMCTC Administrative Staff

	EMCTC Administrative Staff	Representing
	Sarah Paulus	Multnomah County
✓	MaryJo Andersen	Multnomah County
✓	Eve Nilenders	Multnomah County
✓	Allison Boyd	Multnomah County
✓	Summer Cook	Multnomah County
✓	Trini Leslie	Multnomah County

### Guests

	Guests	Representing
✓	Katie Selin	Alta Planning + Design
✓	Mike Sellinger	Alta Planning + Design
✓	John Serra	TriMet
✓	Jay Higgins	City of Gresham
✓	Adam Torres	Clackamas
✓	Ramona Perrault	Metro
✓	Paul Scarlett	ODOT
✓	Tom Powers	Multnomah County
✓	Glen Bolen	ODOT
✓	Francesca Jones	PBOT
✓	Dakota Meyer	City of Troutdale
✓	Frank Stevens	N/A
✓	Sarah Selden	City of Fairview
✓	David Ripma	N/A
✓	Abe Moland	Multnomah County
✓	Ashley Graff	Multnomah County
✓	Nsilo Berry	Multnomah County

1. **Welcome**

Zoom Meeting Guidelines

Introductions

(5 minutes) ..... 3:00 pm

The meeting started with a land acknowledgment by MaryJo Andersen. Introductions were made by members and staff from Multnomah County (Allison Boyd, MaryJo Andersen, Ashley Graff, Eve Nilenders, Tom Powers), Port of Portland (Tom Bouillion), ODOT (Glen Bolen), TriMet (John Serra), the City of Fairview (Sarah Selden, E'an Todd), the City of Gresham (Travis Stovall, Jay Higgins), the City of Troutdale (David Ripma, Dakota Meyer), and the City of Portland (Francesca Jones). Consultants (Mike Selinger, Katie Selin, Summer Cook) and Metro staff (Ramona Perrault) also introduced themselves. No questions or comments were raised by attendees.

2. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

(5 minutes if submitted) ..... 3:05 pm

Frank Stevens, a Troutdale resident and part of the Friends of the Chow Chow Trail, provided public comment. He highlighted the new Ch'ak Ch'ak Trail and the Sharon Nesbit Heritage Park. He announced the trail's opening celebration on October 29th from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM. He stressed the importance of using this momentum to advance projects like the Wood Village, Fairview, and Troutdale Connector, and called for the group to consider pilot projects for safety, safe system approaches, and Safe Routes to School. Tom Bouillion asked if the final stretch of the trail underneath the UP Rail Bridge was complete. Frank Stevens answered that the final paving/padding was being installed and should be done within the next two weeks.

3. **Review and Adoption of July 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes - All**

Action Item

(5 minutes) ..... 3:10 pm

The committee reviewed the minutes from the July meeting. The meeting minutes from July were adopted unanimously. Mayor Stovall raised a question about the late distribution of the

minutes. The question was noted, but the committee proceeded with the vote, and the minutes were unanimously adopted.

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

Information/Discussion Item

(5 minutes) .....3:15 pm

MaryJo Andersen provided a Fatal Crash Report and a Safe Routes to School update. Fatal Crash Report: In September 2025, at least 8 people died in traffic crashes in the Metro area. Victims included 4 people driving or riding in vehicles, 2 motorcyclists, and 2 pedestrians. On East County roads, a motorcyclist was killed on Troutdale Road in a two-vehicle collision. Metro is creating a new dashboard that will be reviewed at a future meeting. Safe Routes to School: The East County team is working on fall walk and roll events with Bike Works providing education and events, including work with Butler Creek Elementary in Gresham on traffic circulation following the creation of a new through street. Francesca Jones and Sarah Selden had questions seeking clarification on the new Metro dashboard timeline and the geographic scope of the crash data. MaryJo Andersen stated the dashboard would be reviewed at an upcoming meeting but did not specify the date.

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

Information/Discussion Item

(10 minutes) .....3:20 pm

Tom Powers reported on the special session of the Oregon Legislature (August 29th to October 1st). The special session successfully passed House Bill 3991 for emergency transportation funding. HB 3991 Key Elements: It's a slimmed-down version of the failed HB 2025. It includes ODOT accountability and audit measures. It simplifies the taxation of heavy vehicles (trucks) and streamlines the taxing of diesel fuel. It increases the state gas tax from 40 cents to 46 cents per gallon and includes increased registration fees (\$42/year increase for passenger vehicles). The distribution of revenues (gas tax, registration fees) maintains the 50% state (ODOT), 30% counties, 20% cities ratio. It increases the employee payroll tax for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) from 0.1% to 0.2% temporarily until

January 1, 2028. It establishes a mandatory road usage charge program (Road Usage Charge, or RUC) starting in 2027, first for electric vehicles (e-vehicles), then plug-in hybrids, and finally hybrids. Next Steps: HB 3991 did not include an emergency clause and is subject to a 90-day window for a referendum petition. If a successful petition is submitted, the bill would go to a statewide vote in November 2026. Tom Bouillion questioned the potential conflict between climate goals and revenue generation from the gas tax. Commissioner Jones-Dixon asked about a proposal from Rep. Ruiz concerning the equitable distribution of Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) funds. Tom Powers acknowledged the conflict but explained that the RUC is the new foundation for long-term taxation that supports climate goals. He noted that Rep. Ruiz's conversation is ongoing and relates to the complicated funding structure of Multnomah County's transportation system, which dedicates the County VRF to Willamette River Bridges.

6. **Transportation Safety Action Plan - Overview of Draft Plan, Katie Selin and Mike Sellinger, Alta**

Information/Discussion Item

(30 minutes) .....3:30 pm

Mike Selinger and Katie Selin provided an update on the Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) for East County, aiming to reach the adopted Vision Zero goal to eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2035. Key Updates: The plan identifies 10 priority safety corridors based on crash analysis and public engagement. Phase 2 engagement, which included an online story map and in-person events, saw over 1,500 visitors. Top supported improvements included pedestrian crossing enhancements, street lighting, traffic signal upgrades, and sidewalks/accessibility improvements. Top policy and program actions included completing gaps in sidewalks and bike lanes, long-term funding for Safe Routes to School, high-visibility crosswalks, and automated speed enforcement. The full draft plan, including 26 strategies and actions, will be out for public review for 3 weeks starting Thursday, October 16th. The EMCTC's role is highlighted as providing accountability for implementation, advocating for safety investments, and dedicating a yearly working session to safety. The final plan is expected to be presented for EMCTC approval at the November or December meeting. Commissioner Jones-Dixon asked a clarification question about how public feedback is collected and if funding guidance is included in the report. Katie Selin confirmed a short online

survey in multiple languages would be available on the county website. Funding opportunities would be provided in a separate technical memo.

7. **Region 1 ACT Report - Member (Feb/Apr/Jun/Aug/Oct/Dec)**

(5 minutes).....4:00 pm

Allison Boyd gave a staff report on the Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) meeting from October 6th. Key updates: ODOT Region 1 received a funding update on HB 3991, which will help bring maintenance and operations service levels back to similar levels as the last biennium, but not full service. ODOT is prioritizing filling 759 vacancies, especially maintenance positions. The ACT also heard about the City of Tualatin's successful e-scooter pilot and Washington County's upcoming microtransit pilot (on-demand van service in areas with transit gaps) funded by STIF discretionary funds. An update was provided on ODOT's ADA curb ramp delivery program, which is tasked with replacing over 27,000 curb ramps by 2032 due to a settlement agreement. Glenn Bolen provided clarifying context that the level of service decline at ODOT is due to the decreasing value of the gas tax, which is the funding source for operations and maintenance, not federal capital project funds. The clarification was accepted and appreciated by Allison Boyd.

8. **JPACT Report - Member and/or Alternate**

(5 minutes) .....4:05 pm

Mayor Stovall provided the JPACT (Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation) update. Key updates: JPACT approved NTIP amendments for multiple ADA projects, ODOT paving projects, two state projects, and the Community Paths project. A paving project on the Glen Jackson Bridge was removed until WSDOT can provide matching funding. Mayor Stovall gave a brief recap of the state transportation legislative session (covered by Tom Powers). A discussion was held on the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan survey feedback, showing strong support for Metro to take action, especially on investments that impact daily life, but noting that tolling remains less popular. The JPACT trip to D.C. focused on advocating for transportation dollars, safety, and transit funding, though there was an acknowledged

ambiguity around future transportation funding commitments. No questions or comments were raised by attendees.

9. **Upcoming JPACT Agenda - Ramona Perrault, Metro**

(5 minutes) .....4:10 pm

Ramona Perrault shared the upcoming JPACT agenda for the next meeting. The meeting will feature presentations and discussion, with no votes on major items. Agenda items include:

- Metro's Cooling Corridors study (exploring Metro's role in addressing extreme heat, with 9 draft recommendations for JPACT input).
- The Regional Emergency Transportation Routes Phase 2 Project Update (co-led by Metro and the Regional Disaster Planning Organization).
- An update on TriMet's Forward Together plan for service cuts.

No questions or comments were raised by attendees.

10. **Agency Updates**

Information/Discussion Item

(10 minutes) .....4:15 pm

**Fairview:** City Council passed their portion of the Main Streets in Halsey update to the city plan, meaning all three cities (Fairview, Wood Village, Troutdale) have now passed it, allowing county planners to advance with temporary and long-term improvements. The patch on the Marine Drive overpass that was struck by a vehicle has been completed, and the overpass is open. A TriMet open house will be held in Spanish at Fairview City Hall this Thursday evening to discuss service reductions.

**Gresham:** Mayor Stovall noted the opening of Trader Joe's and the expected openings of In-N-Out and Raising Cane's on Burnside, which may necessitate future traffic mitigation. Substantial road work is underway, including widening on Division Street (Wallula to 202nd-ish) and work on Cleveland Avenue (Stark to Burnside), both funded by RAFA grants.

**Portland (PBOT):** Francesca Jones announced a call for interest for East Portland organizations to set up plazas for summer 2026, with a deadline of December 1st.

**Multnomah County:** The 257th project is finalizing striping by the end of the week. The 223rd and Marine Drive overpass collision repair will require an additional emergency closure in mid-November for about a month, which will completely close both lanes of 223rd until the work is done. The Safer Sandy project survey is still open for community feedback. A minor update to County road rules will happen late this month/early November. A pilot for a rural shopping shuttle is planned for East County, providing free, regularly scheduled service to seniors, people with disabilities, and those without car access, connecting rural areas to East County cities.

Commissioner Jones-Dixon asked about the process for selecting sites for ADA ramp installation. Allison Boyd offered to follow up with Commissioner Jones-Dixon on the specific ADA ramp selection process, noting the current focus on Tier 1 ramps from the County's ADA transition plan.

**11. Other Business - All**

Information Item

(5 minutes) .....4:25 pm

No questions or comments were raised by attendees. The meeting was adjourned.

**Next EMCTC meeting: November 17, 2025**