

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, April 12, 2021 3:00pm-5:00pm
Virtual Meeting/Zoom

Members

Darren Riordan
Nolan Young
Lori Stegmann
Travis Stovall
Tom Bouillion
Jamie Kranz
John Miner

Representing

Fairview
Fairview
Gresham
Gresham
Port of Portland
Troutdale
City of Wood Village

EMCTC Staff

Cary Stacey
Jessica Berry
MaryJo Andersen
Oscar Rincones
Nathan Clark
Emily Miletich
Allison Boyd

Representing

Multnomah County
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Guests

Shirley Craddick
Eliot Rose
Jeff Owen
John Niiyama
Chris Strong
Brian Monberg
Jay Higgins
Hector Rodriguez-Ruiz
Margi Bradway
Lisa Hunrichs

Representing

Metro
Metro
Trimet
City of Wood Village
Gresham
Gresham
Gresham
ODOT
Metro
Metro

1. Welcome and Introductions

Councilor Kranz and Jessica Berry welcomed everyone and the group 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 March meeting were presented for adoption.

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

4. Vice Chair Election - Commissioner Stegmann, Multnomah County

Information/Action Item

Commissioner Lori Stegmann opened up the floor to any objections to her continuing as the EMCTC Chair.

No objections were voiced. Commissioner Lori Stegmann will continue in her role as the EMCTC Chair.

Councilor John Miner nominated the current Vice Chair, Councilor Jamie Kranz, to continue serving as the EMCTC Vice Chair.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Darren Riordan and Commissioner Lori Stegmann opened up the floor for other nominations. No other nominations were voiced.

The motion was carried forward with no objections.

5. JPACT 101 Lite - Margi Bradway, Metro

Information/Discussion

Margi Bradway, Deputy Director of Planning and Development at Metro, provided the group with a presentation/orientation on what JPACT does and how it functions.

This was followed up with an opportunity to provide comments and ask questions.

Margi will be providing additional resources and information on JPACT including an acronym list, the slide presentation, and a JPACT fact sheet (all available via the [EMCTC website](#) or at our [Dropbox link](#)).

Highlights:

- MPO area designated by the governor will probably not see significant changes but Metro is keeping an eye out on potential creation of other MPO's because this would affect what our share of funding would be.
- Population and density are factored when designating an MPO.
- Metro has taken the lead and has been working for the past two months to try to put together regional policy priorities for earmarks.

6. Region 1 ACT Representative - Commissioner Stegmann, Multnomah County

Information/Action Item

Jessica Berry provided the group an orientation on the role of the Region 1 ACT Representative.

Commissioner Lori Stegmann then opened the floor to a nomination for the Region 1 ACT Representative.

Councilor John Miner nominated Mayor Travis Stovall and the motion was seconded by Councilor Darren Riordan.

The motion was passed with no objections.

7. JPACT Report - Mayor Stovall, City of Gresham and/or Alternate Councilor Kranz, City of Troutdale – Jamie Snook, Trimet and Matt Bihn, Metro

Information/Discussion

Mayor Stovall provided the group with a report on March's JPACT meeting.

Highlights:

- A request for consensus on projects that will be brought forward for lobbying for federal funding.
- A discussion on the regional emergency transportation routes
- A conversation on the 2020 to 2027 regional flexible funds with Metro providing a “roadmap” for the process
- A conversation about 14 projects for what is being considered the highway title in East County

8. Strategic Planning Update – Cary Stacy & Jessica Berry, Multnomah County

Information/Discussion

Cary Stacy provided the group with an update to February's discussion on how EMCTC could be more strategic and have more of a role at the regional table. She focused on three areas.

Highlights:

- Staffing (how can this committee be staffed), providing orientation materials and the capacity to be more strategic, how you receive minutes and clear action items (more discussion on this topic in May)
- Opportunities for amendments to the bylaws to clarify roles and responsibilities
- Stronger focus on topics (ie. equity, Vision Zero, traffic fatalities, tolling, etc.), regular updates on other higher level issues/topics

Cary requested 45 minutes to discuss the bylaws in May's EMCTC meeting; in response the May meeting will be extended by 30 minutes and will be scheduled from 3:30pm to 6:00pm to accommodate additional discussion on these strategic planning topics.

9. Transportation Division Change Updates – Jon Henrichsen, Multnomah County

Information/Discussion

Jon Henrichsen, Multnomah County Transportation Division Director, was not able to attend this meeting.

No updates were provided and he will reschedule his presentation.

10. Wood Village City Hall – John Niiyama, City of Wood Village

Information/Discussion

John Niiyama, Public Works Director for the City of Wood Village, provided the group with an update on their new building that will house the City Hall and Community Center..

Highlights:

- Under construction now
- Anticipated move-in July of 2021
- Working on use agreements and programming for the new space
- Under budget about \$200,000
- Proposed budget for 2122 includes field enhancements

11. JPACT Agenda and Metro Updates –Eliot Rose, Metro

Information/Discussion

Eliot shared the JPACT Agenda for March with the group.

Agenda Items Discussed:

- MTIP (Metro Transportation Improvement Program) amendments
- Administrative changes that discuss Metro programs along with minor phase and scope changes to existing projects
- New ODOT project to do a multimodal study along the US 26 corridor
- Resolution to accept the regional emergency transportation routes final report and recommendations
- Adoption of the unified planning work program, the federal required document that covers all federally funded planning work in the region
- Report back from the congestion pricing study (how the region's transportation system would perform under different congestion pricing scenarios)
- Discussion of the federal policy agenda (earmarks)
- Discussion on the Regional Mobility Policy

Agency Updates

a. ODOT Update

Scoping for 2024 to 2027, meeting with jurisdictions to do cost estimates to hopefully put out a list of potential projects this Spring

Recovery from landslides almost complete; hoping for full recovery by summer

Statewide traffic volumes are only 5% to 10% below pre pandemic levels with I-84 traffic up to pre pandemic level mostly

b. TriMet Update

No updates.

c. Port of Portland

Air travel is only down about 41% (was almost 70% at worst point)

Starting to think about what “return to office” will look like; employees are encouraged, not required to be vaccinated

d. City of Fairview

Annual work plan will be focusing on improved pedestrian and bicycle safety and facilities

Received approval for sidewalk on the West side of 223rd below the railroad crossing.

e. Gresham

City Council reviewed projects they have been advocating for at the federal and regional levels

f. Portland

No updates.

g. Troutdale

City Council will review for approval the town center at their meeting tomorrow.

h. City of Wood Village

Retail space available at the byway project

238th Avenue project routing inadequate; having to borrow signs from City of Troutdale for local access and heightened traffic on residential streets

i. Multnomah County

Crosswalks on Halsey design underway and should be ready for construction late summer or early fall.

Lowden Road project completed.

Other Business- All

Councilor Craddick shared some additional updates with the group.

Highlights:

- There have been three meetings with the three Congressional delegates in the last week (Schrader, Blumenauer and Bonamici) to review the Greater Portland Jobs, Climate Action, Transit and Safety Package. List is larger than funding available and working with jurisdictions to pare down the package.

Next Regular Meeting: May 17, 2020 (note meeting will be extended 3:00pm to 5:30pm)