

East Multnomah County Transportation Committee

City of Fairview

City of Gresham

City of Troutdale

City of Wood Village

Multnomah County

Port of Portland

Meeting Minutes - Monday, November 15, 2021 3:00pm-5:00pm, Virtual Meeting/Zoom

Time indicators reference meeting recording which is located at this [Dropbox link](#).

✓ Indicates person attended meeting

✓ Members	Representing
✓ Lori Stegmann	Multnomah County
✓ Darren Riordan	Fairview
✓ Nolan Young	Fairview
✓ Travis Stovall	Gresham
Vince Jones-Dixon	Gresham
✓ Tom Bouillion	Port of Portland
Lem Lewis	Port of Portland
Jamie Kranz	Troutdale
Randy Lauer	Troutdale
John Miner	Wood Village
EMCTC Staff	Representing
✓ MaryJo Andersen	Multnomah County
✓ Jessica Berry	Multnomah County
Alison Boyd	Multnomah County
Tina LeFebvre	Multnomah County
✓ Eve Nilenders	Multnomah County
✓ Oscar Rincones	Multnomah County
✓ Taylor Steenblock	Multnomah County
Guests	Representing
✓ Biran Monberg	Gresham
✓ Chris Strong	Gresham
✓ Jay Higgins	Gresham
✓ Shirley Craddick	Metro
✓ Kim Ellis	Metro
✓ Eliot Rose	Metro
✓ Cary Stacey	Multnomah County
✓ Megan Neill	Multnomah County
✓ Emily Miletich	Multnomah County
✓ Hector Rodriguez Ruiz	ODOT
✓ Chris Ford	ODOT
✓ Eric Hesse	PBOT
✓ Melissa Johnston	Troutdale
✓ Greg Dirks	Wood Village

1. Welcome and Introductions (00:00:00)

Commissioner Lori Stegmann and Jessica Berry welcomed the group and moved forward with introductions.

Afterward, Commissioner Stegmann asked the group to vote on extending the December 13th meeting by 1 hour to evaluate and discuss policy areas (tolling/funding, equity). The suggestion was to meet from 3pm to 6pm.

The group came to consensus (00:06:35) on extending the meeting for December 13th, from 3pm to 6pm.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment (00:07:10)

There were no public comments submitted ahead of this meeting.

3. Review and Adoption of Prior Meeting Minutes (00:07:14)

Action Item

Minutes for the October meeting were presented for adoption.

A motion to approve was made by Mayor Stoval. It was seconded by Councilor Riordan and unanimously passed.

4. Fatalities Report – MaryJo Andersen, Multnomah County (00:08:00)

Information/Discussion Item

MaryJo presented the group with a report of the October 2021 traffic fatalities in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties followed by a moment of acknowledgement..

5. Region 1 ACT Nomination of Councilor Jamie Kranz - Staff, Multnomah County (00:10:56)

Action Item

Jessica shared that Councilor Kranz had a few emergencies come up so she could not attend but she still would like to be nominated to Region 1 ACT and wants to serve. Also, she shared that Councilor Miner indicated to her that he supports nominating Councilor Kranz to Region 1 ACT but he cannot technically vote when he is absent.

A consensus was reached to support the nomination (00:13:15) followed by a motion by Councilor Riordan (00:14:49). The motion was seconded by Mayor Stovall. The motion was carried.

6. JPACT Agenda and Metro Updates – Eliot Rose, Metro (00:15:35)

Information/Discussion Item

Eliot Rose presented the group with TPAC discussion items coming up (00:15:50) and shared the agenda link ([here](#)).

Two consent items to discuss:

Approval for an amendment to two MTIP amendments including safety improvements on 242nd and Hogan (00:16:02) as well as a project on SE 82nd Avenue (00:16:31).

(00:16:48) Highlights from discussion on MTIP amendment to add \$71 mln in funding for I-5 bridge replacement; adopting TSMO (Traffic Systems Management and Operations) strategy; (00:17:39)

JPACT approval for release of funding for transportation planning activities (transit planning; enhanced transit, support for major capital projects):

Eliot Rose (00:16:48) - This amendment adds \$71m of the \$205m needed to complete preliminary engineering (PE). The summary of the PE programming goals over the next four years as discussed in the Project Information Worksheet are:

- Complete the federal environmental review process
- Obtain necessary state and federal permits
- Finalize project design
- Develop a finance plan
- Secure adequate funding
- Complete right of way acquisition
- Advertise for construction

Discussion highlights:

Councillor Craddick (00:18:33) - what is the impact would there be if the MTIP amendment was not passed?

Chris Ford (00:21:42) - discussed the Interstate Bridge Replacement Project (IPR) being a rejuvenation of the CRC project and the different phases.

Craddick (00:25:18) - Most of Metro Council have decided that this is not the point at which to stop the process; Metro Councillors are hearing a lot from people opposing the process because of induced demand and GHG emissions.

Commissioner Stegmann discussed the opportunity to support JPACT (00:26:38). Members agreed (00:28:01) that this might not be the stage to stop the process and to lend support.

Jessica will research whether or not EMCTC can take action on an agenda item if it is not posted as an action item prior to the meeting (00:31:46). It was decided the group would need a motion to write a letter in support of JPACT (00:32:25) and Councilor Riordan made a motion to send a letter of support for the 36 million in funding from Oregon with a second from Tom Bouillion. The motion was carried.

7. 2023 RTP Scoping - Kim Ellis, Metro (00:34:37) *Information/Discussion Item*

Kim provided the group with a presentation followed by time for discussion (00:52:54).

Councilor Craddick asked (00:53:33) how we might make the next RTP more robust (ie more accessible transit, cleaner fuels, reducing emissions and miles traveled, etc.). She asked for suggestions on what this group of electives needs to do.

Discussion followed on the different ways that might be done (00:54:36).

Further feedback can be sent to Kim Ellis directly at kim.ellis@oregonmetro.gov

8. Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge update - Megan Neill, Multnomah County (1:00:45) *Information/Discussion Item*

Megan provided the group with a presentation on updates for the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge followed by an opportunity for group discussion (01:13:56).

9. Strategic Plan Policy Area: Tolling/Funding - Staff, Multnomah County (01:19:58)

Information/Discussion Item

Taylor Steenblock started the presentation on the future of transportation funding (01:21:41).

Jessica followed with information and discussion on tolling or congestion pricing conversations happening around the region (01:28:08).

Cary Stacey followed up with a discussion questions period (01:39:45).

10. Region 1 ACT Report - Member Mayor Stovall, City of Gresham (01:49:04)

Information/Discussion

Mayor Stovall provided the group with his Region 1 ACT Report. He stated that many of the same conversions as were had today were being had (tolling, I-5 bridge, consequences of diversion, climate in equity).

11. JPACT Report - Member Mayor Stovall, City of Gresham and/or Alternate Councilor Kranz, City of Troutdale (01:50:43)

Information/Discussion

Mayor Stovall shared that there were no decisions last month and they talked about the I-5 Interstate bridge replacement and an introduction to the MTIP amendment to create a preliminary engineering phase. Other topics mirrored today's EMCTC discussions (01:51:38).

Feedback included understanding the changes underway for our region, the need for workshops and how the RTP responds to changes and emerging transportation trends (01:52:14).

12. Agency Updates (01:53:17)

● **Metro Update (01:53:17)**

No updates

● **ODOT Update (01:54:00)**

Infrastructure Investment and Job Act of 2021 highlights (01:54:00)

● **Port of Portland (01:57:07)**

Port of Portland and Breakside Brewing letter of intent (01:57:11)

Expecting 80% increase at PDX from last year (01:57:56)

Port of Portland Terminal 6 seeing an 80% increase also and has applied for a Connect Oregon grant (01:58:35)

● **TriMet Update (01:59:17)**

No updates

● **Fairview (01:59:23)**

No updates

- **Gresham (01:59:36)**

No updates

- **Troutdale (02:00:02)**

No updates

- **Wood Village (02:00:11)**

Excited 238 may reopen next week

- **Multnomah County**

No updates; Jessica did recommend individuals write a letter themselves in case we can't send an official letter of support from EMCTC (02:00:32)

Other Business- All

Next Regular Meeting: December 13, 2021