

# 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, December 13, 2021 3:00pm-5:00pm, Virtual Meeting/Zoom

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

✓	Indicates person attended meeting
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✓	<b>Members</b>	<b>Representing</b>
✓	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
	<b>EMCTC Staff</b>	<b>Representing</b>
✓	MaryJo Andersen	Multnomah County
✓	Jessica Berry	Multnomah County
✓	Alison Boyd	Multnomah County
✓	Eve Nilenders	Multnomah County
✓	Oscar Rincones	Multnomah County
	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Representing</b>
✓	Biran Monberg	Gresham
✓	Chris Strong	Gresham
✓	Jay Higgins	Gresham
✓	Shirley Craddick	Metro
✓	Eliot Rose	Metro
✓	Cary Stacey	Multnomah County
✓	Jon Henrichsen	Multnomah County
✓	Emily Miletich	Multnomah County
✓	Brendon Haggerty	Multnomah County
✓	Garet Prior	ODOT
✓	Vanessa Vissar	ODOT
✓	Eric Hesse	PBOT
✓	Melissa Johnston	Troutdale

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

Commissioner Lori Stegmann welcomed the group.

## 2. Opportunity for Public Comment and Announcements (00:00:37)

No public comment was provided for this meeting.

**(00:00:54)**

Councilor Kranz announced that she will be stepping down as the EMCTC Representative, Vice Chair and JPACT Alternate and Mayor Lauer will be transitioning as the representative for Troutdale. Councilor Kranz will remain in the alternate role for Troutdale.

**(00:04:27)**

Jessica explained that Chair and Vice Chair elections will take place in February and EMCTC should elect a JPACT Alternate in January. The Region 1 role will remain vacant for now and does not need to be an elected official.

EMCTC works with the City of Portland to choose the Region 1 representative because that person also represents Portland in addition to East County. If anyone in EMCTC is interested, please contact Jessica.

## 2. Review and Adoption of Prior Meeting Minutes (00:07:54)

*Action Item*

Minutes for the November meeting were presented for adoption.

A motion to approve was made by Mayor Stovall. It was seconded by Councilor Minor and unanimously approved.

## 3. Fatalities Report – MaryJo Andersen, Multnomah County (00:08:37)

*Information/Discussion Item*

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

## 4. Safety in the Work Zone Campaign - Jon Henrichsen, Multnomah County (00:14:29)

*Information Item*

Jon Henrichsen, Transportation Division Director, provided the group with a report on Multnomah County's "Safety in the Work Zone" social media campaign. The campaign is the county's first social media campaign and strives to get the public to slow down and be alert as they drive past county staff working in the field.

This was a response to staff complaints about drivers becoming more hostile during this last summer. The campaign budget was

The presentation was followed with an opportunity for the group to submit questions and comments **(00:21:30)**.

Councilor Miner suggested using decoy police cars and wondered about the cost of using those in the more dangerous work sites **(00:21:34)**. Jon will research the suggestion.

Commissioner Stegmann inquired on the budget for the campaign (\$500). The campaign has already received 4,500 views and is expected to get as many as 100,000.

Jon will have Mike Pullen forward a copy of the campaign that members can input into their social media outlets **(02:23:44)**.

## **5. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Overview and Opportunities for Input - ODOT (00:10:56)**

*Information/Discussion Item*

Vanessa Vissar, Strategic Initiative Advisor with ODOT in the Region 1 office, provided the group with a presentation on the IIJA that was signed into law in November.

An opportunity for questions and comments followed **(00:29:41)**.

Tom Bouillion, Port of Portland inquired if the portion allocated towards bridges would be for ODOT bridges only or if there would be a sub allocation to local jurisdictions**(00:30:09)**. Vanessa stated more information on that might be provided at this month's JPACT meeting.

Vanessa stated that interest in other priorities should be communicated to her so that she might relay them to ODOT **(00:35:19)**.

## **6. Equity Policy Discussion - All (00:36:27)**

*Information/Discussion Item*

Jessica Berry, Multnomah County Transportation and Planning Manager and Brendon Haggerty with the Multnomah County Health Department provided the group with a presentation and discussion on equity policy. Cary Stacey, Multnomah County Department of Community Services Deputy Director also helped to lead the discussion.

Jessica started with a brief overview of where the county is and why **(00:37:23)**.

Brendon Haggerty, followed with the presentation on why the county is leading with race **(00:44:04)**.

Cary Stacey then facilitated the equity policy discussion **(00:52:27)**.

## **7. Tolling Policy Discussion - All (01:37:58)**

*Information/Discussion Item*

Jessica provided a tolling and mobility pricing update on the region's activities.

Eric Hesse, Supervising Planner, Policy Innovation and Regional Collaboration with the City of Portland Bureau of Transportation provided a presentation about the "Pricing Options for Equitable Mobility Project" (POEM) **(01:47:02)**.

Eliot Rose, City Planner with METRO, provided the group with an update on the Metro Regional Congestion Pricing Study **(01:53:17)**.

Garet Prior, Tolling Policy Manager for ODOT, then shared information about the Regional Mobility Pricing Project and the I-205 Toll Project **(01:56:51)**.

Jessica closed the presentation and informed the group that there are a lot of activities coming up in the near term around tolling and mobility pricing, including the Regional Transportation Plan **(02:01:22)**.

Cary Stacey then led the discussion portion of the presentation **(02:03:30)**. Questions discussed were:

- With all these overlapping tolling strategies happening at the different levels, how does EMCTC want to stay informed as those processes evolve **(02:03:30)**?

Commissioner Stegmann suggested having a set amount of time every other month (a standing agenda item) to get updates **(02:12:01)**.

- How would EMCTC like to have input on these processes and do you want to have a unified voice (as discussed in February) **(02:14:49)**?

Commissioner Stegmann voiced that EMCTC might decide to lead by lending their voice and support non-support for particular projects and strategies being proposed because often East County is often left out of the conversation.

Cary reviewed the spreadsheet that was sent out to everyone and reminded everyone that economic equity and safety were important topics discussed in a prior conversation **(02:20:12)**.

#### **8. Region 1 ACT Report - Member** *Information/Discussion Item*

No Region 1 ACT member was present to provide a report.

#### **9. JPACT Report - Member and/or Alternate** *Information/Discussion Item*

None provided

#### **10. JPACT Agenda and Metro Updates – Eliot Rose, Metro (02:25:44)** *Information/Discussion Item*

Eliot Rose shared the agenda for this Thursday's meeting ([link to JPACT Meeting Info](#)):

- MTIP Projects on the consent agenda
- Briefing from ODOT AND METRO on what's in the IIJA
- RTP and MTIP amendment on I-205 Project
- Defining high capacity transit on Tualatin Valley Highway
- Unified planning work amendments discussions

#### **11. Agency Updates (01:53:17)**

- **Metro Update (01:53:17)**

METRO Council declared a vacancy for Bob Stacy's position and will be interviewing applicants soon and appointing a person who will have to run for the position in May (and again in November if they don't win)

Rebalancing of district boundaries final plan meeting will be next week

- **ODOT Update (02:33:55)**

Infrastructure funding coming in

- **Port of Portland (02:34:12)**

Port of Portland was selected by the Economic Development Administration to be a finalist for the “Build Back Better Regional Challenge”

Concourse B at PDX opening

**TriMet Update**

No updates

- **Fairview**

No updates

- **Gresham**

No updates

- **Portland**

No updates

- **Troutdale**

No updates

- **Wood Village (02:37:05)**

Wood Village held an equity workshop for the Council

- **Multnomah County**

Division presentation on 238th informed that storm water will now be handled more effectively and lessen freezing

Culver replacement project on Corbett Rd

**Other Business- All**

**Next Regular Meeting: January 10, 2022**

**Links mentioned:**

Eric Hesse - DLCD/LCDC (in coordination with ODOT) is also in the process of updating the Transportation Planning Rule, including creating new requirements around equity for Transportation System Plan updates, with new rules being finalized in the next quarter:

<https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/LAR/Pages/CFEC.aspx>

A bit more detail (without sharing the full Task Force report) that provides additional detail on what our POEM process resulted in:

[https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/2021/2020\\_0714\\_poem\\_recommendations\\_adopted.pdf](https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/2021/2020_0714_poem_recommendations_adopted.pdf)

Eliot Rose - SWEDS/SWEC Website: <https://swcorridorequity.org/>

Metro hosted an expert panel on congestion pricing that talked about how it's been implemented elsewhere. You can find the recording here:

<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/events/regional-congestion-pricing-study-expert-review-panel/2021-04-22>

<https://oregonmetro.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=A&ID=908422&GUID=EB9ADA93-A1D7-4367-A081-C7F9FEC48440>

Appendix beginning on p. 200 of Metro's study has maps showing how the costs and benefits of pricing are distributed throughout the region (incl. E. County) under different pricing approaches:

<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/sites/default/files/2021/10/05/Regional%20Congestion%20Pricing%20Study%20-%20final%20report%20-%20Metro.pdf>

Garet Prior - ODOT is using these Foundational Statements to inform and advance our work with congestion pricing/tolling and equity:

[https://www.oregon.gov/odot/tolling/Documents/Foundational%20Statements\\_10.27.21.pdf](https://www.oregon.gov/odot/tolling/Documents/Foundational%20Statements_10.27.21.pdf)

Tom Bouillion - Build Back Better Regional Challenge Finalists

[https://eda.gov/arpa/build-back-better/finalists/?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://eda.gov/arpa/build-back-better/finalists/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)