

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, August 17, 2020 3:00pm-5:00pm

Virtual Meeting/Zoom

Members

Tom Bouillion

Jamie Kranz

John Miner

Nolan Young

Lori Stegmann

Jerry Hinton

Representing

Port of Portland

City of Troutdale

City of Wood Village

City of Fairview

Multnomah County

City of Gresham/Standing in for Mayor Echols

EMCTC Staff

John Niiyama

Katherine Kelly

Nathan Clark

Jessica Berry

Andrew Campbell

Oscar Rincones

Allison Boyd

Eve Nilenders

Representing

City of Wood Village

City of Gresham

Multnomah County

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TriMet

Guests

Ally Holmquist

Jay Higgins

Carly Rice

Sarah Peters

Mike Pullen

Sarah Selden

Representing

Metro

City of Gresham

City of Gresham

Fehr and Peers

Multnomah County

City of Fairview

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Commissioner Lori Stegmann and Jessica Berry welcomed the group.

2. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

None

3. **Review and Adoption of prior Meeting Minutes – All**

Minutes for the May and June meetings were presented for adoption.

A correction to Tom Bouillion's name was requested.

A motion to approve was made by Councilor Miner, it was seconded by Councilor Kranz and unanimously passed.

4. **Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Update, Mike Pullen for Megan Neill, Multnomah County** *Presentation/Discussion*

Mike Pullen stood in for Megan Neill and presented the group with a slide show on the topic and followed up with a question and answer period.

Councilor Kranz asked if planning for the alternate routes during construction including factoring in the wear and tear on those routes.

Mike advised the group that the City of Portland is a partner in developing the plan for alternate routes and advised that he would take the comment back to the team.

Tom Bouillion asked how transit would work in the new alignment of the Burnside Bridge.

Mike explained that the existing eastbound transit only lane will remain but that one of the westbound lanes might be under consideration for conversion to a transit only lane.

The City of Portland has a plan for a future streetcar line across the bridge that is still an unfunded project but the outside lanes will be made strong enough to support a streetcar line with the current construction plans and no additional effect to the budgeted cost.

Jerry Hinton asked for a review of the budget and whether funding would come from the 2020 Get Moving bond.

Mike explained that the only Multnomah County money is from the vehicle registration fee and will fund the project up until the beginning of construction. If the Metro bond measure passes in October, that will fund about 1/4th of the construction...the County Vehicle Fee will pay for an additional 25% of construction.

About 50% of construction is not funded at the moment but state and federal funding is likely to become available.

5. **Halsey Street Corridor TGM, Fairview Parkway & Halsey Transit & Bike Hub – Sarah Selden, Fairview**

Presentation/Discussion/Action Item (Support letter TGM Grant)

Sarah Selden provided a short presentation explaining TGM and her request for a letter of support from the EMCTC group followed by a question and answer period.

Commissioner Stegmann mentioned the Gorge Congestion Team and invited Sarah to speak with her "offline" to discuss the Park & Ride feature to the Gorge.

Commissioner Stegmann asked about PPL's ownership of the property and how that would fit into this process. Councilor Nolan Young explained that it will be more of an easement to the property and will continue to be a power line right of way. Existing plans will not create any conflict with its current use.

Councilor Nolan also explained that this grant is unique because although a match is not required, the requesting entity does need to make a staff commitment. He also explained that they requested \$50,000.

Councilor John Miner asked whether Halsey would be able to handle the potential increase in flow of traffic.

Sarah explained that studies have shown that Halsey traffic volumes for this classification of road are relatively low and may not even be high enough to support retail. In addition, in considering transit for Halsey, other grants may provide an opportunity to plan for pedestrian and transit friendly design.

Councilor Craddick asked about the challenges with parking at Multnomah Falls and the possibility of charging for parking and how this might affect the use of transit to the area and if there have been any conversations with ODOT about this topic.

Sarah explained that there has been coordination with staff from the Columbia Gorge Express and ODOT will be applying for FLAP funds to support the Gorge Express program (funding ends in 2021).

Councilor Craddick explained how the 2020 Get Moving bond measure might affect East County projects and needs.

- Two corridors are identified that influence Gresham, specifically 162nd Avenue and the Columbia to Clackamas connection
- 17 corridors are specifically identified with 60% of the commercial activity in the region
- Each year, there will be 50 million dollars available for the cities and the region to apply for construction projects
- Criteria for application are safety, safe routes to school, and several transit program related projects
- Funding will also be available for the Main Street Project
- The measure was designed to focus on corridors, not programs

Commissioner Stegmann then asked for a motion to approve a support letter. Councilor Miner motioned and Councilor Hinton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. ODOT Infrastructure Grant Applications – Carly Rice, City of Gresham *Presentation/Discussion/Action Item (Support letter for ODOT Grant application)*

Carly Rice shared a powerpoint with the group followed by a question and answer period.

Commissioner Stegmann asked Carly to define “curb extension” and Carly explained the process along with what alternative sidewalks are.

Carly explained that due to lack of funding to fully build out a sidewalk, creative alternatives are being considered. She also defined school zone flashers for everyone and how those would be used in the 3 areas mentioned.

Councilor Craddick asked about considering Hogan Road south of Powell. Carly explained that they have applied for a rapid response grant from ODOT that would allow for bringing the curbs up to ADA standards and adding a path along the west side of the road.

Councilor Hinton moved that the group draft a letter of support and Councilor Minor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. Updates – Councilor Shirley Craddick, Metro

Councilor Craddick explained that Metro is on break and there were no updates shared.

8. Agency Updates

a. ODOT Update – No updates

b. TriMet Update

Work on the Steel Bridge is underway and set to wrap up on August 29th ([more info here](#))

In late July Trimet moved to put new spacing guidelines in place (3 ft. vs. 6 ft.), based on guidance from the OHA, changing the number of passengers allowed on board from 10-15 to 19-24 ([more info here](#))

Beginning Aug 17th, Trimet is beginning a broad community outreach effort to reevaluate its approach to public safety and security ([more info here](#)); ([direct path to survey here](#))

c. Port of Portland

Passenger traffic is down (72%)
Continuing E Concourse extension (Southwest Airlines)

d. Fairview – No updates

e. Gresham

Council is on recess

Continuing to monitor emerging transportation trends

Coordinating on C to C corridor as a planning project; wrapping up in early September with a final public meeting September 10th

f. Troutdale – No updates

g. Wood Village

New municipal building broke ground at the end of June with move-in hoped for 10 to 12 months

City Council is on Summer break, next meeting September 10th

h. Multnomah County

Working on updating permitting fees and process

Other Business- All

Next Regular Meeting: September 14, 2020

Meeting agendas and minutes are available at: <https://multco.us/transportation-planning/east-multnomah-county-transportation-committee>
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