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**Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2020**

501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland, OR  
Multnomah Building, Room 126  
6:30-8:30pm

<b>Members Attending</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>
Greg Olson	Joel Huffman
Susan Watt	Caroline Crisp
Andrew Holtz	Carolyn Briggs
Michael Rubenstein	Art Graves
Gary Purvine	Sarah Erlund
AJ Zelada	David Hoang
Ken Lanteigne	
Tim Roth	
Jim Slebos	
John Russell	
Clint Culpepper	
Dean Derek	
Rory Renfro	

**Welcome & Introductions**

During the introduction period, Rory asked all members to introduce themselves and new members to identify themselves. MaryJo then identified members who would be absent for this meeting.

**Approve December 2019 Meeting Minutes**

MaryJo reminded members that minutes from now on will be abbreviated but that there is an option to request the meeting audio recording if you'd like that file emailed to you (email Oscar Rincones directly to request audio file at [oscar.rincones@multco.us](mailto:oscar.rincones@multco.us); we are not able to post audio to the website at this time).

Joel Huffman asked if a Google drive (group) site would be available in the future for accessing minutes and other resources mentioned at meetings.

MaryJo responded that all minutes, agendas, resources, etc. are available on the Multnomah County BPCAC website (<https://multco.us/transportation-planning/bicycle-and-pedestrian-citizen-advisory-committee>). The goal is to have the draft minutes available within a week after a meeting. At a future time, MaryJo will guide the members through the website.

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Rory called for any discussion or changes to the minutes from our December meeting. Clint Culpepper moved to approve the minutes, Dean Derek seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### Public Comment

Rory then called for any public comment.

Greg Olson shared information on his meeting with Councilor Craddick from Metro (<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/regional-leadership/metro-council>) and Jim from 40 Mile Loop (<http://40mileloop.org/wordpress/>) regarding bike trails and the next Metro transportation initiative. In particular, the discussion involved the East County and the Springwater Corridor to Marine Drive Trail and the Gresham Fairview extension and where it's going.

The Halsey Street Project status came up. Greg asked if Jessica might know the status of the project.

Jessica responded that the three cities have an ongoing meeting called the Halsey Corridor Compact (<https://www.woodvillageor.gov/lorem-ipsum-copy-copy/>) involving mostly management staff at each of the cities in addition to some developer interests. Jessica and Allison, from Multnomah County attend the meetings when they do not overlap with other meetings.

Jessica will follow up with meeting information; meetings are hosted by the city of Fairview.

Hal Ballard, a guest from Washington County at this meeting, introduced himself and gave some background on his history with bicycle and pedestrian issues. He is trying to encourage Washington County into developing a group like Multnomah County's BPCAC.

Washington County Commissioners have expressed that they cannot make bicycle and pedestrian improvements due to the lack of funding. Mr. Ballard believes that by establishing a committee, the County might be able to get funding appropriated. He

Commented [AM3]: that they cannot make bicycle and pedestrian improvements

would like guidance and support from our group. He would like to be able to go to the table with information at his next meeting with Washington County (email Hal Ballard at bicyclist@comcast.net).

### **Chair Report**

Rory announced his resignation effective after next month due to an increase in personal and work commitments.

He explained that this does provide opportunities for the committee. An alternate member can slide in to transition as a permanent member and/or someone can step forward to become the chair. A Vice Chair will also need to be identified.

Rory went on to thank the group for the opportunity to serve and the group thanked him for his years of service.

Group members interested in serving as Chair or Co-Chair please contact MaryJo directly ([maryjo.andersen@multco.us](mailto:maryjo.andersen@multco.us) or 503-988-0589).

### **Staff Report (MaryJo Andersen)**

MaryJo opted out of a staff report to allow ample time to discuss any edits to the CIP Letter. She also reminded the group that a special election would be scheduled next month for the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

Greg Olson mentioned the fatality that recently occurred in Gresham and inquired on whether BPCAC could take any steps to help them understand the need to slow traffic on Hogan Road.

MaryJo gave the group information about the incident in which an impaired driver who ran a red light killed an 11-year-old student. She explained there will need to be a cooling off period before approaching the topic and Greg volunteered to be of assistance when this has passed.

A discussion on the ability of the Committee to write a letter requesting specific safety improvements. MaryJo explained that the roads belong to Gresham and Jessica explained they will do further research into this.

A short discussion reviewed the rules around writing letters and being careful not to represent personal opinions as those being reflective of the committee.

Michael Rubenstein inquired on the ability of the County to initiate a more rapid response regarding road signage when there is a fatality. Jessica explained she is not aware of any policy in place.

Commented [AM4]: road signage

Michael requested information at a future time on what is involved on getting new signage and the group had a short discussion around updated policies on signage.

The group had a short discussion about delineators and MaryJo asked Greg to bring the topic up at his next meeting with Gresham.

### Discussion of the CIP letter and Sub-Committee Report

Rory reviewed the purpose of the CIP letter that will be presented to the Commissioners in two weeks. He reiterated that the proposal would be for some of these pilot projects to include passing or climbing lanes along some of the rural roads without wholesale widening.

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Discussion included:

- Whether the letter set the right tone
- County maintenance projects and review of bicyclist/pedestrian needs
- Specific policy direction from the the Board to Road Maintenance to consult the bike/ped map
- Promote group's communications by having the County Road Maintenance Manager attend a BPCAC meeting
- Road maintenance sharing schedule of repairs with BPCAC feedback
- Replacement of curve warning signs countywide
- Soft shoulders not being able to be paved over because they then become an engineered project; striping for more shoulder room
- Elevation being as important as width when the road is climbing
- Updating of design and construction manual this calendar year
- Figuring out how to do the uphill lanes on the 5 projects
- Maintenance vs. Capital Improvement in the CIP letter
- Pursuing maintenance separately
- Asking that funding begin to be actively sought after
- Cost is not a factor in setting priority of projects
- Pilot projects have limited funding; County receives about 1 million every 3 to 6 years
- Large cost of projects that involve engineering (e.g. pumping stations, etc.)
- Metro and Transportation 2020
- Splitting off Scholls Ferry project and adding history of the project
- Identifying key bike and pedestrian infrastructure improvements

Commented [AM6]: the County Road Maintenance Manager

Commented [AM7]: I'm not sure what these are - I can't remember. Maybe relating to storm water?

- Invite Metro to do presentation
- Wordsmithing Cully neighborhood section of CIP letter
- Reminding Commissioners that doing good stuff for people who walk and bike also benefits drivers
- Expressing clearly that the group wants a Sauvie Island project

Commented [AM8]: Is this part of the upcoming Metro bond measure?

Susan Watt moved to accept the letter of recommendation with edits as discussed. The move was seconded by AJ Zelada and the motion was passed.

Commented [AM9]: Watt

Commented [AM10]: Zelada

Rory's signature will need to be collected before Rory leaves town on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January. Andrew Holtz will finalize the text and MaryJo will finalize the formatting before the Board meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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### 7:50 pm Work Plan for 2020

MaryJo discussed the 2020 work plan for the group and the responses that were turned in to her at the last meeting.

Requests/responses included:

- Visit from a County Commissioner
- Presentation on specific road projects that will contribute to the Portland Vision Zero
- Active mode transportation safety
- Planning multi use paths in urban communities
- Presentation on local, Metro, state and federal funding
- Expanding bicycle and pedestrian facilities on Multnomah County Roads
- Bridge(s) tour

The topic of escalating progress to move things forward faster was discussed with the consensus that the best way to move things forward is through representation in the community by members of this committee (i.e. becoming involved in other committees/groups that might effect change in bike/ped challenges).

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Commented [OR13R12]: Newer guy was asking about how to move things along faster and older members clarified that the pace of things is slow and the best way to move things forward is for members of this group to become involved in other groups that might affect bike/ped issues.

Also discussed was the subject of comparing traffic fatalities and calculating statistically how many are going to occur in Multnomah County.

Additionally the question of whether serious pedestrian, bicycle and motorist incidents cause projects to score higher. MaryJo explained that it does factor into the scoring.

Jessica reviewed the County's capital plan and its effect on projects. She explained that the County general receives about 11% of funds available from Metro about every 3 years. This includes funding for the Gresham, Fairview and Troutdale areas. She

explained that the decision making around what to apply for occurs at the East Multnomah County Transportation Committee (EMCTC) and suggested this might be a good group to attend if you're interested in hearing more about Multnomah County projects although the group does not make decisions about the County rural roads and projects ( <https://multco.us/transportation-planning/east-multnomah-county-transportation-committee>).

MaryJo reminded members about the map currently available that shows which roads are Multnomah County roads (<https://multco.us/roads-capital-improvement-plan/background>).

A discussion followed regarding finding a way to get regular updates on the progress of projects or having a project timeline to be able to review progress.

#### **Update on Committee Modernization Process - MaryJo Andersen**

MaryJo reminded members that the sub-committee will be meeting on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at World Cup Coffee at 1740 NW Glisan from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

#### **Open Share / Project Updates / Other Business (All)**

Due to other business priorities, time ran out.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm**

#### **The next BPCAC meeting is Wednesday, February 12, 2020**

Meeting agendas and minutes are available at:

<https://multco.us/transportation-planning/bpcac-meeting-agendas-and-minutes>

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