

East Multnomah County Transportation Committee

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Meeting Minutes March 11, 2013

Members

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Tim Clark
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City of Gresham
City of Troutdale
City of Wood Village
Port of Portland

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Guests

Shirley Craddick	Metro
Greg Olson	Chair of Gresham Subcommittee on Transportation and Multnomah County Bike/Ped Committee
Dave Eatwell	West Columbia Gorge Consortium
Alison Hart	Gresham Chamber of Commerce
Craig Ward	City of Troutdale

Welcome and Chair's Comments

EMCTC Chair, Commissioner McKeel called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM with introductions. A quorum was present. Commissioner McKeel shared information on JPACT's visit to Washington DC. Susie added that there wasn't overwhelming support for gas tax as a revenue source, and that a reauthorization of the federal transportation bill isn't expected until 2015 even though Map-21 ends in 2014. Also, the impacts of the sequestration were still being looked at. Karen added that she felt that the same in regards to people not feeling fairly optimistic about a new transportation bill or revenues, but folks understood the necessity of getting something done. Shirley talked about the meeting with Department of Transportation Staff and talking to the staff about funding. She felt that there was a good representative of the different modes. There was good discussion regarding performance standards. Susie added that the DOT did acknowledge that they liked working with the Portland Region.

Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Review and Approval of February 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the February 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

Commissioner McKeel started off by stating that a decision on the grant doesn't have to occur today and that Alison and Dave are available to address questions that the committee may have. The decision can be made at the April meeting, which will then be forwarded to Metro by April 5th.

Joanna distributed a scoring matrix tool that included staff recommendations from the TAC. The projects were scored with a high, medium or low depending on how the application met the criteria of the grant. The staff recommendation scored the Gresham Chamber project with a medium/high and the West Columbia Gorge Consortium project with a medium. Joanna went over the matrix. Commissioner reminded folks that the committee in the past has always looked at the criteria and the committee has made decisions and prioritized projects based on the applicable criteria. She encouraged folks to look at the criteria when considering the stronger application for the grant funding.

In addition to the scoring matrix, Joanna handed out a summary of the RTO funds. Joanna went over the available funding noting that as part of sub-regional funding identified, \$57,770 has been allocated to East County for EMCTC to allocate and direct to prioritized projects. With the sub-regional allocations, approximately \$1.47M is left for a competitive process for applicant's to compete for.

Representatives for both projects were present to give an overview on their projects. Joanna stated that this would be an opportunity for EMCTC to ask questions. Councilor Echols asked if the applicants could provide a brief summary of the projects. Alison provided a brief summary of the Gresham Chambers' application. Councilor Clark asked about the Clackamas Bike Tourism project and if there was additional information about the project. Alison responded that she would email information on the Clackamas project to the committee. Councilor Craddick asked about the allocation for the subregion and how this would affect the projects competitiveness for the competitive funding dollars and/or if the project wasn't completely funded. Alison and Dave both indicated that their projects were scalable and clarified that there was a 10.27% match requirement. Commissioner McKeel expressed the concerns she continued to have with the Visitor's Development Fund (VDF) being identified as a funding source for the Gresham Chamber project. Alison clarified that she has noted that this funding is still a maybe in their application. Susie added that it would be helpful to have an understanding of the Plan A or Plan B and the scalability of the projects. Commissioner McKeel asked about the Celilo Planning Studio. Dave summarized the studio and the planning efforts with that project.

Councilor Allen asked if both applicants have reviewed the proposed staff recommendation. Dave and Alison both responded that they are aware and have seen the scoring matrix and recommendations. Dave added a clarification on question #8, noting the Consortium's involvement and experience in administering grants. Alison added that the Gresham Chamber currently has a TMA grant that they've been administering. Dave also addressed question #7 of the criteria, clarifying that the project is scalable.

Councilor Allen asked for clarification on who conducted the initial scoring. Joanna responded that the scoring was conducted by the TAC. Councilor Echols asked about the process and what sort of documentation was required from committee members to document project selection. Commissioner McKeel responded that in the past the committee has participated in a collective scoring effort as well as an individual scoring effort with individuals coming back to the group with their priorities. She asked if the committee had a preference. Councilor Clark responded that he was fine with either approach. Councilor Allen responded that he would be discussing this with Troutdale Council and was fine with just coming back and discussing it with the larger

group and voting at the next meeting. The committee agreed that they would come back to discuss and vote at the April meeting.

JPACT Agenda

John Mermin of Metro reviewed the upcoming JPACT agenda. The items on the agenda are largely information and discussion items. The items included a STIP update on the 150% list, information and a report from folks who went on the JPACT Washington DC trip, and a presentation on the Governor's 10-Year Energy Action Plan. John added that Kim Ellis will be giving an update on the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios project and asked if the committee would be interested in having Kim give an update at a future EMCTC meeting. The committee responded that they would like an update. John will work with staff to schedule Kim for a future meeting.

STIP Update

Joanna provided an update. The project selection met for a second time to review a draft 150% list based on the scoring exercise where each committee member individually chose projects and created their own 150% list. ODOT took this information and put together a group 150% list for review. The committee voted to move forward the recommended 150% list for scoping. As part of the scoping process, ODOT will work with the local project sponsors to explore the details of the project and further scope the project. This will include review of the project costs submitted. Project costs may increase, decrease or stay the same depending on the findings of the scoping efforts. These numbers will then be reported back to the project selection committee for review and discussion as the committee works towards identifying a 100% list. Joanna informed the group that both the NE 238th and Sandy Blvd Projects are on the 150% list.

Regional Flex Funds Update and Process

Joanna started by providing some background information to group on both the MTIP Regional Flex Funds and Regional Economic Opportunity Fund (REOF) and the identified project priorities. The county will be moving forward and submitting for PE/Design for the NE 238th project for the REOF. The Port of Portland will be submitting the I-84/Troutdale interchange project for the REOF.

Katherine updated the group on the Flex Funds process noting that with the requirements for a competitive process, Gresham will be submitting projects for Sandy Blvd- NE 181st Ave to East City of Gresham City Limits, and for Hogan Road between Powell Blvd and Rugg Road which was identified as part of the East Metro Connections Plan. Joanna added that the Sandy Blvd project was the initial project identified as a top project for consideration of the Regional Flex Funds. She also added that as part of the Flex Funds process, EMCTC will be conducting a public outreach process as well as prioritizing the projects for funding. There was discussion regarding the projects and priorities and some concerns were raised about the process and ensuring that a competitive process occurs to meet the Regional and Federal requirements for the Flex Funds.

CIPP Update

Joanna handed out a Public Review Draft of the 2014-2018 CIPP Update. She mentioned that comments can be submitted until April 5th on the draft, and that she will be coming back at the April 1st EMCTC meeting to ask for an endorsement of the CIPP from EMCTC.

Other Business

Susie informed the group of a Port Letter from JPACT to nominate Bill Wyatt to the National Freight Committee.

Rich Watanabe gave updates on the Troutdale Interchange and Sandy River Bridges projects. He also informed the group that the I-84 auxiliary lane from Halsey to I-205 northbound was in progress, and that an I-84 paving effort from I-205 to I-5 is scheduled.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.