

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.**



Rithy KHUT &lt;rithy.khut@multco.us&gt;

## Fwd: Multnomah County Comprehensive Plan

**Jessica BERRY** <jessica.berry@multco.us>

Mon, Oct 19, 2015 at 9:32 AM

To: Rithy KHUT <rithy.khut@multco.us>

Joanna and I have not yet responded to this one. It should also be included for discussion this evening. Thanks!

Jessica Berry, AICP

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From: **Rich FAITH** <[rich.faith@multco.us](mailto:rich.faith@multco.us)>

Date: Mon, Oct 12, 2015 at 11:37 AM

Subject: Fwd: Multnomah County Comprehensive Plan

To: Joanna Valencia <[joanna.valencia@multco.us](mailto:joanna.valencia@multco.us)>, Jessica Berry <[jessica.berry@multco.us](mailto:jessica.berry@multco.us)>, Kate McQuillan <[Katherine.Mcquillan@multco.us](mailto:Katherine.Mcquillan@multco.us)>, Susie Wright <[swright@kittelerson.com](mailto:swright@kittelerson.com)>

Transportation Planners,

I'm forwarding an email that came to me last week while I was on vacation. Joanna, I would be interested in knowing what response to his email, if any, you think would be appropriate.

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From: **Steve Baker** <[stevebaker231@gmail.com](mailto:stevebaker231@gmail.com)>

Date: Thu, Oct 8, 2015 at 7:55 AM

Subject: Multnomah County Comprehensive Plan

To: [rich.faith@multco.us](mailto:rich.faith@multco.us), [kevin.cook@multco.us](mailto:kevin.cook@multco.us)

Good morning Rich

Good morning Kevin

Brief introduction....Sandy Baker (Barker5 LLC...Oregon Court of Appeals) is my wife; I think you know her. Along with her siblings they own property roughly at Germantown and Kaiser Road....

I write to the two of you this morning because I am a bit confused.

I attended the Transportation Sub-Committee this week. While I have attended the full committee meeting(s) before, this was my first sub-committee if-you-will.

During Public Comment, one of your staff (might have been Matt?) looked directly at me asking if I had comments....which I appreciated, but I declined.

And the reason I declined is partly the reason I write the two of you this morning.

During this meeting I heard several things regarding the transportation part of the Comprehensive Plan.

But one thing I did not hear, or was not addressed is the amount of traffic today on roads like Germantown (and Cornelius Pass), and the amount of traffic that surely will grow in short order. The discussion of the members of the sub-committee seemed more intent to prevent traffic, rather than plan for the inevitable increase in traffic.

So, the reason I did not comment is... I was not sure if this, increase traffic, has been discussed prior. I would

hope so, but I doubt it.

Further, as I sat listening at the meeting I was struck by how Washington Co. is setting up for increased traffic, expanding north from Hwy 26.

Multnomah Co. appears not to be thinking the same. I understand how members of the committee do not want folks from North Portland and even Vancouver using the local roads to get to Washington Co.; I do get that...and I too am concerned about increased traffic. However, the increase in traffic is going to happen regardless of what local folk may want.

And with that, we need to plan for this. I am not sure that 'voice' is a member of the sub-committee. Just my thought and observations from the meeting this week.

Steve Baker

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***Rich Faith, AICP***

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## [Comprehensive Plan] Bike maps

**Jessica BERRY** <jessica.berry@multco.us>

Mon, Oct 19, 2015 at 9:31 AM

To: Rithy KHUT <rithy.khut@multco.us>

This will go into the agenda packet. Joanna is planning to respond directly to Kathleen also.  
Thanks,

Jessica Berry, AICP

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From: **Rithy KHUT** <rithy.khut@multco.us>

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Joanna or Jessica,

Would you like to answer this question from Kathleen Shelman?

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From: **Kathleen Shelman** <[kshelman49@gmail.com](mailto:kshelman49@gmail.com)>

Date: Wed, Oct 14, 2015 at 9:09 PM

Subject: [Comprehensive Plan] Bike maps

To: "[compplan@multco.us](mailto:compplan@multco.us)" <[compplan@multco.us](mailto:compplan@multco.us)>

Hello! I attended the last meeting of the transportation committee and came away with some questions about the proposed bike path overlays. I understand that the maps, like the completed plan, will be legally binding documents. And since we live at the intersection of 2 of the proposed routes, I have concerns about what a finished path would look like.

1). Who is on the committee that chose these routes? Was there representation from the affected residents? Haven't had an answer to this yet.

2). When were these plans made? They look a lot like the same plans that were made and rejected by the

community 20-some years ago.

3). Is it possible to specify a maximum width / type of path or safety enhancement that will be put in place? It would help to know what we are getting. We could well be quite happy with some modifications to our roads but not others, and leaving it to the judgement of some future road guy makes me nervous.

4) Are you talking to ODOT about the scenic highway? That's where the big bike path \$\$ need to go

I think these questions should be answered if the maps are included in the comprehensive plan.

Thanks for all the time and energy you have put into updating the plan.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Shelman  
Intersection of Hurlburt and Evans

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