

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
ROOM 126, MULTNOMAH BUILDING
501 SE HAWTHORNE BLVD, PORTLAND OR
OCTOBER 5, 2015 6:30-8:30 PM

MEETING SUMMARY

I. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

In attendance:

Subcommittee members

Andrew Holtz
Sara Grigsby
Martha Berndt
Jerry Grossnickle

Project Team

Joanna Valencia
Kevin Cook
Susie Wright
Matt Hastie
Jessica Berry

Other community members in attendance: Carol Chesarek, Steve Baker, others...

Joanna Valencia welcomed everyone to the fourth meeting of this subcommittee, Introductions were made, followed by a brief review of the meeting agenda. Joanna noted that this is a special meeting that was scheduled after the last meeting. She also noted that the agenda materials are the same as the August 24th meeting. She also pointed out comments received from the public and noted handouts were on the table.

II. Report on Transportation Related Feedback from Public Meetings

Susie provided some feedback on the public workshops. She noted that in the west county most of the comments on the project list were projects that people wanted. In the east county it was mostly projects that people didn't want. She noted some other high level comments that we received included comments from people about the nature of bicycling in the region (concern that it is recreational in nature). Matt Hastie noted that in addition to the community meetings, we had the same written survey online and we got a large influx of comments via the online survey at the end of the month. He noted that there will be some differences between what they reported about the workshops at the last full CAC because it came in after that meeting. Martha asked if there was a difference in the presentations on the east and west county. Susie noted that the project comments were mostly before the presentation. Sara noted that at the workshop people seemed to mostly be concerned with their own location on the maps prior to looking at where the projects and routes were on the maps.

Action Taken - No action

III. Policies on Key Transportation Topics

Joanna led the discussion of the Key Transportation Topics memo. She noted that staff would take public comment at the end of the agenda item. The committee reviewed and provided suggestions for each of the 12 policies on the memo. Edits were incorporated; two policies were deleted/combined with other policies. An updated set of policies will be provided in the next Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting packet.

Comments from the public:

- How did the projects get onto the bike map? – Discussion ensued.
- Glad staff is considering road maintenance policies from SIMC.
- Also look at wildlife crossings under roads (e.g. culverts). Please include a list of culverts that block salmon passage.
- ODFW doesn't necessarily have the best mapping on wildlife crossings. Suggest using and/or creating a better map – a suggestion to pull in local experts to identify wildlife habitat areas and have them review project list.
- A suggestion to group projects geographically.
- Bring info on how truck routes are identified and what is allowed on certain routes.

Action Taken - Approved policies with modified language to move forward for review and action by the CAC.

IV. Existing Transportation Policies

Joanna Valencia noted that the committee had run out of time to cover this item.

Action Taken - Continue to next meeting for further review.

V. Alternatives Analysis

Susie Wright addressed some of the comments received regarding the prioritization criteria, noting that the criteria aren't meant to be the only method of project selection. The intent is to help establish the highest, medium, and lowest priorities to help inform the CIP process. Joanna shared the CIP project ranking criteria. Susie noted that this TSP process will likely influence changes in the CIP project ranking criteria based on the policies in the TSP. She noted that staff will try to restructure some of the evaluation criteria. These criteria will not be binding; it is the starting point for discussion. Sara suggested that streams be better identified on the maps along with the projects. Andrew noted that some of the projects are old, their descriptions might be old, and they should be updated or reviewed.

Comments from the public:

- Convene a group of experts to review the project list and determine where the real wildlife issues are.
- Provide better descriptions of projects so people can understand the impacts.

Action Taken - Continue to next meeting for further review.

VI. Public Comment

No additional public comment

VII. Meeting Wrap up

Matt Hastie noted that the committee may need to schedule an additional meeting. The committee concurred and indicated that they are willing to attend additional meetings.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:48 pm.