

May 13, 2026 6:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

#	Topic, Lead, Organization	Start Time
1.	Welcome, MaryJo Andersen, Multnomah County MaryJo Andersen opened the meeting and delivered the Land Acknowledgement.	6:00 PM
2.	Opportunity for Public Comment Andrew Holtz and MaryJo Andersen noted that no public comments had been submitted prior to the meeting, and no members of the public raised their hands to speak.	6:10 PM
3.	Chair Report, Andrew Holtz Chair Andrew Holtz shared a personal update, explaining his recent absence due to a severe bicycle accident a month prior where he went over the handlebars and fractured his neck. Armando Zelada shared his own experience with a similar neck fusion from a bike accident in Moab to offer encouragement.	6:15 PM
4.	Review and Adoption of March 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes, All Andrew Holtz called for a review of the March 11th meeting minutes. Armando Zelada moved to adopt the minutes, and Valerie Schiller seconded the motion. Decision: The minutes were unanimously adopted, with Chair Andrew Holtz abstaining because he was not present at that meeting.	6:20 PM
5.	Safety Update, MaryJo Andersen, Multnomah County MaryJo Andersen presented regional traffic fatality figures, noting that March saw 10 fatalities (nine drivers, one pedestrian), including one driver fatality in East County at Southeast Stark and Burnside. April recorded 12 regional fatalities (nine drivers, two pedestrians, one bicyclist), which included one driver fatality at Northeast Sandy and 141st, as well as a tragic incident involving three young people whose vehicle went into the Willamette River. Andersen also highlighted recent progress on the Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP). She co-presented the Oregon Friendly Driver program alongside	6:25 PM

the Street Trust to bus drivers in the Centennial and Reynolds School Districts. This led to a group discussion initiated by Armando Zelada regarding school bus budgets, driver unions, and previous failed legislative efforts to carve out funds for alternative active transportation options like walking school buses or bike buses. Additionally, Andersen shared updates regarding Safe Routes to School events, noting a successful "walk and roll" event at Hollydale Elementary with Gresham Mayor Travis Stovall. Megan Moser highlighted upcoming community safety outreach events, including a safety giveaway at the Davis Traffic Playground and a 5-mile community loop ride with Mayor Stovall.

6. REACH Traffic Report 2.0 and Safe Streets for All grant Letter of Support, Nsilo Berry, MultCo Health Dept (Action item)

6:35 PM

Nsilo Berry from the Multnomah County Health Department and Sophie Smith from the Street Trust presented the REACH Traffic Safety Report 2.0. This updated report evaluates transportation safety through a racial justice lens specifically looking at the experiences of Black residents in Multnomah County between 2020 and 2024. Key findings show that 47 Black individuals died in traffic crashes during this window (an 11-person increase from the previous baseline) and Black residents remain disproportionately represented in emergency care visits for traffic-related injuries. Positive notes included a decrease in police consent search rates across all racial groups. Berry also introduced the "7th dimension" of their framework, which emphasizes community strengths and capturing positive spaces alongside historical safety deficits.

Following the report, Berry requested a formal Letter of Support for a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) federal grant application due May 26, 2026. The grant will fund a public health-focused, multi-agency initiative to gather data and build community-driven strategies to reduce Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII) crashes in East Multnomah County. Armando Zelada moved to approve and send the letter, and Bob Thomas seconded the motion.

Decision: The committee voted unanimously to approve sending the Letter of Support.

7. Metro Future Vision, Eyrn Kehe, Metro

7:00 PM

Eyrn Kehe, a planner from Metro, presented an update on "Metro's Future 50," an initiative to update the region's 50-year future vision document as mandated by the Metro Charter. The original document was adopted in 1995 and is heavily overdue for an update. Kehe clarified to committee member Art Graves that the Future Vision is an aspirational, values-based text rather than a binding policy document or comprehensive plan, though it serves as the direct prelude to structural policies like the 2040 Growth Concept map. Metro has established a Future Vision Commission and a Youth Committee to guide equity-driven conversations and futurist planning. Kehe shared a QR code and link to a 5-minute community public values survey closing at the end of May and urged committee members to participate and share it.

8. Burnside Bridge 100 year celebration, Sarah Hurwitz, MultCo 7:20 PM

Sarah Hurwitz, Public Information Officer for County Transportation, shared details regarding the upcoming Burnside Bridge Centennial Celebration taking place on the bridge deck on Saturday, May 30th, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The community event will feature a central historical walking exhibit with placards detailing the bridge's timeline from 1926 to the current Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge project, accompanied by vintage cars from the 1920s and 30s. The event is kid-friendly and highly interactive, featuring live musical sets by the Oregon Symphony and Noah Simpson, a mini Saturday Market on the bridge deck, an appearance by the Portland Fire and Rescue boat, and interactive displays by WNBA representatives and LEGO artist Eric Mattson.

9. Elect a co-chair, All (Action item) 7:35 PM

Andrew Holtz and MaryJo Andersen opened the floor for nominations to elect a committee co-chair to provide leadership support. Valerie Schiller volunteered to step up as co-chair. No other nominees were put forward. **Decision:** The committee voted unanimously via a show of hands to officially elect Valerie Schiller as the new BPCAC Co-Chair.

10. Staff Updates, MaryJo Andersen, Multnomah County 7:45 PM

MaryJo Andersen provided staff updates regarding upcoming calendar items. The June meeting agenda is slated to feature a presentation on the Stark Street Bridge planning project, an update on the Design and Construction Manual, and member renewals. Andersen will be emailing several members whose two-year terms end in June to facilitate their renewals.

Andersen also announced bittersweet staffing transitions: this meeting marks the final session for county staff member Allison Boyd and Zoom administrator Summer Cook, both of whom were thanked by the committee for their dedicated service. Cook shared that she is transitioning to a new role with Bike Clark County in Vancouver. Additionally, committee member Greg Olson announced that he will be moving entirely out of the area in June but hopes to attend the next meeting

11. Open Share/Project Updates/Other Business, All 7:55 PM

Valerie Schiller shared two pieces of personal news with the committee. First, she announced that she was recently elected as a regional vice president for the Oregon Education Association state union, with her term beginning in July. Second, she shared that her speech and debate students at Reynolds High School qualified for national tournaments for the first time. Because their trip begins on June 10th, her attendance at the upcoming June BPCAC meeting is tentative.

Members

Member
☒ Andrew Holtz, BPCAC Chair
☒ Valerie Schiller
☒ Megan Moser
☐ Dean Derek
☒ Art Graves
☐ Joel Huffman
☒ Greg Olson
☐ Michael Rubenstein
☐ John Russell
☒ Robert Thomas
☒ AJ Zelada

Other Attendees

- MaryJo Andersen, Multnomah County
- Allison Boyd, Multnomah County
- Sophie Smith, The Street Trust
- Summer Cook, Multnomah County Zoom Support
- Nsilo Berry, Multnomah County
- Eryn Kehe, Metro Planning
- Sara Hurwitz, Multnomah County

Action Items

- **Term Renewals:** MaryJo Andersen to email committee members whose terms expire in June (Dean Derrick, Joel Huffman, Art Graves, Greg Olson, Valerie Schiller, Megan Moser, and Bob Thomas) to process their two-year renewals.
- **Metro Survey:** Committee members are encouraged to take and distribute the Metro Future Vision regional values survey before it closes at the end of May.
- **Stark Street Bridge Survey:** Members were asked to review and participate in the public survey regarding the replacement planning for the Stark Street Bridge ahead of next month's presentation.
- **Formal Correspondence:** The approved BPCAC Letter of Support for the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) DUII prevention grant will be signed and submitted before the May 26, 2026 deadline.

Next BPCAC Meeting

Jun 10, 2026 6:00 PM