

# 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, September 17, 2018, 3:00pm-5:00pm**

Gresham City Hall, 1333 Northwest Eastman Parkway

### Members

Lori Stegmann

Phil Healy

Ted Tosterud

### Representing

Multnomah County

Port of Portland

City of Fairview

### EMCTC Staff

Katherine Kelly

Chris Strong

Nolan Young

Joanna Valencia

Jessica Berry

MaryJo Andersen

Jamie Snook

Eve Nilenders

### Representing

City of Gresham

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City of Fairview

Multnomah County

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Metro

TriMet

### Guests

Brian Monberg

Evyn Mitchell

### Representing

City of Gresham

Levee Ready Columbia, Multnomah County Drainage District

- **Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Lori Stegmann called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm

- **Opportunity for Public Comment**

- **Review and Adoption of June 18, and August 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes – All**

*Action Item*

No Quorum – Item postponed to September

- **HB 2017 State Transportation Improvement Fund Update - Staff**

Jessica informed the group that both the Airport Industrial Area Shuttle and the TRIP Shuttle were recommended for funding by the subcommittee. TriMet released the “Tri-County Public Transportation Improvement Plan”. The HB 2017 funds are for within and outside the TriMet district so this plan also includes funding for Rural Multnomah County. We will receive approximately \$50,000/year. This will be to develop a plan to work with Columbia and Hood River Counties and to work with our County Human Services Department, which provides medical transport in our rural areas. All the projects are in the TriCounty plan which is available on TriMet’s website now. Public Comment is being taken through Monday September 24<sup>th</sup>. The Transit advisory committee will review the plan on September 28<sup>th</sup> and make recommendations to TriMet. The plan must be adopted by TriMet and submitted to ODOT by November 1, 2018.

Commissioner Stegmann asked if the recommendation is a final approval or if it could change. Jessica noted that they do not expect it to change. However, the State is the final approving body. ODOT will ultimately decide if the plan and the projects are approved. Eve Nilenders noted that the Public workshop is on September 20 at Gresham City Hall from 5-7pm. Eve also provided summary sheets.

- **Small Cell Antennae Presentation– Staff, Gresham**

Chris Strong provided information on Small Cell Antennae and how it is impacting Gresham and small cities. He gave a description on what Small Cells are. He noted that the wireless providers such as AT&T and Verizon are reaching out to cities discuss the possibility of using the right of way. Small cells are a wireless communication technology that is specific to individual carriers and can be placed on or in structure such as light poles within the right of way. They supplement the large towers, but in places where there is a density of demand, the small cells make sense to provide additional wireless communication. He noted that there has been a large increase in data needs for individuals and the Internet Of Things (IOT). Small cells have a smaller aesthetic impact than large towers. He noted that carriers want to use the right of way because it is easier to standardize the design. Additionally it is easier to work with small cities instead of property owners that may change over time. He provided examples of design types for small cells on poles. He said Gresham has three primary concerns: 1) How can we ensure the safety of users of the ROW and aesthetic impacts? 2) If wireless invest in ROW can we build on it to get data or other smart cities type info for cities? 3) How can we capture revenue for allowing cell service providers to use our ROW?

Nolan Young noted that they have had a meeting with one of the cell providers. He noted that the Mid-County Lighting District and the small cities have been discussing this. Phil Healy asked about the smart cities concept and how to use the small cells to benefit cities. Phil asked if they’ll need fiber. Chris noted that it depends on the company. Some companies have fiber installed in the ground already. Phil suggested this may be an opportunity to get more fiber installed. Commissioner Stegmann asked about municipal broadband. Nolan noted that it might be an opportunity to partner with a cell provider that doesn’t have fiber already. Commissioner Stegmann noted that there is buy-in among the 5 cities for a municipal broadband feasibility study. Mayor Tosterud noted that they’ll have to lay new cable and dig up every street to do it. But it would give the cities more control. Eve noted that TriMet has been approached by small cell carriers as well with interest in putting small cell on bus shelters.

- **Levee Ready Columbia –Evyn Mitchell, Multnomah County Drainage District**

Evyn introduced herself as the new public affairs and communication director for the Levee Ready Columbia program. She noted this is the first time the program has had a full time communications director. She provided an overview of the program including the history of the program and its goals. The levee system runs from north Portland to the confluence of the Sandy River. It is 27 miles long, with 45 miles of levee overall. There are 4 drainage districts that maintain the levee. They were created around the same time to manage drainage not specifically to maintain the levee, but that has become one of their functions. She noted the importance of the area the levee protects, there are 2 airports, 8,000 residents, \$16B in economic activity, 50% of the region's manufacturing jobs, 10% of Multnomah County jobs are in the area. Three interstates and 2 railroads run through it as well. She noted that the project underway now is to make sure that the levee needs to be FEMA certified. FEMA certification is necessary to be eligible for Federal Flood Insurance. She noted they've been doing a lot of public engagement in addition to a risk assessment of the area – to look at encroachment (things that are built into the levee). Mayor Tosterud noted that there are number of houses in Fairview at 138th and Marine Drive, are those considered encroachments? Evyn noted yes, but they have been grandfathered into the program. She noted that they're almost done with a Climate Change study which looks at what the water level rise will be along the river.

She noted that there are 7 areas where there are projects that will need to be upgraded for the accreditation. She noted that in order to do all the projects needed to modernize the system it would be at least \$115M. Just to do the certification projects would be about \$50M.

She noted that the group is still trying to figure out what the governance structure should be and the role in financing. She noted that the fee assessment model only charges people living in the levee areas, but much of the districts' budgets go to dealing with the storm water impacts from development outside the district so the group is looking at ways to address this. She also noted that a lot of people benefit from what is in the district (for instance the Portland International Airport), but that only the property owners pay for this benefit not all the users. These are issues the group continues to discuss and work on.

The Army Corps of Engineers has selected this location for a Federal New Start Feasibility study to determine the project alternatives and design the final alternative. It is 3 year process that they'll fund 100%. Having the Army Corps do this work is good because they'll be able to develop a federally approval project. And they'll submit a request to congress to fund the needs.

She then outlined what the process will be over the next 3 years for the NEPA process. She also noted that during this legislative session they'll try to work with the legislature to make more grant funding available for levee projects. They'll also need to figure out whether and how to develop one new district to replace the 4 drainage districts. She noted she'll keep the group updated as things move forward.

- **JPACT Updates–** Councilor Shirley Craddick and Jamie Snook, Metro

Jamie Snook noted that the JPACT agenda includes 2 MTIP amendments. The major agenda items will be ODOT State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Leverage list and the RTP amendment and the process and overview of comments and TPAC's comments to JPACT. She noted the greatest changes are a section on Green Infrastructure, a section discussing Climate Smart Strategies, and the Chapter 8 – implementation chapter. These are the items that TPAC is most likely to recommend JPACT discuss.

- **Project Updates, Staff**

- **Division Transit and Development Project Update:** meeting happening concurrently as today's EMCTC meeting.

- **Safe Routes to School Update:** MaryJo noted 5 schools are doing walk to school days in October. The HB 2017 Grant application is open. County will be submitting 2 projects, Gresham is submitting one.
- **East Metro Connections Plan Implementation:** nothing new
- **ODOT Region1 ACT Update:** New members were appointed at the September meeting.
- **Main Streets on Halsey/ Halsey Street Corridor:** Mayor Tosterud noted next meeting is September 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss report on Task 2: branding portion. He noted they'll also be talking about street lights along the corridor. He noted the lighting district has agreed to hold off on the LED upgrade until the team has made some decisions.
- **RTP Update:** updated as part of JPACT Agenda item.
- **Multnomah County CIPP:** Moving the next round of public input in January, with a status update to the public in October. Jessica noted she'll bring something to the group in November.
- **ODOT Value Pricing:** no update.
- **Historic Highway Congestion and Transportation Safety Plan:** No update right now. Project Leadership Team meets in October.
- **Pleasant Valley TSP refinement:** County will be attending a Pleasant Valley Neighborhood Association meeting next week to discuss the project and concerns that people have raised recently.
- **Columbia to Clackamas Corridor Plan:** no update
- **Troutdale Town Center Plan update:** no update.
- **TriMet Updates:** Open house in Gresham on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

- **Other Business**

- **Next EMCTC Meeting:** November 12(?), 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm