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18:04:20 Yes, please, sorry. I have way too many tabs open right now. I apologize.

18:04:28 Yay!

18:04:30 Alright, good afternoon, everyone. My name is Oscar and I use, in pronouns and I am here to provide Zoom Meeting support.

18:04:39 Here's a quick review of the guidelines for today's meeting. It is a high priority for Mustoma County Transportation to provide the.

18:04:53 Okay.

18:04:44 Clearest path to equitable distribution and accessibility of all materials for this meeting. Along with the monthly agenda, we do provide a zoom quick reference guy that links to other resources to prepare you for this meeting.

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18:05:07 Or questions and comments unless otherwise directed. I am available via the chat feature during the meeting if you need Zoom Meeting assistance.

18:05:15 Enjoy today's meeting. Back to you.

18:05:19 Thanks Oscar. I'll go ahead and give the land acknowledgement and I do wanna let folks know that county staff in our community involvement group and in our Native American employee group.

18:05:36 Looking at the land acknowledgments and there may be some changes in the future near future to provide the land acknowledgments with more actionable.

18:05:51 Statements and items so Just to let you know, Maloma County rests on the stolen lands of the Multnomah, Kathleen, and Clackamas bands of the Chinook Indian Nation.

18:06:05 The Twilight, Twolatin Kayapuya, the Malala, and many others along the Columbia River.

18:06:11 This country is built on stolen indigenous land and was built by stolen African people. This land was not stolen and people were not enslaved by ambiguous entities and actors.

18:06:24 The land was stolen by and African peoples were enslaved. By white settlers who had government support.

18:06:30 We also want to honor the members of over 400 tribal communities. Who live in Maloma County today.

18:06:37 Many of these people and their cultures still survive and resist despite the intentional and ongoing attempts to destroy them.

18:06:46 Let us take a moment to acknowledge the history of how we are here in this place. And to honour the people.

18:07:04 Thank you. My call, yes.

18:07:12 This is pretty cool because it's been over a close to 3 years in the making but last week the county finally put up the new sign on the Silver and Bridge.

18:07:24 It's now appreciated the Wapito Bridge. So next time you're out there and it's really cool too because in addition to the Name sign there's a little sign lower that it gives a little explanation as well.

18:07:34 So next time you're out there, take a look.

18:07:36 That's great. Thank you so much for including that.

18:07:47 What are you, John?

18:07:49 Hey, thank you. Thanks for starting us off. Got quite a few things on the agenda, but, We'll start with public comment.

18:07:59 And then, we'll do meeting minutes. And fatality reports and then I think specific to this month it looks like we've got how many consultant kickoff that Brandy is here for so thanks for that as well as a presentation on safer ups to school.

18:08:15 Usual staff updates and We'll see how long that takes us. So getting started, opening up.

18:08:23 For public comment. There's any raised hands. Is Chris some member of the public? Okay.

18:08:36 Okay.

18:08:39 My apologies.

18:08:38 I'm a member of the committee.

18:08:44 Okay, if there is no public comment then. Think we'll just keep moving right along.

18:08:52 Yeah, Andrew is not here for Chair Report. And I was not told to prepare one so I think we'll just keep moving right along.

18:08:59 To review our meeting minutes. Hopefully everyone's had time to look in the Dropbox.

18:09:04 We did not have a meeting in February, so. There's just a meeting minutes for January.

18:09:12 Sounds far as approval. I think it's just a motion in a second. Joel, do you have any comments?

18:09:20 Yes, I do. So I think I'm, shown as, an excuse the absence, but I was at the meeting.

18:09:30 So that's the only thing I found. I need to comment on.

18:09:43 Hey, any other comments?

18:09:49 Hey, do I hear a motion to approve the minutes with the change for Joel's attendance?

18:09:58 Thank you.

18:10:00 Okay, Joel, do I hear a second?

18:10:02 I'll second that.

18:10:04 Okay, thank you, Megan, for seconding. And then if everyone could. Either raise your hand on Zoom or here to.

18:10:13 Approve unless you weren't there. Which case you should abstain. Okay, get everyone.

18:10:22 And then. Any abstentions?

18:10:28 And then any other responses. Okay, looks like that was approved.

18:10:36 And then I'll pass it back to you. Mary Joe for the fatalities report. And just notice as well, it looked like the Dropbox had.

18:10:46 February, did you also have January as well? Okay. Thanks.

18:10:50 Yes. I do have January. We do have 2, so we do have 2 months.

18:10:56 January. And February and the Oscar, do you want me to put up the January?

18:11:03 I have that already.

18:11:04 Okay, the January report is really striking because we had our big storm that came in and the streets were really icy.

18:11:16 For several days and it is striking because there were so many fewer fatalities.

Attributed to that.

18:11:28 Snow event, you can actually just see there was one on. New Year's Day and then there's a whole like 22 days until the next fatality.

18:11:39 So that was, and it's really interesting to look to look at this and see. That If people aren't driving.

18:11:49 Then people aren't. Getting killed on our streets. So.

18:11:57 Just 6 people in January. We did have a in Gresham and a pedestrian on Burnside.

18:12:11 And main. So that is sort of part of our area. The others are more close in to central Portland.

18:12:23 And then February. Our deaths are kind of going back up again up to 13 There were 3 pedestrians.

18:12:38 2 bicyclists, 7 drivers and one motorcycle death, fatality. In February.

18:12:47 I know the Oscar is gonna get that up there. Here we go. And

18:12:55 So we'd like to take a moment. We know that each of these people had friends, families.

18:13:02 Neighbors, coworkers. Then they were all part of their lives and they all will be missed.

18:13:09 And as we move forward in our work, we want to keep them. In our actions and our minds and our hearts.

18:13:19 To keep working towards reducing fatalities on our streets.

18:13:37 Also, I didn't know until this seen this report. That we had. This is the one that has someone on.

18:13:49 Larch Mountain? Yeah, there was a motorcyclist. No, driver, 24 year old driver, Keith Van Horn.

18:13:57 Who was driving out on large mountain road. So the, the gate is closed. Still so I'm not sure what happened out there but that's definitely a county road.

18:14:16 Thank you, everyone.

18:14:16 Yeah, thank you for that. Thank you for that context. I know a lot of folks talked about, David Bentley and it's not the county road.

18:14:25 The bicyclist.

18:14:24 But I was the one that was on southeast. Vermont. Living on the street there.

18:14:31 So I know Mike Portland and reported on that. I also appreciated the context. I thought February seemed actually.

18:14:38 Surprisingly, I don't say light. But after many years, I feel like I've seen much longer lists and so to see January.

18:14:47 And such a long gap goes to show that Just the reduction in driving and also I'd hope that folks weren't speeding.

18:14:56 Quite as much in the icy conditions. But unfortunately, knowing that there were a number of folks that that did not survive the storm for various reasons whether it was weather and others electrocution due to down power lines.

18:15:15 Yep.

18:15:12 A few other tragic stories. So. Not all good news, but thank you for sharing Klaus.

18:15:20 I see you have your hand up.

18:15:20 Yes, I may sound like a broken record, but it would be so much more context building and and actionable if we had more information.

18:15:30 It is speculative what happened on to the motorcyclists on large mountain road it is speculative literally on every other of these things and I appreciate to have a silent moment for this, but I think the sound moment could be turning to action if we had more information.

18:15:51 Yeah, thank you, Class. I think it's a it's a good start, but you're right that more action is needed.

18:15:57 So that reminder. There are no other comments we can move on to Brandy who I believe is here to.

18:16:08 The committee consultant project. Flores, yours. Thank you.

18:16:13 Alright, well thank you all. Yeah, so I just wanted to give you an update. I know some of you and I think I've Come here before maybe several years ago.

18:16:26 So, but I've been working with Mary Jo and Jessica to just look at the committee.

18:16:33 And understand kind of how things are working. If there are opportunities like, just mentioned, like are there opportunities to strengthen or go further for the work that you all are doing.

18:16:49 So I did something similar for the city of Portland's modal committees a couple years ago and worked with them to understand what other cities around the country had been doing and and then to help provide some feedback.

18:17:07 Do interviews. And so. Hoping to take some of the lessons learned from the city of Portland and then work with you all and hear your thoughts as well as others.

18:17:19 To kind of work through if there are improvements, what can be done. So I wanted to just briefly walk through kind of our plan.

18:17:29 And then answer any questions that you might have. Mary Jo and Jessica, please chime in if I miss something.

18:17:37 Or if I say anything incorrectly. So, so what we're hoping to do is just First, see where we're at.

18:17:46 See what some of the existing conditions are, right? We know we need to. Frame where we're at.

18:17:52 So really, you know, this is one of the meetings that I am coming to to talk to you.

18:17:57 Well, and just think about. What's going on. Get a good understanding. And so myself and a colleague of mine, we are going to be starting some interviews.

18:18:13 We'll be emailing you all soon to try to set up some times to meet with you in groups.

18:18:21 And hear from you about how things are going. What could be improved? What do you really like? What do you want to strengthen?

18:18:29 And then, we also are going to meet with. City staff from around the area within the county as well as county staff.

18:18:40 So how do they present to you? How do they share information with you? How is that working? And then we also wanna reach out to some equity focused community groups, some community based organizations and just see how they have interacted with you all in the past.

18:19:00 We also want to get an idea of how other cities in around the state are doing bike pedestrian committees and what lessons we can learn from them.

18:19:10 So we'll be kind of doing a little analysis. That'll take us through. You know, our early summer timeframe and then we will come back and say, okay, here's kind of a rough outline of our findings.

18:19:27 What do we learn? Where are some opportunities to grow and strengthen? And then I would present that back.

18:19:35 To you all. And get your thoughts as well as the counties and then start to think about those actionable items.

18:19:45 What can change, how can we refine things, and then come up with a final recommendation memo that could be broken down into, you know, like those low hanging fruit, that could be broken down into, you know, like those low hanging fruit, those easy actions.

18:20:01 Low hanging fruit, those easy actions, all the way to something that, those easy actions all the way to something that could be more complicated, those easy actions, all the way to something that could be more complicated or cost more complicated or all the way to something that could be more complicated or cost more money that the county should consider for the longer term.

18:20:08 So we're hoping to kind of do this work. Through the end of the year, it's really just a good opportunity to check in and hear from you all.

18:20:19 And, yeah, so I just wanted to kind of outline it. Happy to answer any questions or concerns that you might all have.

18:20:28 And, and this won't be the last time I'll be chatting with you or emailing with you.

18:20:33 This is actually just the beginning.

18:20:38 I see Chris.

18:20:40 Yeah, I think we took a survey. Recently, right? And I was wondering how that connected to what you just said.

18:20:47 Yeah, Mary Joe or Jessica.

18:20:50 Yeah, the survey, so we don't have a ton of projects for actionable. Actions that the committee can take.

18:21:03 So a lot of what we do provide in these meetings is strictly informational. So I, I was gonna.

18:21:10 Have this in the staff updates, but I can just tell you now I got 9 surveys back from 14.

18:21:18 We have 14 members. I got 9 surveys back and. For the most part, folks are interested in most of the possible topics that we brought up.

18:21:31 As information just to keep you as informed. Committee members with. Current events happening, transportation related.

18:21:40 In our county. So that's kinda how that fits in. It's not.

18:21:48 Super related. The project that Brandy is working on is more about the big picture with this committee, the long-term big picture with the committee and the survey was sort of like what do you want to hear about this year?

18:22:02 That the county is doing.

18:22:05 Okay, thank you.

18:22:08 Yeah, I see Michael. I don't know John if you want to jump in.

18:22:13 Hey, you're doing a great job.

18:22:19 Thank you. Yeah, I. I think it would be really useful to start this project out.

18:22:28 With the discussion. With this committee and staff. I You know, some really fundamental questions and that I think would merit discussion.

18:22:41 I mean, One of them just is. I know we're an advisory committee. Advisory committee is advise.

18:22:49 Staff and elected officials. I've not experienced this. Advising elected officials on this committee it seems to me it's been More of a technical advisory committee where we're advising staff.

18:23:04 If that's the case, then I feel like the staff really are our customers. I mean, I, it's, this gets turned around sometimes where it's, we're treated as if.

18:23:14 You know, the staff are serving us and trying to find interesting things for us to talk about or interesting presentations to make.

18:23:21 I think that's upside down. I think We are an advisory committee. Our value comes if we if we're able to provide valuable advice to to county staff.

18:23:33 Who are working on the ground on projects if our advice is useful. That gets translated into assistance for the staff in shaping the project that actually translates on the ground into better projects.

18:23:49 So I actually have more questions for staff. I feel like they. Are the ones I want to talk to.

18:23:57 Are you getting what you need? Or is this useful to you? What do you, you know, because you know, I, I have a lot of different ways I'd be spending my time if this is not helping.

18:24:05 County staff. You know, I'm not doing this just for my own. I'm doing it because I'm hoping that that I can add some value, to projects on the ground.

18:24:17 So I really feel like. This gets framed. Backwards and upside down that we are not the clients.

18:24:28 The clients really is the county staff and or the commission. And, is the county staff and or the commission.

18:24:34 And I, like I say, I haven't had the experience of us advising the commission. Yeah, maybe that's happened in the past, but I have not in my.

18:24:38 Almost 2 years now on the committee experience that so I would call this. Hey, technical advisory committee because I don't.

18:24:47 Have not had the experience I remember. I was advising on policy. And if so, and if that's what the county, that's what kind of stuff you need.

18:24:58 Great, then that's the find it that way and let's approach it that way and anybody who feels like, you know, that's not what I do.

18:25:07 I mean, I'm not. Probably gonna be a lot of it at a lot of value on the technical stuff, much more of a policy person, but.

18:25:12 But that really gets clarity about. Kind of what the where the value can be added to this committee.

18:25:19 And or certainly sharpens the focus in a way that I think would be really useful to me and I suspect others.

18:25:28 You know, I know Klaus has been pushing for a connection we get the fatalities report every month and And but we don't ever do anything with it.

18:25:37 We don't understand why people are dying. There's not enough information in those reports to know that as he pointed out today.

18:25:44 And we don't actually take that information and do anything with it. We don't translate it into policy recommendations.

18:25:51 So. There's a disconnect there that's confusing. And I think that if.

18:25:57 You know, if we are to be a policy advisory committee as well as a technical advisory committee. Then we need to start talking about policy.

18:26:06 We need to start talking about, you know, what do we do to respond to the to the fatalities report?

18:26:10 How, what policies are options? What are the, how do we weigh them against each other? What kind of receptivity is there at political level for these, for these policies?

18:26:20 I mean, that's the discussion we should be having. I've not experienced it on this committee.

18:26:24 It's been it's been really technically focused and I don't think there's anything wrong with that.

18:26:28 I just think we need to say What is it, County folks that you need? You know, how can we help you?

18:26:36 So that's a discussion I would love to have. I'd love to hear from the county staff about it and I would love to have it with as a committee not just in separate groups or not just individually.

18:26:47 I'm relatively newer on this committee. This is my first term. People been here a lot longer than I have.

18:26:54 So I'm I may very well be missing quite a lot. But, but that's a discussion I think would be really valuable to have as a committee.

18:27:03 With staff.

18:27:04 Yeah, great. So I just wanna make sure I understand. So, so your feeling a little bit of a lack of clarity and direction for you as a committee member.

18:27:14 And how you can best serve the county. Is that right?

18:27:20 Yeah, I mean, again, to just repeat myself, I feel like the, even the survey that we just filled out was upside down.

18:27:29 That you know to ask me what I'm most interested in. Is not. Really? That relevant.

18:27:38 I mean, it's, I'm glad you're interested, but, but I'm here to serve the county.

18:27:43 I'm here to serve as an advisor to the staff and potentially to the commission. That's where I have that.

18:27:48 Okay.

18:27:50 That's what makes it work me showing up is that I actually feel like I had a value or something.

18:27:53 So I need to know, you know, and I, I have been, I've worked for government, I've, you know, as executive director, nonprofit.

18:28:00 I had advisory committees that were extraordinarily valuable to me. I also had advisory committees that were, that were, that were mandated by, code or, you know, legislative action.

18:28:15 That I just had to. Figure out how to fill their time every month because they were mandated and I was assigned to them.

18:28:23 Okay.

18:28:24 So I don't want to be on one of those. I, if that's what this is.

18:28:27 I know, but. But like I say, I also had communities that, served.

18:28:34 As advisory to me that were extraordinarily helpful. So to me, I want to know from the staff, what do you need from us?

18:28:43 Hmm.

18:28:44 What, you know, what or what do you need from a committee? It may not even be us.

18:28:48 I mean, if you're needing advice on on you know, diversity equity inclusion on, you know, social justice or or you know some of those issues we're not the right people for that you know we're we're you know, pretty homogeneous as a committee.

18:29:05 So again, I just, you know, I want to bring it back to the core question, which I would love to hear from staff about, which is what do you need?

18:29:15 How can we be of assistance and most assistance to you. You know, where, where, what issues do you struggle with or need, you know, have questions about or or you know looking at options and you know I think some of that has come to us mostly technical in nature which again is totally fine that's you know completely legitimate but But it's a question we've never really had a chance to talk

18:29:39 about.

18:29:39 Yeah, I'm sorry I'm seeing Jessica's comment and I'm so I'm wondering like I wonder if we could hold on their county's response and I can hear from Greg and John and then and then maybe we can circle back because I think that might also be part of the interviews that we get at from the county staff.

18:30:02 And that's, you know, we're planning that for early April. So, that.

18:30:10 Yeah. Yeah.

18:30:05 But it seems to me to be a question I could be asking right now. If the project, I mean, I, you know, I've been on this committee almost 2 years and I'm not clear about it and and it seems pretty fundamental so you know to It just doesn't seem that complicated.

18:30:21 I mean, I, you know, they should be able to know right in their chairs right now.

18:30:27 What's what's helpful and what's not. That's just a simple question.

18:30:28 Yeah. I mean, just, I mean, I'm open. I'm, this is your all your time.

18:30:35 So Jessica and Mary Jo, do you want to answer that or do you want to pause and I can hear from Greg and John first.

18:30:41 Okay.

18:30:40 I can approach this anyway people like I feel like Michael is asking a question that he has asked before and we tend to sit back and we let other members talk and we don't answer it and I'm hearing it again because I feel like you haven't heard any answers from us, Michael.

18:30:55 So, I'm happy to say that. I, I hear what you're saying.

18:31:01 I think we get a little confused about what to do like. I can appreciate the comment about the survey because I think you know Mary Jo is trying to figure out if this group wants to meet even if we don't have something for you to do.

18:31:13 And I hope my internet's okay. I'm a little slow. But.

18:31:20 I think that what Mary Joe heard is that people like to have this meeting, even if there isn't something.

18:31:27 That we need to weigh in on. So I'm not, so if you, something we're trying to figure out with you also.

18:31:32 I will say that we generally need technical input, it's true. And I would say that also because.

18:31:45 Just in terms of talking about how the transportation division works. We, the transportation system plan. In Multnomah County, which is, you know, a policy document and a project list is for the rural areas.

18:32:01 The transportation system plans, the policy, technically the policy documents for the urban areas where we have by compact infrastructure are all within the cities.

18:32:10 So the city of Trout Dale has their own TSP and so does Fairview. And so this would village.

18:32:15 And so we, you know, from a policy perspective, we haven't really had an overarching policy document.

18:32:22 We kind of toy with it every couple of years, but our board has not said. Yes, go forth and having policy.

18:32:29 So, so I think it's hard for us to like get policy policy input. We have a lot of desire from at a staff level for you to provide us input at a project level.

18:32:39 As an example, I know this committee is not super satisfied with what we've brought to you for 2 50 seventh.

18:32:46 At the same time our staff went last night to Troutdale and Travel hates that we're narrowing the lanes and adding a buffer.

18:32:54 On 2 57 so they want to complain to the senator so it helps us to hear from you to balance that out.

18:33:02 I couldn't call you beforehand and say, please go to that meeting and tell them what you think, but it helps us to have had that input.

18:33:09 From you in advance. So I will say that at a project level, we do. You know, we try, we try to have this committee help us make that case when the cities don't like things we're doing.

18:33:26 I think that was helpful for me. Michael, are you okay if I move to Greg and then John and Klaus or do you have a follow up?

18:33:37 No, I, Jessica, that was, that was helpful. I think that's a good start.

18:33:41 Would still love to have more of a discussion about that, but that was helpful. On mute.

18:33:47 Okay. Okay. So I see Greg then John and Klaus.

18:33:54 Okay, thank you. I agree with Michael. And, Pretty much all the points he made from what we did as a committee.

18:34:03 10 to 15 years ago. Was the staff would bring in. Hi, projects that are under consideration. And we would review them and we would help the staff.

18:34:17 Come up with maybe some alternatives to what was being presented and the staff would Go back and rework the plans and.

18:34:26 Come up with a new set and come back to us again and we'd go through that process. With a.

18:34:34 Till I got to a point where it could be put out to bid or at least put up some documents that were like.

18:34:42 80%. Completed and so that worked well. What's happened over the last couple of years Yes, we've gone away from that because the motion now is we.

18:34:57 Are chartered to. Advise the County Commission. Which is leaving it hard. Portion there that Michael was referring to that.

18:35:11 We're not. Really advising the staff and helping create. Better projects or making more additions to Omar subtractions from.

18:35:24 And because of that, we've evolved into every time some comes up for recommendations. We're referred to.

18:35:34 We can give our own comments. And I don't know if we give our own comments if we can only use our name or if we can use we're a member of the County bicycle.

18:35:47 And pedestrian advisory committee. See, I get the feeling you don't want that. They, we could do it as an individual and play.

18:35:54 And that's Let us I don't even feel like. Coming to some of these meetings because All I'm gonna hear is, well, I can go right.

18:36:04 To the project managers and give my opinion. Well, If you just leave me on my stuff, I could give my opinion without going through a meeting process.

18:36:12 I think the charter needs to be addressed. More closely like was referred to by Michael. That we can put in there that as a committee we can address.

18:36:25 And work with staff. Rather than just being an independent person. A member of the community and no member.

18:36:34 Of the, advisory committee is authorized to really give. Any recommendations as a committee and so.

18:36:45 It's disappointing and the way we involve but it's not we're not the only one that's done that the city Gresham has done the same thing.

18:36:54 They would bring their projects. Or a, not a recommendation, but approval. To the transportation committee.

18:37:07 So we never got to look at a project until it was all ready to bid. And I finally just retired from.

18:37:16 That committee after being chairman for about 15 years. Because I was there were just nothing going on there.

18:37:24 We just wove yes or no and then everybody went home happy. Oh, and we didn't even get a chance to put any input into it.

18:37:32 And that's the way I feel we're. Evolving as a County and which we go back and look at that.

18:37:39 Charter and go through the whole thing. And come up with something that's I'm sure everybody on the committee feels it could be.

18:37:49 More a part of a project than what we got now. So, thank you.

18:37:54 Great, thank you so much. John?

18:37:58 Yeah, thank you. So I think, Michael for some really insightful comments. I think it's gotten us all thinking and reflecting back some of what Michael was getting at.

18:38:13 Having served on this committee a number of times. Dating back to believe 2015 or so. I've had the pleasure of seeing I don't say hi, how's, and lows, but a lot of different opportunities being on this committee.

18:38:30 So hearing some of these comments, I can think of a lot of specific times that would apply to many of the the compliments and complaints that are being raised here.

18:38:42 And specifically for some of the the newer folks which is quite a few people. I'm thinking of.

18:38:53 A lot of the good moments that we had meeting in person and specifically I think back to the times when we were.

18:39:02 Fortunate to actually have some of the county commissioners come to our meetings. Which was probably a lot easier when we were in the the Maloma County building where they're already working.

18:39:13 And so the first thing that I would say kind of getting at, you know, who are we actually working for who are we?

18:39:19 Advising. It would definitely be helpful to be able to continue to. Benefit from you know those sorts of relationships with the commissioners directly.

18:39:33 And, at the same time as someone who. You know, in my day job also. Works in government.

18:39:42 Understanding the limitations of a advisory committee. To what is in effect as.

18:39:52 As Jessica was kind of getting at, the county is actually responsible and specifically the transportation division is responsible for relatively few of the facilities that many of you know for example the fatalities and other sorts of things that we're talking about and we're just talking about.

18:40:10 Not just lane miles, but actual. You know, vehicle miles traveled on these facilities, predominantly rural and a bunch of other situations that are unique.

18:40:22 There's the bridges of course. But other than that, it's. A fairly limited area that we are commenting on.

18:40:31 And so I've definitely heard from some colleagues. Who have joined and may not even still be on this committee specifically because they joined thinking that there would be a kind of wider influence.

18:40:45 And so I think that's a Trying to think I'd say it's nicely a common misconception about the the limited amount of influence of the county's transportation division and therefore this committee.

18:40:58 And so yeah, just more ability to clarify what the actual role. Is and specifically I think kind of what Michael is getting at is figuring out what is gonna be the most helpful.

18:41:11 In advising the county in to figuring out a lot of these issues. As we're getting better understandings about.

18:41:19 You know, it's not just bike pet issues. These are livability issues. There's housing, there's a bunch of other things that there's health.

18:41:28 There's other things that are technically different parts of the county and just trying to understand how all of those different.

18:41:33 Things come together. And it can be difficult and frustrating when you only have the ability to advise on one very particular.

18:41:41 Part in a very complicated web. And so. I don't really have any.

18:41:48 Solution to any of that. But just It's a difficult issue to understand and I appreciate you coming and and working with everyone and interviewing the members and I would just echo Michael's comment if I think you should also make sure you're interviewing the staff and and and higher ups just to see.

18:42:09 How we can be most effective. I've been on many technical advisor committees as the traffic engineer.

18:42:16 I enjoy having those technical comments. And it's great to actually see when some of those little things get implemented, but oftentimes it's pretty little things like a little curb a couple of over there or a stop sign moved a couple of feet.

18:42:31 And so just be nice to see ways that we can have. Impacts where we know we're really improving and potentially even saving lives.

18:42:40 I also just want to do, so that's my comment and then just as a chair for a day.

18:42:48 Just a quick time check. It seems like we've got a lot to talk about. And since we were ahead of schedule.

18:42:54 I see a number of hands. So. I don't think anyone's gonna complain if we just keep going for another 10, maybe 15 min.

18:43:02 Awesome. Yeah, that's sounds good. Okay, so I see Klaus Chris and Michael.

18:43:10 So, couple of things that are confusing to me in that I think we can quickly, hopefully quickly clear up.

18:43:18 One is the issue of technical input versus put policy input and the other issue is the limitations of an advisor committee in terms of its role.

18:43:28 Jessica, you mentioned that somehow The comments on 2 57 caused. Enough of a stir that political response happened.

18:43:42 So this was from a seemingly technical advisory committee and I'm really unclear about. The distinction, the ultimate distinction between the 2.

18:43:54 Let's say speed cameras on, on marine drive. Well, we can, we can advise the the county on the efficacy of that.

18:44:06 And then in the end it's going to come become a political issue whether it's going to be implemented or not.

18:44:10 It's that that then it leaves the technical. Realm. So I think we are always doing both.

18:44:16 And Beyond that, I am obviously not qualified to understand sidewalk widths and curb heights and all that kind of stuff.

18:44:28 That is not who I am. I am in involved person, a caring person that wants to have my and our life in Montnomo County safer and more joyous and more and just better in all ways and what little I can contribute what little leverage I have I want to.

18:44:48 That brings up the, issue of the limitation of, of an advisory committee. John, you just mentioned again, we shouldn't be deluding ourselves that we can be, you know, we can be players so to speak.

18:45:03 And yet, if we were 0 players in this, I don't think any of us would be sitting here once a month.

18:45:10 I think we all somehow expect that some of what we're doing and it recommending and our concerns and our worries about this and that red translates somehow, translates to little bit of a policy change.

18:45:28 Jessica's 257 is a good example. Maybe, you know, somehow the sidewalks might change a little bit.

18:45:34 Because of what we did here. So I, I want to, I don't want to be so flippant and say well.

18:45:41 We are not, we shouldn't overestimate ourselves. Also should should we shouldn't underestimate ourselves because again our motivation is here and all of us here that carve out time to to input it out to our community.

18:45:59 We are part of this community and splitting it up in technical or political is almost, you know, an afterthought.

18:46:06 We want to be heard on those issues. That Michael said, the county needs to be heard from. And in that regard, we want to know that that what we are being heard on somehow in the end moves their needle a little bit.

18:46:20 That's all. Thank you.

18:46:22 Great, thank you. Chris?

18:46:26 Yeah, I just wanted to add to the comments already made here, you know, that basically. Aligned with but.

18:46:35 And I apologize if I've already said this in a previous meeting. I can't remember if it was privately.

18:46:40 Feedback shared privately or or in this form but It seems that most of the projects brought to this forum that you know, could take input from this committee or also have their own public engagement processes already part of those projects.

18:47:02 And This committee doesn't carry any extra weight than a member of the public participating in those processes. So it doesn't really feel like we're adding any particular value.

18:47:14 Now, The selection criteria for the membership of the committee could be used to curate a body of Experts to provide some unique input that the public May not be able to but I you know I just like to ride bikes and I'm not particularly you know I don't know that I'm particularly more qualified than any other member of the public.

18:47:36 To do that so I don't know that we deserve any special treatment. Based on, you know, whatever criteria was used to collect this committee anyway.

18:47:46 But I think what I'm hearing and how I feel is that we're here to be able to have some additional influence.

18:47:53 Now maybe. The committee should be used for collecting input that does not have public input processes. And maybe those projects.

18:48:01 Are smaller for I don't know what criteria is used to decide whether you have to have public input or not.

18:48:07 But the ones that do not have those processes, maybe that's where this committee could be more. Beneficial.

18:48:15 That's all.

18:48:16 Okay, thank you. I'm Michael.

18:48:20 Hi, just keep this quick. Hi, primarily, and I think many of us did do come on to committee for pedestrian and bicycle safety.

18:48:29 I feel we're a bit hobbled because we're mandated to be focused working just through the transportation department.

18:48:37 And I'm just wondering if we can. If we can, we can broaden it to more to the county than just the transportation department.

18:48:45 Because there's so many more aspects than just the engineering infrastructure and but all we really care about and all we give input on our, you know, the engineering projects which ultimately to have an impact on.

18:48:57 On the safety of the people using them but There's so many more aspects to trying to get toward vision 0 such as law enforcement.

18:49:05 As an example, traffic enforcement. So I, I just wonder, can we broaden? Our mandate outside of the transportation department and not just be.

18:49:15 Focused on engineering projects. That's something I've always wondered. And I'll just leave it at that.

18:49:20 Yeah, great question. Thank you.

18:49:24 And it looks like maybe Mary Joe got dropped. I know she just mentioned that she was having some internet problems but Oh yeah, sorry, Jessica.

18:49:33 That's just Jessica. It's Jessica.

18:49:40 Okay. Anybody else? Like I said, this won't be the last time that we chat.

18:49:51 We will be scheduling some interviews with with you and others and you'll see some emails coming from either myself or my colleague at JLA.

18:50:04 Just to try to give you some options, probably what you'll see is a couple of different options and we'll ask that you Select which times work best for you and then we'll confirm and send an email confirmation and a calendar invite to you all just so that it's really clear if for some reason none of the times work we are trying to create a virtual you know comment form basically so that we

18:50:33 can have the questions and you can provide feedback. In a written format so we do what I provide those different options for you if we can't find a time that works because we do want to hear from you all.

18:50:47 I see, John, you have your hand up again.

18:50:50 Yeah, thank you for that. Context on kind of what to expect next. I'm curious, since I know we're all, fairly busy and only get to see each other in this meeting.

18:51:02 Once a month sometimes every other month. When should we be expecting, to be scheduling those interviews and then I assume Is this something that would be happening?

18:51:15 Virtual similar to this meeting.

18:51:18 Yeah, we figured virtual would probably be the easiest to schedule. I, you know, we like to do in person interviews just because.

18:51:26 You know, we're humans and we like to be with other humans typically. But, virtual is so nice for scheduling purposes.

18:51:37 So, we were thinking virtual, we are thinking early April, because we know there's spring break here in the midst for that affects some of you.

18:51:49 And so just try to get that all in. So we're hoping to send emails out in the next week.

18:51:58 To get things on your calendars.

18:52:02 Okay, perfect. Thank you. Jessica, see your back.

18:52:08 Mary Joe, anyone else from the county? Do you have any other? Comments or questions or anything you want to wrap up on

18:52:15 I am really sorry that my internet went down. I never work from home anymore because my meeting I'm here.

18:52:25 And I was really appreciating all of the things that I heard everyone say. And it is making me think about the things that I would like to get from this group because I do feel like I want like one of the things I really want is for us to think about like how we try to find more funding for bike and pet infrastructure too.

18:52:44 So anyway, I really appreciate everyone's comments tonight. Thank you.

18:52:47 Yeah, more funding would be would be great. I think it also raises the question of as we're looking at you know recruitment for the committee and now those sorts of things like what different members can can bring in terms of I have no experience with grant grant writing and those sorts of things, but it should be great if someone who did wanted to help out.

18:53:09 So.

18:53:10 Or just advocacy as a group too. Like they're still value there, like even if we don't have
18:53:18 I would love to be able to just pull money from thin air, but in the meantime. So thanks for that.

18:53:25 Any other any other comments? I don't see any other hands up. So I'm glad we're able to take a little bit of extra time.

18:53:32 I think that's an important discussion. To get started. And there'll be a lot more.

18:53:38 And I'm looking forward to. The interviews and I'm also looking forward to hearing what comes out of that.

18:53:44 So thank you for getting the discussion started and thank you for. Coming here to listen today, but also for everyone else.

18:53:52 To listen to each other and to continue to provide great feedback.

18:53:58 So.

18:53:57 Yeah, definitely. Thank you all so much. And like I said, we'll be in touch.

18:54:03 And and so just shout if there is something and I think. Would it be useful for me to, maybe I'll just stay on and just listen for a little bit longer.

18:54:18 Just to see how your meetings go. So, thank you all for just chatting with me tonight.

18:54:24 Yeah, thank you, Brandy and more than welcome to stay on and I think that's a great idea to see what we get up to.

18:54:31 And on that note, I'll pass it back to Mary Joe as well as Megan and Is Peyton here yet?

18:54:39 Not coming tonight.

18:54:40 Okay, so I guess I guess you 2 have safer at school.

18:54:45 Yep.

18:54:46 Great. Thank you so much. I do appreciate, having Brandy here and all of the great discussions and of course Jessica's support.

18:54:59 For the whole program. So this is, hopefully a good start for this new process that we're going through.

18:55:09 I'm gonna change hats now and put on my safe routes to school hat. Well, Oscar gets our slide.

18:55:15 Presentation up. Megan who's another member. And I will be giving the presentation, as an update.

18:55:24 For safe routes to school. So. As a reminder, the committee has. Received support.

18:55:34 Letters from this committee. For safe routes school program grants that we've been under so I'm trying to There we go.

18:55:47 So anyway, onto safe routes to school. Our East committee. Team is myself for the county.

18:55:56 And then bike horse by pair includes Megan who's here tonight and Peyton. Who is not here tonight.

18:56:03 We also work closely with. Our colleagues at the City of Portland. And in the city of Gresham.

18:56:11 So next slide.

18:56:15 I think most of you know, but just as a recap. Say for us to school is a program that is a national program.

18:56:23 To create a healthy, convenient and fun opportunities for students to walk and roll to and from school. And the goals and outcomes are that people get exercise, there's less traffic.

18:56:36 Around the schools. We get less absenteeism and better attendance. Families and kids get to walk to school together and have social time.

18:56:50 One of the biggest things is cleaner air and water. And Hopefully saving folks some money.

18:56:58 While walking and biking to school. Next slide. So this evening we're gonna go through sort of the scope of our project, which is Like where are the East County's schools and districts and cities?

18:57:14 Who's on the team and what do we do? The different grants that we've been under for the past chunk of time.

18:57:23 Our largest component has been our pedestrian and bike education. As well as our encouragement of events.

18:57:31 We've done additional support and then what we've all been waiting for is information and updates about our bike the bike fleet.

18:57:40 And bike lessons. Next slide. So this is our map of our East County schools and school districts. It is a very interesting and somewhat confusing set of schools.

18:57:57 School districts, cities and the county. So the colored blocks are the 3 different school groups, 3 different school districts that we work with.

18:58:08 The kind of reddish mob is Gresham Barlow. The blue is Reynolds and the green is Centennial School District.

18:58:16 The thick white line is the city of Gresham's boundary. And to the west or east of that boundary is city of Portland.

18:58:31 So you can see that for Reynolds and Centennial, they both have schools that are in, well, Centennial has schools that are in Gresham and Portland.

18:58:43 And then the blue chunk, the Reynolds School District. Has schools in Portland in Gresham and then the kind of yellowish is Fairview.

18:58:55 Then little little wood villages in there kind of slight turquoise and then Trout Dale has got the pink.

18:59:02 So it is a lot of different people to coordinate with. And providing Equal coverage to all the different schools out there.

18:59:14 So yeah, there are no schools in Wood Village, but all of. So students that live in Wood Village go to school in the Reynolds district.

18:59:23 So yeah, it's taken me a few years to keep all of it straight. And then we have a few schools like West Orient and East Orient and Sam Barlow that are actually outside of Gresham and there's another one deep.

18:59:37 Creek that's actually out of Maloma County and in Clackabas County. So.

18:59:43 Lots and lots of things to keep track of. Next slide.

18:59:49 So as I mentioned before, we have our staff for Maloma County, which is myself and help that I get from other folks.

18:59:59 My main partner in this has been byike Works by Pear and Megan will cover that.

19:00:09 City of aggression staff work with us city of Portland Peebot, Portland Bureau of Transportation.

19:00:15 And then we've also received. Support from alt design and planning through a task order that we have worked worked with them.

19:00:24 Next slide. So this is a timeline of the different grants that we've had. The blue as the county and the orange is bike works.

19:00:36 And the thickness of the lines may not. Impart like how much FTE we've had.

19:00:44 And we are over here all the way to the far right in 2024. So at this current time, the darker blue indicates the grant is happening.

19:00:54 I'm under a metro grant for point 2% of my FTE. To be coordinating.

19:01:03 And then down here in the orange. Is bike works and they have currently an FT one FTE from O.

19:01:13 Which is Megan's position that's going to end this. And then we have a newish grant.

19:01:20 From Metro for one FTE. And that is Peyton's position overseeing the bike fleet.

19:01:28 So. And then we do have a new grant that we're applying for. This fall to start continue to continue Megan's grant.

19:01:41 So it's a lot of. Writing reports, writing. Quarterly reports writing final reports So.

19:01:51 So next slide.

19:01:56 Alright, so our biggest component of the program has been our pedestrian safety lessons. I started in 2018 and I was just basically doing cold calls to all the schools.

19:02:09 They were not very interested in safe route to school, but I was able to get my foot in the door with this.

19:02:16 After school programs that are sun. And they agreed to let me come in and teach 30 min pedestrian safety lessons.

19:02:24 And I base those on a bigger program called neighborhood navigators that had been previously developed but was a much longer program.

19:02:32 So with the help of Alta and actually. Folks at the county I developed these anchor charts that have really strong visuals.

19:02:42 And did made these. Corporate roadways for interactive lessons and a little light up backup car. So off I went into the after school programs and next slide.

19:02:59 And then, COVID came. Oh, that didn't really, we couldn't really go into the schools anymore because there wasn't any of that happening.

19:03:09 But we did start, Working a lot more with the school districts being able to do virtual meetings.

19:03:17 Having that as was really a game changer in working with the school districts. So now I'm in introduce Megan who you all already know and she's gonna Take it from here for a while.

19:03:31 Talk about how we've expanded on our education and encouragement activities.

19:03:36 So yeah, I'm Megan. I started in March of 2021. So I've got about 3 years now and I work at bike works by pair, which is a nonprofit bicycle shop on 140 first and stark.

19:03:51 Used to be on 160 s but we moved with Rosewood Initiative to a better street facing building that is more accessible and all of that.

19:04:06 And basically we provide bikes to the community on a sliding scale and I was hired to do pedestrian safety and bicycle safety and East County to bridge the gap between.

19:04:19 Peebot schools, Moloma County and the city of Gresham with especially with that map and all the.

19:04:25 Boundaries and everything being all crazy like that. So, next slide, please.

19:04:35 We've done, over 476 lessons with 10,000 students since I started.

19:04:45 Just since, the fall of this year of 2023 we've done like 3,000 students that we've taught I think so this year we've made a lot of headway with getting into the PE.

19:04:58 Classes and teaching with. With the actual like PE time so that we're reaching every single student in the school.

19:05:11 Whereas with the Sun programs, we were only reaching a small portion of the school population. We do, K through eighth, but we tend to focus on K through fifth for the most part, especially with our pedestrian safety.

19:05:23 And so We also do summer school as well and we do do sun school when you know but it's been less frequent since we've been picking up the the pace with the PE teachers.

19:05:36 We've gotten every single school and Reynolds upset for one. Which is Alder elementary we've gotten every school in centennial sorry as far as elementary schools go scheduled for centennial we have all of them scheduled not all of them done yet but it's still something we've never done before until this year so that's really cool.

19:05:59 And Gresham Barlow School District. We also had a meeting with all of their PE teachers in the elementary schools and we've got about I think half of them scheduled so far for spring.

19:06:11 Which is some great headway as well. And so and we're continuing to do that and make had safety more streamlined within schools.

19:06:23 Next slide please.

19:06:26 Oh yeah, and then the last slide you don't need to go back, but we are trying to get trained the trainer with Peebots so trying to offer a longer.

19:06:36 Curriculum is tied to state standards and stuff like that, but we've known we've found that PE teachers in East County haven't been able to take on that longer curriculum, which is why it's so important for us to come in and teach these thirty-minute lessons.

19:06:49 So that, you know, they can get introduced to it and stuff like that. So we also do encouragement events.

19:06:55 It's really helpful if we do the pedestrian safety and then the walk and roll events because then we get a lot more people that show up.

19:07:03 We did one March first for Trout Dale Elementary and they're one of our biggest schools to get a lot of people that show up.

19:07:12 So. We had, I think, a hundred 50 at the first 1, 100 at the second, and that was last year.

19:07:19 This year we had like I think around a hundred again. So, and that's in the winter time, so that's amazing.

19:07:24 We get less turnout at some of our other schools, what we've been doing, we've gotten done 3 walk and roll events at Davis Elementary in the Reynolds School District to help with their chronic absenteeism and stuff like that in a local apartment complex where they have a lot of students that don't show up.

19:07:44 They used to have a bus service there that is no longer there, so we try to help with that.

19:07:50 So yeah, basically any other time. One we have coming up is Dexter McCarty Middle School in Gresham Barlow School District on March, the twentieth.

19:08:01 You guys are welcome to come join the walk if you want. We're starting at Maine City Park.

19:08:07 At 9 10 am if you want to come meet us and then we wait for about 10 min and then we walk or ride our bikes to the school.

19:08:18 And so it takes about like 20 min if you're walking and obviously a lot less if you're riding your bike.

19:08:24 So yeah, feel free to come to that if you can. And let's see, we also do other things.

19:08:31 So we just went to the centennial high school for this Learned Shared Do Fair, which is in partnership with Multnomi County Sustainability and Gresham sustainability and basically they wanted to bring resources to the community.

19:08:48 We went there we had we gave away helmets and we also had our bike blender and made smoothies so we do things like that throughout the year.

19:08:58 And so yeah, we want to also do something of our own. We're going to be doing something similar, I should say, a bike rodeo on.

19:09:10 Oh, that's on the next slide. Go to go to the next slide, I think.

19:09:14 Oh, I think I'm getting ahead of myself. Yeah, yeah, I've got the, okay, cool.

19:09:15 I have the, yeah, I have the flyer. Available too.

19:09:21 I'll talk about that in a second then before I get ahead of myself. So yeah, since March, the 2021, we've had 28 of these walk and roll to school events.

19:09:28 We've had some really cool ones that Mary Jo's been really, you know, instrumental in helping organize the Wilkes Elementary Hispanic Heritage Month.

19:09:39 We had like a parade with like Aztec dancers. I think that's what it was.

19:09:43 And, and stuff like that. And as you can see in these photos, they had banners and it was just really cool.

19:09:50 We also had the city of Gresham police come and help block off the road. On 170 s Halsey right there at that rapid flashing beacon.

19:10:03 We have also. Done other stuff that's not quite as big as that but other stuff.

19:10:09 We, we also have, Megan that will dress up in school mascot costumes to greet the children.

19:10:17 Yeah.

19:10:17 Which is always a big hit.

19:10:21 Yep, that's fun. And yeah, the kids always like that, so I definitely try to do that anytime that I can.

19:10:29 Next slide.

19:10:33 I do wanna just add that on that previous slide. These events having a walk and roll event at a school is very dependent on the school principal.

19:10:43 And the staff at the school being able to support us. Being able to get the message out to all their students.

19:10:52 Have staff join us on the walks. So we're still sort of doing school by school with this, but we are making headway.

19:11:02 And then we have encouragement events. So kind of like the helmet giveaways and things like that.

19:11:08 We try to have our own. So, we have, The it's on it's on the next slide.

19:11:16 I'm gonna start talking about it right now. There's a March thirtieth bike rodeo at Davis.

19:11:23 Skate park or Davis Park. And it's on one ninety-fourth in Gleeson.

19:11:28 They're the background to that is that the city of Gresham has gotten funding for a permanent slash semi permanent traffic playground so they're gonna do the thermoplastic on the ground and do like you know like Dashed lines for roadways and put some thermoplastic stop signs on the ground and some yield signs and stuff like that.

19:11:50 And then budget allowing, we're also going to do mascots for the. 3 surrounding schools.

19:11:57 So Salish Ponds Elementary, Davis Elementary, and Hartley Elementary, and there's a little cul-de-sac right there that we're hoping to maybe thermoplastic.

19:12:06 I'm on right there so that kids can like weigh fine to that park and find their mascot.

19:12:11 So that's up in the air right now, but again, this this event is basically to kind of showcase that.

19:12:18 We're also gonna have our bike fleet there. So youth, youth sized bikes, with a Like,

19:12:29 Obstacle course sort of thing and then also like I learned to ride area so for riders that aren't quite as comfortable.

19:12:37 And then another thing that goes along with this is we also made a traffic playground at Bike Works.

19:12:46 The bikes were bike works location. And so we haven't activated it yet, but we're hoping to do that on Saturday, May, the eighteenth.

19:12:55 We haven't, organized that event yet quite, but we want to. Activate the traffic playground and have folks come and have some sort of event that goes on so maybe mark your calendars we'd love to see you guys there to help with that as well if you can and more information to come on that.

19:13:22 Yeah, I have that in my staff updates too.

19:13:17 And then Mary Jo has the flyer for the Davis Park bike. And then next slide.

19:13:30 Okay, so, I kind of talked about the bike rodeos. Bike rides we also do.

19:13:38 We've done one the last couple of days in the 2,022 and 2,023 we did a ride with the city of Gresham the last one we did with them was to highlight the Gresham Fairview Trail.

19:13:53 Why East to Gresham Fairview Trail, addition. So right there by the food carts.

19:14:00 And so there was an event for that and we did a 4 mile route on our bikes that was community, family friendly.

19:14:10 And that was a good event, so we're hoping to do more things for bike month this May as well in that regard.

19:14:17 We were talking about maybe doing a similar route to highlight why east because the city aggression wants to do more with that route.

19:14:26 And, Do something may, May fifth possibly Sunday May, the fifth is when we were talking about doing a bike ride for that.

19:14:35 Next slide.

19:14:47 Oops.

19:14:39 Bicycle safety, so that's where Peyton would have come in. She is someone we hired in October of 2,023 and we've got the bike fleet ready.

19:14:56 Okay.

19:14:51 I do believe it's like 40 bikes. They're, most of them are 24 inch size from what I remember and, We are, we have.

19:15:01 2 schools set up so far with their Sun program to pilot this. And that'll be after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays for about an hour-ish.

19:15:13 And it'll go for 3 weeks at Salish Ponds Elementary and then I think we have something similar set up with Centennial Middle School.

19:15:23 We might get another, sun school to pilot as well, but we also have a scooter fleet thing with Hartley Elementary with their son school that we're working with.

19:15:36 Metro because they have a scooter fleet that they loan out that we can use. So they have like 12 scooters that they want to give away to their kids.

19:15:54 Yeah.

19:15:46 So we're trying to help make sure they're safe when they do get those. So anything else you can think to add on this slide, Mary Jo, I think I covered it all.

19:15:58 Yeah, we're just super excited that we got the bike. The bike fleet was donated by P.

19:16:05 It's their old bike fleet that we that the folks from Bikeorks, our previous by coordinator, Madeline, worked on and the other staff at bike works worked on it and we've got a trailer and we've got secure storage for the trailer thanks to the city of Gresham.

19:16:25 That is near there where they are police cars are stored so it's hopefully very secure. And we're really looking forward to getting that bike fleet out.

19:16:37 We know that it's a lot more exciting. To learn about bike safety than pedestrian safety.

19:16:42 And the, there are other bike programs in the state. The state of have the state safe after school program has several fleets but they deploy those.

19:16:54 And they do a train the trainer where they take the bike fleet to a school, they train the staff.

19:16:59 And then they leave the bike fleet there. And so. Ours is a little bit different because we could have our instructors stay with those bikes and teach for those schools in East County.

19:17:14 Next slide. Sorry that one photo. So, and thank you, Megan.

19:17:21 That was great. Other things that we've done as part of our safe routes to school program is help schools with site circulation.

19:17:27 We can help them with routing on campus and a little bit of help for off campus. I was at a meeting today for but with Butler Creek.

19:17:38 The woods that was across the street from their school is is now no longer. And it's being excavated to build I think 72 houses.

19:17:48 So they have a lot of circulation issues. It's, kind of, it's already a dead in school.

19:17:55 With a lot of circular with a lot like, 40% of the parents are driving. So, we're just trying to assist them with.

19:18:04 The help of city of Gresham. And educating and encouragement. To alleviate their traffic problems.

19:18:14 We've created walking route maps. We've done great, bus safety promotion.

19:18:20 We did a brochure in 6 different languages. We've created safe driving materials for parents and crossing guard tips.

19:18:28 Next slide.

19:18:31 Yeah, so we have a great robust program. It's been really fun to have it grow will be presenting.

19:18:38 Yeah, presentation on our collaboration, hopefully, at the next, organ active. Transportation Summit, which this year will be in June.

19:18:48 Thanks, Oscar. Now we can get to the questions I saw. Some questions coming in while I was talking.

19:18:57 Let's see. Right, Megan put in. So Valerie asked about the Drivers Ed program and we haven't specifically connected with that, but I know that Lindsey at the street trust is very interested in connecting with that and then also Tianna at O dot she has funding for students to get.

19:19:21 To pay for drivers ad. And I had given her your contact info, Valerie. So I don't know if she didn't get a hold of you or.

19:19:34 If that Maybe she found places for that funding, but they have to be students that will complete.

19:19:41 The training and yeah, Tiana, again, I'll send you an email with that.

19:19:53 Thanks. So my notes.

19:19:57 Any other questions?

19:20:06 I will. I have this in my staff notes, but I will share my. Screen for our bike rodeo.

19:20:19 Flyer and we would love to have anybody helping us volunteering to help us at the bike at our bike radio.

19:20:28 Events. So again, it's Saturday, March thirtieth from 11 to 2 at day Davis Park.

19:20:35 As Megan mentioned, it's a bike event, but it's also like trying to encourage people to come to this park because Gresham will be in stalling a traffic playground there.

19:20:48 So. We're pretty excited about about the whole thing.

19:20:52 And again, as Megan said, trying to focus it on. Families that live close to that particular park.

19:21:03 Fighting. Will the traffic playground be open by then? Or is that a future project?

19:21:07 No. No, it's hopefully they'll be able to get it installed within the next year.

19:21:16 Traffic playgrounds often have like stand alone smaller signs, you know, like street signs, but that is also very difficult thing to, have park maintenance, you know, for the mowers and stuff.

19:21:30 So. Carly, aggression kind of had to rethink. The traffic playground and as Megan mentioned a lot of it will wind up being the thermoplastic.

19:21:41 On the sidewalks and in that cul-de-sac. Instead of like standalone signs.

19:21:47 That then get knocked over by. Humans or mowers or whatnot. So trying to make it.

19:21:56 Universal.

19:21:57 Yeah, I heard that I think the timeline is hoping for summer time, but that you know you never know and stuff like that.

19:22:06 And then yeah, they were hoping to do, You know, stand up signs, but yeah, the mowers and stuff, but also apparently that park has been known for vandalism so they were trying to keep it real simple for maintenance and things like that so that they didn't have a bunch of issues moving forward.

19:22:23 So.

19:22:27 Very cool. Thanks for sharing. I see, Greg has a question and then, After that we'll move on to staff updates.

19:22:37 Yeah, I was looking at my calendar. It looks like on March thirtieth, I can.

19:22:43 Volunteer to be there. It looks, all the other dates you've. Popped up by my town.

19:22:53 Of course you are.

19:22:53 On.

19:22:50 Right, my bike in California. So. So, anyway, keep me in mind because I have memory issues, but I did write on my calendar, let me know.

19:23:04 Thank you.

19:23:02 Great. Thanks, Greg.

19:23:05 Thank you.

19:23:10 Alright.

19:23:10 Hey, good to see you some more folks in the chat as well. So. Thanks for sharing all that information.

19:23:17 Hope folks are able to make it out and I will pass it back to you, Mary Joe, for staff updates.

19:23:23 Excellent, thank you. I, I'm gonna try to share my screen again because. I did not get this done in time for Oscar.

19:23:36 So basic staff updates. So. Alright.

19:23:44 So I did want to talk to you about the survey results, which we talked about earlier. And that it does seem like folks are interested in informational.

19:23:57 Presentations. Also there was interest in in person. Meetings. So I think what we'll try to do is potentially have.

19:24:11 A meeting or 2 in person. And, we are starting to. Have more time in the Maloma building you'll see here at the bottom of my staff updates is that the planning staff for transportation staff are moving to hybrid work model and we'll be checking in at the Multnomah building at Hawthorne.

19:24:34 Grant, M. And so I'm getting to know that building and I know that there's some problems with doing like.

19:24:42 Hybrid meetings. I was in a hybrid meeting yesterday that was very challenging to be on the computer and couldn't really hear everyone in the room because they didn't have the microphones all around the room.

19:24:54 So as I get more familiar with the Multnomah building and the options that we have there, I think it would be nice to have a in in person meetings once in a while.

19:25:05 Maybe every 4 months or so. Most folks that answer the survey did seem, interested in doing that and the Malnoma building does seem to be more central than out at the Yeon building.

19:25:22 I will also be sending the link. The Cdag meeting is tomorrow. So if people wanna listen in on that meeting, is that correct, Valerie?

19:25:30 That that meetings tomorrow evening.

19:25:35 Yeah, that was.

19:25:37 Thanks. So I'll send the link for that. And then. You heard all about SAFE ROSS to school, so we would love to get your help at the bike rodeo.

19:25:48 Bike rides and summer outreach. So I'll keep you posted as to the dates and times and locations of that.

19:25:57 Let's see.

19:26:01 Let's see if I have anything else to say if I could figure out how to get out of this.

19:26:09 Are there any questions? About anything? Else that we've done.

19:26:16 Okay. This evening.

19:26:21 Okay, now I can get back to my survey. So we did have. A fair number of folks are still interested in attending meetings with informational only.

19:26:32 People were interested in in person meetings. And then most of the subjects that we had, potential presentations on people were mostly interested in that.

19:26:45 So I appreciate everyone that did fill out the. The survey so we can get a better idea of what we're going to do the rest of the year.

19:26:58 And that's all that I have. Okay. I forgotten anything, Jessica. Oscar.

19:27:09 I can give a brief update on what I know about where are the Halsey Corridor project is.

19:27:16 I think that was a plan that Areni. And Bob shared information about maybe last time we met, I can't remember for sure.

19:27:25 Okay. So it's getting closer to having that final design that you saw. And each of the cities, this is kind of related to what I said before about the cities being.

19:27:37 Like, the, our roads being in the city's transportation system plans. So each of the cities are gonna go and adopt that plan.

19:27:50 And the county will also and then we will consider it across section overlay so we don't have any money to construct it but as development comes in along the corridor.

19:28:01 That's kind of our mechanism for trying to get the development to help contribute to the improvements along that corridor.

19:28:08 We did meet with Mac Minimsans in general. It's been really good to have that plan and have it show that the community and the people that looked at that plan and weighed in on it really want to have bike impeded infrastructure on that section of road.

19:28:24 Because I think for Mac Minimsans they really like that sort of. Rural feel. And but I think what we've been hearing through the processes that people want safer infrastructure along that roadway.

19:28:34 So that was the message that we took to make minimums and we're kind of working with them to see like, are there unique ways to design it that.

19:28:42 Still kind of meet what McMahon is hoping for and yet. Create that safety that we know the community wants.

19:28:48 So that's, there's no timeline right now for when those are gonna be scheduled, but maybe we can provide that information when we know it.

19:28:56 If you want to go to the city councils or to the board once we adopt it to wait to weigh in on that.

19:29:04 And then just maybe to clarify what I said earlier about 2 57. I don't know if it helped what I put in the comments but.

19:29:12 We the design that, is ultimately what we'll construct on 2 50 seventh is there are sections of 2 57 where the vehicle lanes are 11 feet and then there are sections where right now they are 12 to 12 and a half feet.

19:29:28 And wherever that is, the design has been intended to narrow the vehicle lanes to 11 feet. And create a buffer for the bike lane.

19:29:37 And that is the. Solution that the Trout Dale City Council is uncomfortable with. So they would rather it remain.

19:29:46 The wider vehicle lanes. And I think that is because they see it as a freight route and they don't want to see it narrowed but Our staff went to that meeting last night and said all of the right things around narrowing language and slowing speeds and safety and what we heard from the community.

19:30:05 So we don't plan to change that. That's where we are right now. We anticipate they might try to elevate it to.

19:30:13 Their senator but we again don't plan to change that approach and I think we're still scheduled to do construction next summer.

19:30:24 Klaus.

19:30:25 Yeah, quick question about that. It's a county road in the city within the city of Troutdale, right?

19:30:36 So would you not have, Do the trump card there? No.

19:30:45 Okay.

19:30:41 Well, we kinda do. So here's the weird thing. The way that the Oh, the organ revised statute is written is that cities are the road authority.

19:30:52 So this is the legal interpretation we've been provided by our legal council. Per the ORS, the cities have the road authority.

19:31:00 And then there's another LRS that says cities cannot, one jurisdiction cannot compel another jurisdiction to spend money in a certain way.

19:31:08 And then we also recognize our own liability when we choose to do or not do things that the road authority wants.

19:31:18 It's not, it's not as simple as it would be if, you know, we were a city and they were our roads.

19:31:26 And it forces us to work a lot more closely with the jurisdiction. That has the road authority to try to get to a solution that we can all agree to.

19:31:35 So it's more of a push and pull that you're yeah fundamentally We won't construct something just because they want it, because they're also not paying for it.

19:31:46 So we're, you know, like we're, we have to construct what we can afford to construct and what we are.

19:31:50 Comfortable taking on the liability.

19:31:52 So from similar situations in the past, what is your prediction how this is going to end?

19:31:58 I think we will construct it the way that we have planned for it and designed it. I don't think we're gonna, I don't think we'll change that.

19:32:04 Thank you. Thanks.

19:32:06 But I'm not, I mean, you know. That's all we want. Politics or politics.

19:32:11 Whereas as long as you keep pushing. Yeah, yeah. Okay.

19:32:14 So we'll, yeah, exactly. Exactly. We don't plan to change what we've designed.

19:32:19 Valerie.

19:32:21 Yeah, just thanks for the information about, what's going on, with the 250 seventh street project.

19:32:30 I'm curious. So was it a, city council meeting that you learned of their position on the width of the bike lanes versus the traffic lanes.

19:32:43 Yes, I mean, I think we had been hearing that there were some counselors that were concerned and then they had they agendaized it and then staff invited our staff to attend to answer any questions.

19:32:56 Does that help?

19:32:56 Do you feel that there is a sufficient voice at those meetings from bicyclists versus Dr.

19:33:06 I don't, I to the extent that I don't know that a lot of community members show up and I think most of the counselors.

19:33:12 Hmm.

19:33:17 Okay.

19:33:14 Maybe or not, basically. I don't know for sure. Yeah, so I don't think it got a lot of.

19:33:23 Like press in advance of it happening for people to come out and one way or the other.

19:33:28 It just seems like both with 250 seventh street and Halsey that there should be more of a.

19:33:36 Understanding and priority for bicyclists issues that doesn't seem to be rising to the surface as much as it should.

19:33:40 Yeah. You know, it's interesting because I feel like our East Maloma County Transportation Committee and Lac Tech, we went through a process a year and a half ago or 2 years ago where we updated the bylaws.

19:33:53 And they identified safety. And equity as their highest priorities and to focus on. So we kind of try to use that as part of our message.

19:34:01 Like you as a group, you're, you know, you're an elected official from each of your cities.

19:34:07 Agreed in this body to prioritize those things and that is kind of what we're trying to do.

19:34:14 We're trying to create, you know, like build things that. You know, adhere to those policies.

19:34:20 So we kind of use that message too. But it's not, you know, it's not a government, it doesn't actually, it's not a decision making body.

19:34:28 So that's why we always try to push. You know, we use our staff and use our, knowledge to try to.

19:34:34 Make decisions that are consistent with. Safety and equity.

19:34:42 Klaus.

19:34:43 This this harks back to what we talked about earlier tonight, mainly the input of individuals versus a our group to maybe consider that as part of our job too to have a you know, I wouldn't say lobbying effort, but to have at least input as a group.

19:35:01 Okay. Okay.

19:35:04 Into these processes at this stage.

19:35:07 Yeah, so I think that's a I think that's a really good idea and I did I did wonder I was like can I reach out to the bike pen committee and tell them about this meeting?

19:35:17 I don't know what the rules are. So that's something we investigate too.

19:35:27 Well thank you for sharing Jessica and thank you for the questions. Anyone else have any other questions or Jessica?

19:35:36 Do you have anything else to share?

19:35:46 Okay. If that's it for staff updates.

19:35:51 There's open share project updates, other business. I think that's Pretty much what we just finished up.

19:35:58 And if I'm, if I'm looking at the Agenda looks like we're right on time, so.

19:36:05 If there's no more comments, I will call this meeting to close and thank you to everyone and have a great evening.

19:36:15 Thank you, everyone.

19:36:18 Thanks for sharing, John.

19:36:20 Thank you.

19:36:20 Thanks, John.