East Multnomah County Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Multnomah County

Sep 14, 2026 3:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

#	Topic, Lead, Organization	Start Time
1.	**Welcome - Councilor E'an Todd, City of Fairview** Vice Chair E'an Todd (City of Fairview) called the meeting to order, noting that Chair Jones-Dixon was absent and excused. Member roll call was conducted to verify attendance.	**3:00 PM**
2.	**Opportunity for Public Comment** Vice Chair Todd opened the floor for public comment. No comments were submitted in advance or made during the allotted time, so the public comment period was closed.	**3:10 PM**
3.	**Review and Adoption of July Meeting Minutes - All** Vice Chair Todd declared that the meeting lacked a quorum. Consequently, the approval of the July meeting minutes was postponed to the October meeting.	**3:15 PM**
4.	**Community Connector Transit Study Update - Ally Holmqvist, Metro** Ally Holmqvist (Metro) presented final report outcomes for the Community Connector Transit Study. The presentation highlighted engagement milestones, community feedback on transit needs, mobility hubs, companion toolkits, and park shuttle strategies. Next steps involve incorporating recommendations into the 2028 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update and seeking formal endorsements from MTAC, MPAC, TPAC, JPACT, and Metro Council. Vice Chair Todd requested that presenters define acronyms on first use for clarity.	**3:20 PM**
5.	**Safety Update - MaryJo Andersen, Multnomah County** MaryJo Andersen (Multnomah County) presented the monthly traffic safety update. In July and August, there were 18 traffic fatalities in the region, including five in East Multnomah County (four pedestrians and one driver). Updates were provided on community outreach, a Smart Growth America Community Connectors Grant awarded to Gresham and Bike Works for a quick-build project, Safe Routes to School activities (including the hiring of a district coordinator for Gresham-Barlow School District), and construction progress on the 223rd Avenue sidewalk project, which faced minor delays due to underground obstructions.	**3:30 PM**

6. Stark Street Bridge Replacement Project Update - Megan Neill, Multnomah County **3:35 PM**

Megan Neill (Multnomah County) presented on the Stark Street Bridge Replacement Project. She summarized feedback from the spring community survey (450 responses), which highlighted concerns regarding narrow lane widths and safety. The proposed solution involves building a new, wider, seismically resilient bridge immediately downstream while preserving the existing 100-year-old historic bridge in place for pedestrian and bicycle use. County staff are actively pursuing federal grant funding options for design and construction.

7. 2nd St Bridge Feasibility Study Update - Erika Palmer, City of Troutdale **3:50 PM**

Erika Palmer (City of Troutdale) provided an update on the 2nd Street Bridge Concept Plan, funded by an Oregon Community Paths grant. The project evaluates a proposed bicycle/pedestrian bridge crossing over 257th Avenue to safely connect NE Halsey Street with downtown Troutdale. She presented three bridge design options (Connector, Capstone, and Keystone), noting strong community favor for the Keystone option. The feasibility study will finalize concept designs and cost estimates to support future grant applications.

8. R1ACT Report - E'an Todd, R1ACT Member **4:00 PM**

Vice Chair Todd presented the Region 1 Advisory Committee on Transportation (R1ACT) update. He reported on five state-approved projects, three of which reside in Region 1. He noted discussions regarding future governance, specifically whether subcommittees or the full committee should decide on funding submissions.

9. JPACT Report - Mayor Stovall, JPACT Member **4:05 PM**

Mayor Travis Stovall (City of Gresham) reported on the July 16 Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) meeting. Key items approved included Resolution 24-5619 (amending MTIP to add six projects, including 181st Ave safety upgrades in Gresham) and Resolution 24-5600 (amending I-5 Rose Quarter project segments). Discussions also covered 2026 federal advocacy priorities, comments on the Build America 250 Act, and the 2028 Regional Transportation Work Plan.

10. Upcoming JPACT Agenda - Eliot Rose, Metro **4:10 PM**

Key items include announcements of Regional Travel Options grant recipients, ODOT's revamped capital investment plan process, an information item on transit funding advocacy from the JPACT Transit Workgroup, adoption of the 2028 RTP work plan, a draft regional vanpool action plan, and the CCT study

presentation.

11. Agency Updates - All **4:15 PM**

- **Multnomah County:** Sarah Tauer reported that design for the 223rd Railroad Underpass multi-use path project is substantially complete and submitted to Union Pacific for permitting review.
- **City of Gresham:** No updates were reported.
- **City of Fairview:** Vice Chair Todd noted ongoing coordination regarding railroad underpass funding constraints linked to historical legislation.
- **City of Troutdale:** No additional updates were reported.
- **Wood Village:** Absent.
- **Port of Portland & Metro:** No additional updates.
- **ODOT:** Paul Scarlett announced the reopening of eastbound lanes at the McCord Creek Bridge on I-84, touched on safety projects along I-84 and I-205, and noted that the Jordan Road multi-use path in Troutdale will complete construction soon.
- **TriMet:** John Serra shared that TriMet is coordinating emergency transit adjustments and frequency updates to mitigate traffic disruptions caused by the 5-week I-5 South closure.

12. Other Business - All **4:25 PM**

Francesca Jones (City of Portland) shared an update regarding public outreach for Portland's 2045 Transportation System Plan. Vice Chair Todd reminded attendees of the upcoming meeting scheduled for October 12, 2026.

Members

Member	Alternate	Agency
☐ Commissioner Vince Jones-Dixon, EMCTC Chair		Multnomah County
☑ Councilor E'an Todd, EMCTC Vice Chair	☐ *Name*	City of Fairview
☑ Mayor Travis Stovall, JPACT Member	☐ *Name*	City of Gresham
☐ Councilor John Leamy	☐ *Name*	City of Troutdale
☐ Mayor Jairo Rios-Campos	☐ *Name*	City of Wood Village
☑ Tom Bouillion	☐ *Name*	Port of Portland

Member	Alternate	Agency
☐ Councilor Ashton Simpson (non-voting)		Metro

Other Attendees

- Sarah Tauer, Multnomah County
- MaryJo Andersen, Multnomah County
- Eve Nilenders, Multnomah County
- Megan Neill, Multnomah County
- Jennie Cuddeback, Multnomah County
- Emma Knutson, Zan Associates
- Katie Nelson Stone, Zan Associates
- Eliot Rose, Metro
- Francesca Jones, City of Portland
- Dakota Meyer, City of Troutdale
- Ally Holmqvist, Metro
- Glen Bolen, ODOT
- Erika Palmer, City of Troutdale
- John Serra, TriMet
- Sarah Selden, Fairview
- Paul Scarlett, ODOT
- Adam Torres, Clackamas County DTD

Action Items

- **Meeting Minutes Approval:** Carry over the review and adoption of the July meeting minutes to the October meeting agenda due to a lack of quorum.
- **Member Meeting Time Survey:** EMCTC members who have not done so are requested to complete the online survey regarding standing meeting time preferences. Members who filled it out during the initial period without entering contact info should notify Multnomah County staff.

Next EMCTC Meeting

Oct 12, 2026 3:00 PM