

East Multnomah County Transportation Committee

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Meeting Minutes 11/4/13

Members

Diane McKeel
Tim Clark
Lisa Barton Mullins
Rich Allen
Phil Healy

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Multnomah County
City of Wood Village
City of Fairview
City of Troutdale
Port of Portland

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Mark Gunter
Rich Watanabe

Representing

City of Gresham
Multnomah County
Multnomah County
Multnomah County
City of Wood Village
ODOT

Guests

Shirley Craddick	Metro
Craig Ward	City of Troutdale
Chris Meyers	Metro

Welcome and Chair's Comments

EMCTC Chair, Diane McKeel, called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM and started with introductions. A quorum was present at the start of the meeting. Commissioner McKeel informed the group of the community covenant work they are working on for Veteran's and returning military. Signing of the covenant will occur on November 14th at 2:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Job Fair at the Memorial Coliseum. The covenant includes actions that folks can participate in to support Veteran's and returning military.

Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Review and Approval of October 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the October 7, 2013 meeting were emailed to the group prior to the meeting and also available at the meeting, Commissioner McKeel asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Clark moved to approve the minutes and Phil Healy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

JPACT Agenda

Chris Meyers and Councilor Craddick, from Metro, gave an overview of the work program of JPACT since the agenda wasn't available yet due to the timing of the meetings. Chris indicated that he anticipated that the work program will reflect much of what will come out of the agenda. Councilor Craddick went over Railvolution and AMPO (Association of Metropolitan Organizations) and the benefits of the conferences. Metro will be presenting its Public Engagement guide. Initial findings of the Climate Smart Communities will be presented to JPACT. Metro will be reviewing the RTP update process with JPACT and sharing demographic and economic

information. ODOT will be giving an update on the Oregon Passenger Rail Study and the open houses that will be happening to look at the alternatives. Rich provided information on the Open Houses.

Councilor Allen commented on the truck fleets used for different companies and the availability of efficient engines. He also asked about having more charging stations available for longer commutes. Katherine commented that it might have someone come in to talk about the EV highway on I-5. She added that there was a program in the last few years to place charging stations in communities. Phil added that Cascade Solutions has been working on getting grants to change out truck engines locally.

Commissioner McKeel asked if JPACT has previously seen the Public Engagement Guide. Councilor Craddick responded that it had been brought to JPACT. She asked if EMCTC was interested in hearing about the guide at a future meeting. Commissioner McKeel responded that it would be good to hear about it at EMCTC to get a better idea of the plan.

RTP Project Solicitation

Joanna passed out a draft project list, allocation sheet and schedule. She went over the work that staff has been working on. Staff will be bringing a staff recommendation on the final project list at the December meeting. Joanna went over the handouts and the information. She also provided information on the RTP update and the process. The RTP process includes looking at the project list to remove projects that have been completed, add new projects and revise projects that are already on the list. Joanna went over the available allocations and the amounts available.

Joanna went over the work staff has been reviewing including looking at projects at the borders with other jurisdictions to ensure that complete systems are being considered. This includes projects with Clackamas County and the City of Portland. Staff has also been looking at the East Metro Connections Plan (EMCP) and the project list. She went over the 16 packages and what staff has started looking at in regards to priorities, including looking at considerations for Gresham Vista, the influence areas and completing corridors. She asked for guidance on things that staff should look at and consider. Katherine added that projects need to be considered in regards to how it impacts the allocation list and if other projects need to be removed to make room for other projects. Joanna added that there is currently \$35M identified in the State List as a placeholder to implement the EMCP.

Councilor Craddick emphasized the need to look at continuity and leveraging projects, and looking at one corridor. She feels that there was a lot of success in taking this approach, in addition to looking at economic development. Katherine added that there is a lot implementation occurring on 238th/242nd, and that priorities for Gresham includes projects along Hogan/242nd. She also emphasized the importance of the Powell-Division transit corridor project. Councilor Craddick added the importance of the Sandy Blvd project. Councilor Barton Mullins emphasized the importance of the Sandy Blvd corridor. Councilor Allen inquired about what changes has occurred to the list. Joanna replied that there haven't been changes. Councilor Clark emphasized the need to complete connections.

Councilor Craddick asked about the trail and how planning for that effort would occur. Katherine responded that there was an effort to try to get a PSU group to look at planning for the trail. It is anticipated that Metro would take the lead in planning the effort since it is multi-jurisdictional. Councilor Barton Mullins asked about project 99141 on the EMCP list. Katherine responded that this is for the Intelligent Transportation System and for improving the system between I-84 to Powell.

Commissioner McKeel asked about the EMCP plan and the new "99" projects. The projects are not currently in the RTP list. Projects that don't have a "99" are in the RTP. Joanna summarized the guidance discussed so far for staff to review the EMCP list. This includes:

- Emphasizing connections
- Economic Development

- Mobility and connectivity- 4 connections and completing connections
- Complete Hogan/242nd Corridor
- Powell –Division: East-West transit link
- Sandy Blvd- remaining gaps
- Gresham Vista

Councilor Craddick asked about the process and ensuring that this aligns with the priorities of the local jurisdictions. Joanna responded that staff has been working together to identify the appropriate projects to include in the project list. With the direction from EMCTC, staff will continue to work on the project list and will bring forward a staff recommendation for review and action at the December meeting. Commissioner McKeel asked about Gresham representation at the table and will work with the City to ensure that folks are at the table to be able to vote on actions.

Troutdale TSP Update

Craig Ward gave an update on the Troutdale Transportation System Plan update. The Council has not been updated yet on the TSP. Craig went over the update elements, including coming into conformance with the East Metro Connections Plan. He also went over the proposed funding strategies. There are also code amendments attached to the update. Their goal is to comply, however they are currently still pursuing some code amendments and exceptions to parking requirements from Metro and they anticipate bringing to Council in the spring.

Bike Tourism Workshop

Joanna reminded the group that a series of Bike Tourism Workshops are being held on November 13th and 14th. This is part of the implementation of the Regional Travel Options (RTO) grant that EMCTC awarded an allocation to earlier this year. Joanna passed out a flier with information on the workshops. Councilor Craddick asked about next steps and follow-up with EMCTC. Joanna responded that staff will work with Heidi to identify appropriate milestones on when to come back to EMCTC.

December Meeting Date

Joanna asked the group if any folks were planning on attending the Oregon Business Plan Leadership Summit that is scheduled for December 9th which is the same day that the EMCTC meeting is scheduled. She wanted to see if folks would be attending, if there was interest in exploring moving the December EMCTC meeting date to accommodate folks being able to attend the summit. Commissioner McKeel said that she attends the summit, but plans on being able to attend EMCTC as well. There was no indication from other committee members on any conflicts, so it was suggested that the meeting date remain on December 9th.

Other Business

Councilor Craddick informed the group that two regional letters are being prepared to send to the Budget Committee and also a letter for the JPACT Trip to Washington DC. Metro is asking JPACT for support and jurisdiction signature on the letters that identify regional funding strategies and priorities for reauthorization of a transportation funding bill. A draft will be available for review and will be emailed out to JPACT and she encouraged folks to talk to their councils/commissions to support and sign the letters.

Rich updated the committee on the progress of the I-84/I-205 auxiliary lane which is slated to open tomorrow. The I-84 bridges are coming along as well. Commissioner McKeel asked about what is going to happen on Jordan Road. Rich responded that it is currently one-way but it will return to two-way when the bridge is completed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.