

# **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, March 15, 2021 3:00pm-5:00pm**  
**Virtual Meeting/Zoom**

### **Members**

Travis Stovall

Jamie Kranz

John Miner

Tom Bouillion

### **Representing**

City of Gresham

City of Troutdale

Wood Village

Port of Portland

### **EMCTC Staff**

MaryJo Andersen

Jessica Berry

Oscar Rincones

Nathan Clark

Tina LeFebvre

### **Representing**

Multnomah County

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### **Guests**

Shirley Craddick

Matt Bihn

Eliot Rose

Kim Ellis

Jeff Owen

Jamie Snook

Mike Pullen

Charlene McGee

Brendon Haggerty

Cary Stacey

Amber Shackelford

Chris Strong

Brian Monberg

Denise Barrett

### **Representing**

Metro

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City of Troutdale

City of Gresham

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RDPO

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

Councilor Kranz and Jessica Berry welcomed the group and moved forward with introductions.

## 2. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments submitted ahead of this meeting.

## 3. Review and Adoption of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Action: Approve*

Minutes for the February meeting were presented for adoption.

A motion to approve was made by Councilor Kranz. It was seconded by Tom Bouillion and unanimously passed.

## 4. Update on Strategic Planning and Memberships – Jessica Berry, Multnomah County *Information/Discussion*

Jessica Berry reminded everyone that as part of February's meeting there was a Strategic Planning Session. That discussion was highlighted in the Appendix to the minutes..

Jessica highlighted the following proposals that came up:

- Councilor Krantz and MaryJo will be working with staff to develop onboarding materials (web form and/or binder)
- Adding a standing update from the JPACT and Region 1 ACT representatives on what they heard at the last meetings they attended
- Adding a standing update on changes to EMCTC Bylaws

She will provide a short update on these in April and we will make these standing update changes beginning in May's meeting

Contact Councilor Krantz or MaryJo if you'd like to provide any input into onboarding materials

Also highlighted:

- Elections for Vice Chair should be handled soon
- Mayor Stovall will be serving as the JPACT Representative with Councilor Kranz as the Alternate

## 5. Federal Transportation Reauthorization – Jessica Berry, Multnomah County and Brian Monberg, City of Gresham *Information/Discussion*

Jessica Berry informed the group that the next JPACT meeting would be discussing the Federal Transportation Reauthorization Act and possible earmark opportunities. Staff have been meeting to determine what a federal package might look like. She stressed the following on projects that might be considered for an earmarked project:

- Larger projects with regional significance
- A project that can be delivered in 3 to 5 years
- Projects with minimal risk associated with them

Jessica stressed that this process is in flux, details are apt to change frequently as the discussions and process moves forward and that priorities are around safety, equity, and climate and job creation.

Brian Monberg contributed the following points:

- Discussion around “earmarks” has not happened at the federal level since 2011
- The term “earmark” is currently being used but as things move forward that will change
- There’s no guarantee that the region will get any “earmark” or community benefit project
- The region is working together to make things as easy as possible for our congressional delegation to identify investments that would be the most competitive

## **6. REACH Transportation Safety Report – Brendon Haggerty and Charlene McGee, Multnomah County**

*Presentation/Discussion*

Brendon Haggerty, Interim Program Supervisor for the Healthy Homes and Communities Program, and Charlene McGee, with the REACH program provided the group with a presentation on the safety report released last month focusing on traffic safety impacts to Multnomah County’s Black community.

This was followed with an opportunity for discussion and questions.

Councilor John Miner asked for a copy of the presentation to be forwarded to him so that he might be able to share it with his Council. Oscar forwarded his request by email.

In response to Councilor Craddick’s inquiry as to plans to provide this presentation to the cities, Brendon Haggerty expressed they would welcome the opportunity to present to each of the cities in East county.

Eliot Rose asked if there is any information available about how making people feel safer contributes to more active transportation and more healthy transportation behavior. Charlene and Brendon responded with the following:

- There is national data available around that topic
- There is a local movement organizing a series of focus groups with different segments of the community to identify what safety means and looks like to them
- The perception of safety in the right of way is a necessary precondition for more active travel
- They mentioned [REACH](#) role in [Active People Healthy Nation Initiative](#) and the fear that BIPOC community members have of becoming the next hashtag
- REACH is organizing a few east county and northeast county community black bike rides

Mayor Travis Stovall shared his lived experience and personal observations and the need to go beyond the safety piece and discuss how our transportation systems are a barrier for people of color.

## **7. Regional Enhanced Transit Concept (ETC) Update – Jamie Snook, Trimet and Matt Bihn, Metro**

*Presentation/Discussion*

Matt and Jamie provided a presentation on their pilot program that they have been working on for two years that plans and designs transit priority projects throughout the region.

Their presentation included:

- What is ETC
- Completed transit projects
- Projects in progress
- Upcoming transit projects
- Benefits

- Next Step

They followed the presentation with an opportunity for discussion and questions. No comments or questions were submitted.

## **8. Regional Emergency Transportation Routes Report – Kim Ellis, Metro** *Presentation/Discussion*

Kim Ellis, along with Denise Barrett, Managing Director with the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) provided the group with a presentation.

The presentation was followed with an opportunity for discussion and questions.

Councilor Kranz asked what the plans are to educate and develop a higher awareness among the public for disaster routes.

Kim emphasized that they are working on that area and making recommendations for future work. She also emphasized that the routes are intended to be for first responders and moving equipment and supplies.

Denise shared that local jurisdiction partners should do their best to integrate this into their emergency response plans and that at the regional level they will do their best to help collaborate on messaging both pre and post disaster.

In response to a question by Mike Pullen, Kim advised the group that Burnside is likely to remain an ETR.

Tom Bouillion mentioned Port of Portland's seismic resiliency projects including the creation of a seismic resilient runway at PDX and a possible application for grant funding for this calendar year for a seismically resilient berth at Terminal 6.

Kim shared that as part of their refinements to the recommendation section they are talking more about the critical energy infrastructure hub.

## **9. JPACT Agenda and Metro Updates –Eliot Rose, Metro** *Information/Discussion*

JPACT Agenda for March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am:

- Discussion of regional emergency transportation routes
- Program direction briefing on our regional flexible funds analysis
- Potential return of earmarks through the Federal Transportation Reauthorization

### **Agency Updates**

#### **a. ODOT Update**

- No ODOT representation. Jessica Berry mentioned that there will be a Region 1 ACT meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup> and since we will be choosing an EMCTC member to be a Region 1 ACT representative on April 12<sup>th</sup>, anyone interested should consider participating in that meeting.

b. TriMet Update

- Jeff Owen shared that there will be two new board members:
- Dr. Lewis from District 6, East Multnomah County beginning immediately  
Thomas Ken, will begin his term in July
- General Manager search is underway with the hope that someone will be identified in June/July and starting in August
- The proposed budget has come out for public review and will be discussed at the next board meeting on March 24th

c. Port of Portland

- Tom mentioned the Port of Portland's shared prosperity strategy and shared some articles referencing this work. PDFs of these articles are available on the [EMCTC Website](#)

d. City of Fairview

- No updates.

e. Gresham

- Sandy Blvd from 181<sup>st</sup> to Sandy construction starting this month and completed by August
- Variable message sign to be posted on US 26<sup>th</sup> on Stone

f. Portland

- No updates.

g. Troutdale

- There are openings on the Reynolds School Board and their next meeting is on March 18<sup>th</sup>, if you are interested in serving on the board you may want to attend
- The 3 cities will be meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm
- Sandy Riverfront Park trail has reached 60% design
- Wood Village  
Two lighted crossings coming on board along Halsey area
- 238<sup>th</sup> closure; signage will be closed; asked Jessica to bring suggestions on signage to Multnomah County planning

h. Multnomah County

- EQRB Environmental study is open for comment one more week

- American Rescue Act; County expects to receive 3.7 million and Jon Henrichsen will update EMCTC at April meeting

**Other Business- All**

**Links Mentioned in Meeting**

Kim Ellis, Metro – [RETR Update Online Viewer](#)

Next Regular Meeting: April 12, 2020