

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, July 17, 2017, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Gresham City Hall, 1333 Northwest Eastman Parkway

Members

Lori Stegmann
Emerald Bogue
Phil Healy
Tim Clark
Ted Tosterud
Rich Allen

Representing

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

EMCTC Staff

Katherine Kelly
Chris Strong
Scott Sloan
Bill Peterson
Ryan Krueger
Erika Palmer
Joanna Valencia
Jessica Berry
Eileen Cunningham
Terra Lingley
Tom Mills

Representing

City of Gresham
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City of Wood Village
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City of Troutdale
City of Fairview
Multnomah County
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ODOT
TriMet

Guests

Shirley Craddick
Kim Ellis
Ian Cannon
Judith Gray
Andrew Plambeck
Eric Hesse
Greg Olson

Metro
Metro
Multnomah County
City of Portland
ODOT
TriMet
City of Gresham Transportation Committee

1. Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner Stegmann Called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm

2. Opportunity for Public Comment

None

3. Review and Adoption of June 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes – All

Action Item

Motion to approve was made by Ted Tosterud seconded by Tim Clark; motion passed unanimously.

4. JPACT Updates – Shirley Craddick and Jamie Snook, Metro

Informational/Discussion

Jamie Snook noted that letter to OTC regarding request for additional freight miles (7.3 miles), debrief on LA trip. Consent agenda: new process MTIP amendments, request for approval of MTIP and Air Quality determination. Information and discussion items: state transportation package. Key take-aways: power of collaboration, community-advocacy, Low-Income Fare, transportation champions desired out-comes. Update on freight plan (goals, challenges, and opportunities). Update on regional transit strategy (affordability, accessibility). Other action items: CMAQ comment letter to OTC. New MPOs eligible for CMAQ funding. Draft letter comments due Wednesday for Thursday morning JPAC meeting. Less of reduction, but still a slight reduction.

Councilor Craddick: brief discussion regarding LA trip. LA recently passed 2-cent sales tax in perpetuity. One of a number of trips. Visiting places where jurisdictions have passed transportation funding measures. Seattle previously, Denver in future. Lunch and learn tomorrow regarding trip. Available for presentation regarding this later.

Commissioner Stegmann: Acknowledged Commissioner Vega-Peterson. Discussed the impact of the LA trip. Discussion of LA sales tax measure campaign, lessons learned. Involvement at local level. County level tax. Importance of Council of Governments and collaboration/partnerships. Recommends others attend.

Joanna Valencia asked for amount reduction of CMAQ funding. Jamie Snook indicating that amount reduction is still pending.

5. Legislative Session Review and Discussion – Staff – ODOT, TriMet

Information/Discussion

ODOT, Andrew Plambek. Discussion of recently state transportation package. Handed out info-graphic on bill. Legislative revenue office information on new funding levels for by county, city, transit district under bill. 10-cent increase in gas tax. Starts at 4-cents based on performance reports by ODOT and other jurisdictions. Additional increases of 2-cents totaling 10-cents over total of six years. Increase in vehicle registration fee. New ½ percent fee on motor vehicles. \$15 fee on adult bicycles over \$200 in retail value. Employee payroll tax one-tenth of a percent.

Off-top investments: SR 217 north/southbound auxiliary lanes, I-5 Rose Quarter debt service, improvements on I-205 northbound auxiliary lane, will extend to Powell, active traffic management on I-205.

\$110 M on Outer Powell improvements in preparation of transfer to City of Portland: I-205 to Gresham City limits. Troutdale, I-84 bridge replacements over Graham Road leading into Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park (TRIP). Legislature provided additional \$3 M to funding with third lane under bridges as part of bridge project.

Questions/Answers

Bill Peterson, Wood Village: What are performance parameters? Andrew: List of them. Project delivery, project-readiness, progress, and update cost-estimates by certain deadline. There are some specific to local jurisdictions that can follow-up with group on.

Phil Healy, Port of Portland: Is this new revenue that counties and cities will get in addition to existing funding? Andrew: Yes.

Councilor Craddick: Any other earmarks in addition to TRIP project? Andrew: Yes. Outer Powell.

Pedestrian crossing Columbia Boulevard. Cascade Locks state facility through downtown.

Environmental Impact Study Hood River Bridge across the Columbia River. SR 211 in Mollala.

Councilor Craddick: I-205 widening of Abernathy bridge lack of funding – why? Andrew: Regional surcharge was dropped. Would have funded the big three: SR 217, I-205, I-5. SR 217 funded and debt service for I-5 Rose Corridor project included.

Commissioner Stegmann: Local jurisdiction allocations. ODOT: more programs to come on-line.

Dedicated funding for Safe Routes to School, \$10-15 M a year. Connect OR, no more reauthorization.

Earmarks for trans-loading and multi-modal facilities.

Commissioner Stegmann: Importance of voice at table, louder when support each other. Celebrating outcomes.

Tom Mills/Eric Hesse, Tri-Met

Transit funding. Employee payroll tax in addition to employer payroll tax. One-tenth of one-percent.

Approximately \$35-40 M a year after first year. Priorities: start low-income fare program

(individuals/families at or below 200 percent of poverty-line). Transit expansion. Service enhancement plans. Need to ramp up to take on expansion. In meantime will go toward capital projects. 2019 is when we will start seeing funds. Cannot go toward salary increases or light-rail expansion.

Questions/Answers

Commissioner Vega-Peterson: Vehicle modernization and electrification considered? Eric: Powell

Garage improvements large bays for articulated buses. Strong community interest in. Electrification included in design. Consortium of agencies and private sector to research how to scale-up. Utility side investment to supply energy supply. Renewal natural gas connection. Projection of apportionments.

Tom: Public outreach effort to garner input on transit priorities. Inform FY 19 service improvements. On-line component.

Katherine Kelly: Did other two coordination committees go through this process? Concerned about how to minimize public confusion over process. This effort vs. previous outreach efforts. Tom: Focus on prioritization of improvements versus all needed improvements. More comprehensive outlook – regionally versus own commute. Focus on timing of improvements.

Jessica Berry: Annual service update? Based on existing routes? Tom, Tri-Met: Will feed into annual planning effort. Not competing with other parts of region, focused on sub-regional needs – East County.

Katherine Kelly: Process and timing? Report back? Tom/Eric, TriMet: launch in August, wrap-up in early September report back to EMCTC in early September. October proposal for strategy.

October/November outreach on strategy. Revise and come back in spring. Matches up budget process. Implement improvements in September 2018 and March 2019.

Commissioner Stegmann: Rosewood Initiative and 162nd line. Concerns: Want to change station stop name from 162nd to Rosewood and improving service headways. Rosewood Initiative meeting tomorrow 6-8 PM. TriMet: In terms of station name change, City of Gresham mentioned that need to conduct public outreach regarding proposal. Giving selves more time for outreach effort. New bus line on 162nd Avenue: Funded at original funding level; no weekend service, same headways. Not based on Transportation Package revenue increases. If ridership is responding to investment, then opportunity to increase investment. Not starting until March 2018. Willing to come to discuss when TriMet has more information.

Commissioner Craddick: Division bus-rapid transit. First investment? What about 181st/182nd? Implementation of north-south enhancements? TriMet: New line is result of process. 122nd Avenue increase. 181st/182nd added service. Weekend service. All trips to serve whole line. Split line based on ridership. Extend to Winco. Rerouting line 89 to serve TRIP. Adding frequency on line 20. Incremental progress.

Mayor Tim Clark: When starting Low-Income Fare Program? Jan. Tri-Met: HOP launched today.

6. Regional Transportation Plan Projects for submittal— Staff

Discussion/Action

Jessica Berry: List of projects. Project solicitation. List submitting to Metro for RTP. Impact of Transportation Package?

Kim Ellis, Metro: There will be adjustments to revenue forecasts won't happen until fall 2017. Transit will be updated earlier. CMAQ conversation informed adjustment of current forecasts. No changes to forecast during current effort. Bottleneck project \$1b for each/all.

Jessica Berry: cross-targets, C1, C2, strategic. Description of list. Shifted C1 projects from last version (last month) to C2 or S to fall within allocation/target. Metro wants EMCTC to endorse. More outreach?

Kim: Yes, more outreach after project list submissions and modeling of project. Air quality, etc. January public input. Updated financial forecast update. Next spring to update and then formal 45-day comment period.

Katherine Kelly: different process from previous RTP cycles. TSP lists. Constrained funding forecasts. Not all projects included, but still around.

Kim: Need to really prioritize, so can apply for federal funding programs.

Councilor Craddick: Why two constrained lists? Kim: Metro asked for C1 and C2 lists. Prioritize projects based on existing and future funding.

Councilor Craddick: Working with local jurisdictions to develop list? Jessica Berry/Joanna Valencia: Yes and based on TSP updates and East Metro Connections Plan.

Commissioner Stegmann: Prioritized? Kim: Metro will not prioritize projects. Local prioritization just categorization C1, C2, S.

Bill, Wood Village: Interactive map for projects? Joanna Valencia: Yes, for 2014. Will be updated for current update.

Eric, TriMet: Appreciate support of transit within proposed list of projects. Meeting half-way. Columbia to Clackamas Corridor. Signal priority. Next generation signal priority. ODOT/Washington Co. cloud-based server application for funding. Bridge heads transit, multi-modal improvements. System expansion planning. Columbia to Clackamas priority.

Councilor Craddick: BRT or light –rail crossing on bridges? Eric, TriMet: Steel Bridge early work to model improvements. Could be on or parallel to Steel Bridge. Delay feeding into bridges. Portland Bus Lane Project public involvement and input being considered.

Jamie Snook: Bottlenecks. Needed studies to research possible improvements.

Jessica Berry: Action item. Endorse list as handed out. Letter of endorsement. If not today, then August. Wants to ensure entering in projects that endorsed.

Phil, Port of Portland: need flexibility in endorsement to make change to timing (C1, C2, S).

Commissioner Stegmann: Cities have reviewed and support?

Ted Tosterud: What about prioritization? Who is prioritizing?

Joanna Valencia: Will not happen at this stage other than categories. Will happen once grant-funding opportunities arise.

Jessica Berry: Port project timing revised. 257th/I-84 project is underway. Group: Removed from list because of late stage of project.

Jessica Berry: Will clean-up letter with correct dates. Allow staff to revise projects to stay within targets.

Ted Tosterud: Moved to accept list as stated today. Seconded. Motion carried.

7. Multnomah County Road Capital Improvement Plan and Program (CIPP) - Staff

Information/Discussion

Jessica Berry: Major update of CIPP. Data Collection. Needs. User-friendly format. Staff and public. What project and when to move forward? Interactive map/list. Urban/rural focus. TSP for unincorporated county. Transparency of process. 20-yr needs to 5-yr needs – project prioritization. Internal stakeholder outreach. Kicked-off one month ago. David Evans and Associates have done outreach with cities. Standing item on EMCTC agenda to report on updates. September anticipated public outreach effort. Website dedicated to effort. Will update with more information as available.

8. Project Updates, Staff

- a. Division Transit and Development Project Update: none from Tri-Met. Councilor Craddick: Open house by Tri-Met at PCC. Good turn out and response. Multiple languages. Valuable. Engaged public input. Katherine Kelly: public meeting at PCC next week. CH2M Hill up to 15%. Parson-Brinckerhoff will take it to 30%. 15% took to identifying station locations. Then will get into look of stations.
- b. Safe Routes to School Update: Revising final project agreement for position. Hoping to finalize this week and to post.
- c. East Metro Connections Plan Update: none
- d. ODOT Region1 ACT Update: New members; next meeting 9/27.
- e. Halsey Street Corridor: Halsey Collaborative Compact Committee. Decided on membership. Each city need to embrace shared vision for corridor. Happy with outcome. Last meeting to be held soon.
- f. RTP Update: None
- g. Multnomah County CIPP: None

9. Other Business – All

Mayor Ted Tosterud: 223rd bridge. Met with Ian Cannon and supportive of exploring of project and improvement needs. Heavy increases in truck traffic. Congestion.

Mayor Ted Tosterud: received public complaint from resident regarding 153rd Avenue. Narrowing 122nd to 162nd Avenue. Will send letter to other mayors. Requesting update from City of Portland on effort. Vision Zero. Greg Olson: project has been planned for a while. Resident should contact PBOT staff directly for info on project.

Commissioner Stegmann: Street Trust and Vision Zero.

Jessica Berry: JPAC not meeting next month? No. EMCTC meeting? No. Commissioner Stegmann: No meeting in August.

10. Next EMCTC Meeting: September 18, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 pm