



Meeting minutes

Meeting: **Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) meeting**

Date/time: Wednesday July 20, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Place: Virtual video conference call meeting via Zoom

Members Attending

Tom Kloster, Chair
Carol Chesarek
Raymond Eck
Tom Armstrong
Aquilla Hurd-Ravich
Laura Terway
Chris Deffebach
Gary Albrecht
Laura Kelly
Tara O'Brien
Bret Marchant
Sara Wright
Rachel Loftin

Affiliate

Metro
Multnomah County Citizen Representative
Washington County Citizen Representative
Largest City in the Region: Portland
Second Largest City in Clackamas County: Oregon City
Clackamas County: Other Cities, City of Happy Valley
Washington County
Clark County
Department Land Conservation and Development
TriMet
Public Economic Dev. Org: Greater Portland, Inc.
Environ. Advocacy Org: OR Environmental Council
Community Partners for Affordable Housing

Alternate Members Attending

Jean Senechal Biggs
Steve Koper
Kevin Cook
Sarah Paulus
Theresa Cherniak
Kelly Reid
Cat Plein
Mary Kyle McCurdy
Craig Sheahan
Brendon Haggerty

Affiliate

Second Largest City in Washington Co.: Beaverton
City of Tualatin
Multnomah County
Multnomah County
Washington County
OR Dept. of Land Conservation & Development
FORTH
1000 Friends of Oregon
David Evans & Associates, Inc.
Public Health & Urban Forum, Multnomah Co.

Guests Attending

Casey Gillespie
Cody Field
Emily Benoit
Jessica Pelz
Joe Dills
John O'Neil
Kadin Mangalik
Kate Rogers
Lindsey Shibata

Affiliate

City of Tualatin
City of Vancouver
Washington County
MIG/APG

MIG/APG

Metro Staff Attending

Ally Holmqvist, Sr. Transportation Planner
Ted Reid, Principal Transportation Planner
Kim Ellis, Principal Transportation Planner
Christine Rutan, Senior GIS Specialist

Matthew Hampton, Sr. Transportation Planner
Lake McTighe, Sr. Transportation Planner
Thaya Patton, Principal Researcher & Modeler
Marie Miller, TPAC & MTAC Recorder

Call to Order, Quorum Declaration and Introductions

Chair Tom Kloster called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Introductions were made. A quorum was declared. Zoom logistics and meeting features were reviewed for online raised hands, renaming yourself, finding attendees and participants, and chat area for messaging and sharing links.

Comments from the Chair and Committee Members

- **Updates from committee members around the Region (all)**

Jean Senechal-Biggs announced there has been a groundbreaking to celebrate the new affordable housing development in Beaverton, called Wishcamper project. This project is in the South Cooper Mountain area and is planned to have 135 affordable homes, including 84 for seniors. A link was shared that provided information on this project and two other apartment communities that will provide affordable homes for 264 households in Clackamas and Washington counties. <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/news/one-week-metro-s-affordable-housing-bond-projects>

Chris Deffebach a public comment period on 10 additional potential locations in Washington County for commuter connection shuttles. Outreach starts next week on this.

- **Fatal crashes update** (Lake McTighe) The June fatal crashes update report was given. In June, six people died in traffic crashes in in the region. Five in Multnomah County, one in Clackamas County and one in Washington County. So far this year, 57 people have been killed in traffic crashes, an average of 3 people every day. Nearly half of the traffic deaths (25) have been people walking or in a wheelchair. Ms. McTighe noted work on a draft federal grant for Safe Streets for all which is due in September.
- **Climate Expert Panel Report from June 22, 2022** (Kim Ellis) The materials from the Climate Expert Panel Forum held recently have been posted on the website. The link for the recording and materials was provided: <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/events/climate-and-transportation-expert-panel/2022-06-22> Information from these discussions will be brought forward at the August 17 MTAC/TPAC workshop, leading to further discussions on implementations for the climate smart strategy update. In addition, the DLCD adoption of climate rulemaking will be taken into account as well.

Public Communications on Agenda Items - none

Consideration of MTAC minutes May 18, 2022 meeting

Carol Chesarek asked that Roger Alfred, OMA office, review his response to her questions on page 8 of the minutes with language proposed in UGB land swap/urban growth reserves, and send back edits as part of this motion.

MOTION: To approve minutes from May 18, 2022 meeting with edits completed from Roger Alfred, OMA office.

ACTION: Motion passed with one abstention: Rachel Loftin.

Title 11 Concept Planning project update: Sherwood West (Kate Rogers & Joe Dills, MIG/APG) Ted Reid provided an introduction to the presentation. Urban reserves are outside Urban Growth Boundaries (UGB) suitable for long-term urbanization. Since 2010 policy has been to only expand UGB from urban reserves. Sherwood West is an example of an urban reserve. There is a concept plan for this urban reserve, described in our Functional Plans. The City of Sherwood has been going through this process and staff from MIG will present their Preliminary Concept Plan Re-look Project.

Joe Dills began the presentation with an update on the concept planning process for the Sherwood West urban reserve area explaining why the project re-look is taking place, tasks completed to date, and next steps and project timeline. The preliminary concept plan was drafted prior to the comprehensive plan update primarily focused on housing – not a balance of land uses. It was intended to inform future decision-making but does not fully meet all Metro Title 11 concept plan requirements.

This project will take another look at the Sherwood West area to address the following:

- New opportunities for employment and economic growth
- New land use and growth patterns
- New and updated transportation plans
- New state rules related to housing
- Roadmap to inform possible future UGB expansion decision

In 2021, Sherwood received a Metro grant to re-look at Preliminary Concept Plan, formed Technical and Community Advisory Committees, are developing land use scenario map with implementation tools to take out to the community for feedback and input in late summer, and anticipate an updated Concept Plan to be complete by end of 2022 early 2023. Public engagement strategies were described and Sherwood West Vision Statement.

Theme Concepts

Mixed employment areas: where there is a mix of office, light industrial, and flex space uses in the same development or area of the city. This type of development typically requires large sites (at least 40-50 acres), flat topography, and larger ownerships.

Great neighborhoods: Principles include plan for walkability, provide for a variety of housing, integrate new and existing neighborhoods, plan for schools and parks as destinations, connect greenspaces, and integrate nature into neighborhoods.

Livable and Connected Streets: Principles include design for safety, integrate with existing Sherwood, connect all areas of Sherwood West, streets are places for people of all ages and abilities, and provide for all modes of travel.

SE Elwert Road Design Concepts: Principles include connect west and east sides of the Sherwood Community, tame the traffic, plan for safety, promote safe and comfortable walking and biking, create a green, landscaped corridor, and provide for future transit.

Active Transportation: Connected Neighborhoods, Parks, Schools, Employment and Greenspaces

Chicken Creek Greenway & Greenspaces: With creek corridor, access to nature, storm water management, neighborhood edge, and multi-use paths.

Information on Buildable Land Inventory of the project area, open space estimates, and housing metric assumptions was presented. Next Steps to complete the Concept Plan:

- After **draft** land use scenarios are complete a community open-house is planned. In-person, online engagement, and input from the High School community is being planned for.
- After community feedback, a preferred land use scenario will be selected and additional analysis will be reviewed (**transportation, infrastructure funding**)
- Community engagement is at every step of the way. Staff has met with neighborhood groups and will be at summer events (Eastview Neighborhood, Mandel Farms, and Movies in the Park)
- A Sherwood West Concept Plan complete by fall and accepted by Council in Winter 2022/2023.

Comments from the committee:

- Chair Kloster asked if the rural reserve stops at the UGB boundary. Mr. Dills noted that in this case, yes. Natural resource maps show significant resources to the west. Serving the area to the west has a resource reason to not extend further, but infrastructure would be a huge challenge.
- Chris Deffebach highlighted transportation planning that continue to be a challenge, while trying to maintain connectivity across county roads, increasing traffic with development, and serving all purposes with roadways. Looking at urban reserve projects as a whole to craft communities continue to develop with our planning. Mr. Dills agreed on the importance with regional transportation planning. More planning with transit planning serving expansion areas with added growth will continue.
- Tara O'Brien noted there are a lot of factors TriMet can prioritize and provide service with equity ridership in this area. TriMet supports the regional look at planning. It was noted there are other transit study plans underway and they will stay connected to them in coordination with concept planning.
- Rachel Loftin noted the need for affordable housing in the area to be considered with the development plans.

Introduction to the High Capacity Transit Strategy update for the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) (Ally Holmqvist, Metro) Ally Holmqvist began the presentation with describing the High Capacity Transit (HCT) Strategy, a component of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which is the framework for guiding regional high capacity transit system investments – categorizing corridors where a higher quality of service would most benefit the most people. The update will re-assess and re-evaluate the region's high capacity transit system to address new policy questions around the future of high capacity transit in our region, re-envision the regional high capacity transit network with rapid bus, and build on the previous work done identifying community priorities to create a "pipeline" of corridor investments in the region competitive for federal funding.

Work will include establishing policy recommendations, identifying additional corridors for consideration and refining the network vision, tiering corridor investments by readiness and identifying potential project opportunities (providing a framework for project prioritization within the 2023 RTP

process), and developing a draft report including recommendations for implementation of the updated HCT Strategy. This work will result in an updated strategy for achieving our goals and desired outcomes as we implement the high capacity transit network vision.

The HCT Strategy will be updated in four key phases from June 2022 to November 2023 with staff returning to the working group, County coordinating committees, and Metro advisory committees and Council for input to inform each milestone. This work plan and supporting public engagement approach were developed to align with the timeline, key milestones, and engagement efforts for and prepare final content for incorporation into the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan to be considered for adoption in November 2023.

Comments from the committee:

- Gary Albrecht asked if this HCT strategy update will look at new transit lines into Clark County, WA other than on I-5. Ms. Holmqvist noted the I-5 as a key connection to start with, but also looking at other areas in the plans that include what RTC has developed with C-Tran on I-205 and see what opportunities can be developed there. Mr. Albrecht noted Clark County would be interested in other options beyond I-5 and I-205. Chair Kloster noted there were no new bridges planned across the river between states with this study or in the RTP, but will work off existing bridges in all transportation systems that tie into this plan.
- Tara O'Brien noted TriMet Service is only down 19%, with reductions to 22% in September due to Operator shortage. Ridership is down about 43% compared to June 2019. With transit planning ongoing we want to think beyond traditional routes but serving equity areas more efficiently, safely and reliably. We are moving in the right direction and have ridership increasing since January.
- Jean Senechal-Biggs thought regarding transit this is the backbone of our growth strategy in the region. We have been building the system for years with the pandemic creating loss of ridership and future unknown and what might get riders back on transit. Questions to consider are what new things we should be thinking about and how to manage the transit element.
- Sara Wright noted the importance we identify we are seeing transit ridership down, but there is often a pacification tone in the way we talk about it. It was noted this is an opportunity to be more aggressive to make transit work, and support our thriving communities.

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned by Chair Kloster at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Miller, MTAC Recorder

Attachments to the Public Record, MTAC meeting July 20, 2022

Item	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1	Agenda	7/20/2022	7/20/2022 MTAC Meeting Agenda	072022M-01
2	MTAC Work Program	7/12/2022	MTAC Work Program as of 7/12/2022	072022M-02
3	Memo	7/1/2022	TO: MTAC members and interested parties From: Lake McTighe, Regional Planner RE: June 2022 Report - Traffic Deaths in the three counties	072022M-03
4	Handout	6/22/2022	Climate and transportation expert panel summary	072022M-04
5	Handout	6/22/2022	June 22, 2022 Climate Smart Expert Panel Registrant List	072022M-05
6	Handout	6/22/2022	2023 Regional Transportation Plan Climate and Transportation Expert Panel Slides	072022M-06
7	Minutes	May 18, 2022	Draft minutes from May 18, 2022 MTAC meeting	072022M-07
8	Memo	July 6, 2022	TO: MTAC and interested parties From: Ally Holmqvist, Senior Transportation Planner RE: Introduction to the High Capacity Transit Strategy Update	072022M-08
9	Attachment 1	June 2022	HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT STRATEGY UPDATE Key Meeting Dates and Engagement Activities for Project Milestones	072022M-09
10	Attachment 2	June 2022	High Capacity Transit Strategy Update Work Plan	072022M-10
11	Attachment 3	June 30, 2022	High Capacity Transit Strategy Update: Working Group #1 Agenda	072022M-11
12	Attachment 4	June 30, 2022	High Capacity Transit Strategy Update Working Group #1 Meeting minutes	072022M-12
13	Attachment 5	N/A	High Capacity Transit 2018 RTP Content	072022M-13
14	Slide	7/20/2022	May-June traffic deaths in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties	072022M-14
15	Presentation	7/20/2022	Sherwood West Preliminary Concept Plan Re-look Project	072022M-15
16	Presentation	7/20/2022	HCT Strategy Update: Introduction	072022M-16