

East Multnomah County Transportation Committee

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Meeting Minutes April 1, 2013

Members

Diane McKeel
Lisa Barton Mullins
Josh Fuhrer
Doug Daoust
Tim Clark
Susie Lahsene

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City of Fairview
City of Gresham
City of Troutdale
City of Wood Village
Port of Portland

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Multnomah County
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Multnomah County
Multnomah County
Metro
City of Wood Village
Port of Portland
ODOT

Guests

Shirley Craddick	Metro
Rich Allen	City of Troutdale
Greg Olson	Chair of Gresham Subcommittee on Transportation and Multnomah County Bike/Ped Committee
Steve Entenman	EMEA
Alison Hart	Gresham Chamber of Commerce

Welcome and Chair's Comments

EMCTC Chair, Commissioner McKeel called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM with introductions. A quorum was present.

Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Review and Approval of March 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the March 11, 2013 meeting were emailed to the group prior to the meeting and also available at the meeting. The committee reviewed the minutes. Councilor Barton Mullins made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Clark seconded the motion. There was no discussion to the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Regional Travel Options Grant

Joanna went over the scoring matrix with the staff recommendation for the RTO Grant. She reminded the group of the two projects before them, one from the Gresham Chamber of Commerce and one from the West

Columbia Gorge Consortium. She went over the funding available and the process for the grant awards. Councilor Barton Mullins asked about the make-up of the committee at Metro. The committee is made up of representatives of Metro and non-Metro staff. Mayor Daoust asked about the process. Joanna clarified the process including the subcommittee review and the Metro RTO committee review process. Joanna went over the matrix and staff recommendation recommending funding of the Gresham Chamber of Commerce project.

Mayor Daoust asked about how the East County subcommittee funding would be allocated with the Gresham Chamber being chosen to receive the funding. Joanna responded that the staff recommendation identifies that the Gresham Chamber would receive the East County funding. This would cover a portion of the ask with the rest of the Gresham Chamber ask being considered as part of the competitive grant process. Joanna went over the requested funds for each project. Councilor Barton Mullins reviewed the projects with Fairview Council, and their scoring found that the Gresham Chamber scored higher than the West Columbia Gorge Consortium application.

Mayor Daoust commented that he had written a letter for both applications and in the letter he had indicated support for the Gresham Chamber receiving the full East County allotment and support for the West Columbia Gorge Consortium application competing in the regional competitive funding pot. Councilor Clark and Susie supported this proposal. Susie added that if one application isn't successful, then the committee and applicant can work on making a stronger application for the next round. Councilor Fuhrer asked about the different funding pots. Joanna responded going over the funding available at the sub regional and regional competitive level.

Commissioner McKeel asked for a motion. Mayor Daoust made a motion to award the Gresham Chamber of Commerce project the full East County allotment, and for the remainder of the Gresham Chamber project and the entire West Columbia Gorge Consortium project be included in the regional competitive pool for consideration for full funding, with the Gresham Chamber project being ranked higher than the Consortium project for consideration. Councilor Barton Mullins seconded the motion. There was no discussion to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

JPACT Agenda

John Mermin went over the five discussion items on the agenda. The RTP amendments include portions of the East Metro Connections Plan (EMCP) for NE 238th and policy changes to the RTP system map, and 12 other projects from the region. The public comment period is currently in progress for the amendments. Kim Ellis will be coming to EMCTC next month to go over the Climate Smart Scenarios Project. The agenda item covers Health Impact Assessments of the scenarios as well as input on evaluation criteria for the analysis that will occur over the summer. Comments on Congressman Blumenauer's Carbon Tax Legislation will be sought under one agenda item. The last agenda item is a quick update on the 150% Regional Flex Funds List.

Karen inquired about the two page memo on the Transportation Policy Group and what the make-up and purpose of the group would be. John responded that that group is new to him as well and asked if Rich might have more information. Rich will look into it and see if he can get more information for EMCTC.

Commissioner McKeel asked for clarification on the 150% list on the JPACT agenda. John clarified that the list is for the MTIP and not the STIP. Councilor Craddick asked for clarification on which projects are on the list. The Gresham projects for Hogan Road and Sandy are on the list for the Regional Flex Funds. Joanna went over the different funding opportunities and projects under each funding pot at the State and Regional level.

CIPP Update

Joanna handed out the draft Capital Improvement Plan and Program and asked for EMCTC endorsement of the CIPP. The CIPP will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for adoption at a future meeting. Joanna went over the components of the 2014-2018 Update including rescoring of the road projects, and

addition of equity and health criteria. One comment was received during the comment period encouraging and supporting projects on Halsey.

Councilor Craddick asked about the project schedule for Arata. Joanna responded that design is projected for this summer, with possible construction starting this fall depending on funding schedules. Joanna went over the outreach plan which includes using the STARS tool for Safety, Health and Equity Credits for Arata Road. Joanna also went over the construction project. She indicated that funding is still being sought to complete the north side between Wood Village Blvd and 223rd. Councilor Barton Mullins asked about the midblock crossing. Joanna went over the components being explored which include a Rapid Flashing Beacon on Halsey.

Mayor Daoust asked for clarification on what is meant by equity. Joanna went over the STARS definition of equity including looking at demographics and age groups to ensure that everyone has equitable access to transportation.

Commissioner McKeel asked if folks have any more questions on the draft. Councilor Craddick mentioned funding opportunities for culverts under the Natural Areas Capital Grants program. Mayor Daoust asked about the funding for the Beaver Creek Culverts. Karen clarified that \$1M has been received under the Regional Flex Funds process and that the county was hoping to leverage this money with a funding opportunity with the Army Corps. The Army Corps funding has not been secured, so the \$1M will be programmed and the CIPP will be updated prior to going before the Board. Commissioner McKeel asked about the projects from the East Metro Connections Plan and if the projects were new or existing in the CIPP. Joanna responded that many of the projects existed with some additions to the 20-year needs resulting from the EMCP.

Mayor Daoust indicated his support as long as the Beaver Creek Project programming is updated. Councilor Barton Mullins added that the projects list reflects the past discussions and priorities for East County. Councilor Barton Mullins made a motion to endorse the 2014-2018 CIPP Update. Councilor Clark seconded the motion. There was no discussion to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

US-26 Springwater Intersection Improvement Project Update

Katherine went over the project and provided an update. The initial project looked at limiting movements at two intersections along US-26 on 267th and Stone Road. Community outreach resulted in concerns from the public, and therefore the project was changed to reallocate funds to a project on Hogan Road. The full cross-section of Hogan from Burnside to Powell will be constructed where it isn't currently built out. Upgrades to the signal system of the city will also be made. Design of the projects will occur this year with construction occurring next year. Katherine distributed news articles on the projects. Committee members agreed with the proposed reallocation of funds and addressing community concerns with the initial project on 267th and Stone. Councilor Fuhrer asked about the intersection at 181st and the demand there. Commissioner McKeel followed up asking about the projects and their relation to the East Metro Connections Plan. Katherine responded that the projects on Hogan is part of one of the packages identified and the system changes is part of the ITS improvements and TSMO project.

Councilor Craddick acknowledged that these projects build on the EMCP work and making improvements to the system. Commissioner McKeel added that these projects continue to emphasize the great work of the EMCP and identifying opportunities for East County. Councilor Fuhrer asked if there has been any consideration on adding a reader board system on I-84 that informs folks of which of the corridors has the least congestion. Katherine responded that a separate ODOT project may be able to support that. The city network could work with the ODOT system. Rich will provide an update on the ODOT project and timing. Rich also added that variable messaging is being explored along the US-26 corridor. Committee members talked about the different types of technology available for monitoring traffic.

Councilor Craddick added that they are working on how to keep EMCTC and East County informed with the EMCP and progress made since adoption.

Other Business

Joanna presented an ask for a letter of support from Kristen Stallman at ODOT for a Federal Lands Access program grant project to take a look at tourism related congestion at the Gorge. The project will identify issues and will look at strategies to address the issues related to traffic congestion especially during the peak summer season. Committee members discussed the need to look at traffic in the Gorge. Susie made a motion to endorse the application and submit a letter of support. Councilor Clark seconded the motion. There was no discussion to the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Katherine updated the group on the STIP application for the Powell-Division corridor and encouraged folks to submit letters of support for all three of the East County projects for the STIP. Katherine will email out the flier to encourage comments.

Councilor Craddick informed the group of the Policy Makers Bike Ride, and that this year's ride will be on the Historic Columbia River Trail on August 2nd. She asked if EMCTC would be interested in hearing more about the ride. More information will be sent out as it becomes available. Staff will work with Metro on scheduling someone to talk to EMCTC about the ride.

Rich provided a quick update on ODOT projects. He will be presenting project updates at a future EMCTC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.