



Meeting minutes

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

Date/time: Wednesday July 19, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Place: Virtual video conference call meeting via Zoom

Members Attending

Eryn Kehe, Chair
Joseph Edge
Carol Chesarek
Victor Saldanha
Tom Armstrong
Aquilla Hurd-Ravich
Anna Slatinsky
Jamie Stasny
Adam Barber
Jessica Pelz
Neelam Dorman
Laura Kelly
Manuel Contreras, Jr.
Gery Keck
Tara O'Brien
Bret Marchant
Brett Morgan
Nora Apter
Rachel Loftin
Preston Korst
Erik Cole
Mike O'Brien
Andrea Hamberg

Alternate Members Attending

Kamran Mesbah
Vee Paykar
Faun Hosey
Mary Phillips
Colin Cooper
Jean Senechal Biggs
Sarah Paulus
Glen Bolen
Cassera Phipps
Fiona Lyon
Jerry Johnson
Jacqui Treiger
Craig Sheahan
Brendon Haggerty
Ryan Ames

Affiliate

Metro
Clackamas County Community Member
Multnomah County Community Member
Washington County Community Member
Largest City in the Region: Portland
Second Largest City in Clackamas County: Oregon City
Second Largest City in Washington County: Beaverton
Clackamas County
Multnomah County
Washington County
Oregon Department of Transportation
Department Land Conservation and Development
Clackamas Water Environmental Services
Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District
TriMet
Greater Portland, Inc.
1000 Friends of Oregon
Oregon Environmental Council
Community Partners for Affordable Housing
Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland
Schnitzer Properties & Revitalize Portland Coalition
Mayer/Reed, Inc.
Multnomah County Public Health & Urban Forum

Affiliate

Clackamas County Community Member
Multnomah County Community Member
Washington County Community Member
Largest City in Multnomah County: Gresham
Largest City in Washington County: Hillsboro
Second Largest City in Washington County: Beaverton
Multnomah County
Oregon Department of Transportation
Clean Water Services
TriMet
Johnson Economics, LLC
Oregon Environmental Council
David Evans & Associates, Inc.
Public Health & Urban Forum, Multnomah Co.
Public Health & Urban Forum, Washington Co.

Guests Attending

Barbara Fryer
Bill Peterson
Bruce Coleman
Camden McKone
Max Nonnamaker
Met Land Group Staff member

Affiliate

City of Cornelius

City of Sherwood

Multnomah County

Metro Staff Attending

Ally Holmqvist, Cindy Pederson, Clint Chiavarini, Daniel Audelo, David Tetrick, Eryn Kehe, John Mermin, Kim Ellis, Laura Combs, Marie Miller, Matt Bihn, Ted Reid

Call to Order, Quorum Declaration and Introductions

Chair Eryn Kehe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was declared. Introductions were made. 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) Michael O'Brien announced the upcoming summertime Paseo festival July 16, 23, & 30, interactive fun in Downtown Portland at Shemanski Park and the South Park Blocks.
- **2023 RTP Public Comment Period** (Kim Ellis) It was announced the public comment period on the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) began on July 10 and goes through August 25. The link to public comment period information for the 2023 RTP and High Capacity Transit Strategy was shared in chat: <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/2023-regional-transportation-plan/public-comment>

Public Communications on Agenda Items none received

Consideration of MTAC minutes May 17, 2023 meeting

Approval of the May 17, 2023 MTAC meeting minutes was given by the committee by majority vote with no corrections. Two abstentions: Joseph Edge, Neelam Dorman.

Urban Growth Boundary engagement plan (Chair Kehe & Laura Combs, Metro) Chair Kehe began the presentation with the process for completing the 2024 UGB decision that is due by the end of 2024 by Metro Council adoption. As well as the technical advisory groups including MTAC and the Land Use Technical Advisory group, new this cycle are the Committee on Racial Equity (CORE), Stakeholder Roundtable, and youth cohort.

Membership outreach is underway for the Stakeholder Roundtable who will be tasked with contributing perspectives to the content of the 2024 Urban Growth Report, and provide feedback to staff on draft Urban Growth Report analysis. Members of the group will be appointed by Metro COO in summer 2023 with bi-monthly meetings to review analysis, discuss inputs and assumptions, and provide feedback to staff through to Fall 2024.

Colin Cooper asked how information will be formatted to CORE. Chair Kehe noted staff is working with our DEI department to prepare for presentations similar to what will be presented to the stakeholders group and Council. We are interested in following their interests and making sure they understand the process. Another engagement planned is with jurisdictional outreach to areas that are working with urban reserves. Outreach is underway with city managers and planning staff.

Laura Combs was introduced. She presented information on the youth cohort engagement plan. Metro has partnered with the nonprofit organization Next Up to form the youth cohort group. There are 8 planned meetings between September 2023 and December 2024. A field trip to urban reserve areas and Council engagement with the cohort is planned as well.

The purpose of the youth cohort was described as educating youth leaders through a variety of topics including the UGM decision-making process, incorporate youth voices and lived experiences in long range planning decisions, and build ongoing relationships with participants, supporting leadership opportunities and meaningful connections with Metro. Additional engagement planned includes:

- Interest group presentations
- Social media and website updates
- Public comment period to review city expansion proposals (2024)

Comments from the committee:

- Vee Paykar asked if in regard to the stakeholders group the service providers that are being outreached include homeless services for their input with affordable housing and input to the Urban Growth report. Chair Kehe noted the UGB decision itself is just about whether Metro Council decides to expand the boundary or not. While it does not get into the housing growth patterns, the 2040 growth plan will delve into these issues and is expected to come forward for a refresh soon.

It was noted the outreach to youth as promising. It was encouraged to include racial and diversity outreach for the membership with factors such as youth dependency on transit ridership, where they live in what form of housing and schools in lower income tracts which would help bring in diverse perspectives. Ms. Combs noted Next Up have members apply for the action team and felt these were good suggestions to include with the recruitment of the outreach engagement.

- Colin Cooper noted the group flows working toward Metro Council. It was asked how this flow of information comes back to MTAC from other groups such as the Stakeholders group, CORE and Youth Cohort. Chair Kehe recognized the role of MTAC to inform our MPAC members and noted the input from other groups will be given to MTAC as part of the process.
- Jessica Pelz asked who would be involved in the stakeholders group and if geographically allocated. Chair Kehe noted the challenge of getting a balanced regional group together, but are aiming for about 25 people and working to get this a geographical balance as well as gender and racial balance. Ms. Pelz noted that active planning directors and staff work with the county coordinating committees and TACs where presentations about this would be welcome. Chair Kehe agreed on coordinating to presenting to these groups and encouraged MTAC members to share ideas on what is most of interest with them.

- Faun Hosey noted I've always felt that "something missing" is an understanding of the communities affected outside the UGB. It seems that wetlands are considered as limitations to growth, but what about affected businesses such as farmers, winemakers, forests, carbon sequesters...? Chair Kehe noted we are in communications with the Oregon Nursery Association and the Oregon Farm Bureau to facilitate their involvement. I hope you and advocates like 1,000 Friends will also bring that perspective to these tables.

2023 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update (Kim Ellis, Metro) The presentation provided an update on the public comment period and next steps, the process and timeline for updating Chapter 8 of the RTP, and asking for feedback on Chapter 8 and topics for further discussion. The 45-day comment period (JULY 10 to AUG. 25, 2023) builds on engagement conducted to date.

Chapter 8 (Implementation) of the RTP includes Regional Programs, Region-wide Planning, Corridor Refinement Planning, Major Project Development, and Data and Tools Development. Region wide planning programs were described covering the next 5 years. Corridor refinement planning will develop shared investment strategies to address unmet multimodal transportation needs within identified multimodal mobility corridors, link equity, economic, housing and other goals with multimodal management and capital solutions and recommend strategies and phasing to catalyze investment.

Several large major projects to be developed in the region were described. Measuring and tracking outcomes with data and tools will address existing and emerging planning and policy priorities:

- Data collection and coordination
- Analysis tools (maintenance and development)
- Monitoring and reporting tools

The process and timeline for updating Chapter 8 was provided. MTAC was asked to provide feedback on the process or Chapter 8 and input with further topics of discussion.

Comments from the committee:

- Joseph Edge asked should the Oregon Passenger Rail Corridor Investment Strategy selected alternative be included as a regional planning activity. Ms. Ellis thought this was likely but wasn't familiar with the details where it might fit in with the High-Speed Rail transit study. Further information will need to be found to fully answer this.
- Vee Paykar asked if Metro does canvassing for public comments or contracting for feedback from community based organizations. Ms. Ellis noted there has been an extensive engagement process for outreach including community based organizations. The public comment period offers a great opportunity for organizations and their members to participate and share their concerns and interest in the plan and the projects.
- Victor Saldanha noted the construction career pathways program as a great resource for minority business owners trying to get involved with projects. But while plans and training are there, the funding is not. What plans does Metro have to work with these businesses and organizations to gain access with capital investments for the project work? Ms. Ellis noted some of the projects in Chapter 8 have been identified for possible partnerships and resources for the program. It was asked if there is a list of funding sources that now exist to be used for

the identified projects. Ms. Ellis noted she was not aware of this but can follow up and share the information once known.

- Joseph Edge referred to the mobility corridor recommendations that showed part of one corridor extending High Capacity transit onto another corridor without a recommendation. Where there plans to update the corridor references to point out which are under recommendation consideration and those that are not? Ms. Ellis noted we can look into updating the map showing corridors to better define these areas.
- Tara O'Brien noted the slide in the presentation listing TPAC feedback on Chapter 8. It was suggested these could be further discussed with MTAC as well. Ms. Ellis noted Chapter 8 will be discussed at the TPAC August 4 meeting and MTAC/TPAC workshop on August 16.

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned by Chair Kehe at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Miller, MTAC Recorder

Attachments to the Public Record, MTAC meeting July 19, 2023

Item	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1	Agenda	7/19/2023	7/19/2023 MTAC Meeting Agenda	071923M-01
2	MTAC Work Program	7/11/2023	MTAC Work Program as of 7/11/2023	071923M-02
3	Handout	July 2023	Public comment opportunity - July 10 to Aug. 25, 2023 2023 Regional Transportation Plan	071923M-03
4	Report	July 10, 2023	PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT 2023 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN Executive Summary	071923M-04
5	Minutes	5/17/2023	Minutes from MTAC May 17, 2023 meeting	071923M-05
6	Report	July 2023	Draft Public Engagement Plan 2024 Urban Growth Management Decision	071923M-06
7	Memo	7/12/2023	TO: MTAC and interested parties From: Kim Ellis, RTP Project Manager RE: 2023 Regional Transportation Plan – Schedule and Adoption Package	071923M-07
8	Memo	7/12/2023	TO: MTAC and interested parties From: Kim Ellis, RTP Project Manager, and John Mermin, Senior Transportation Planner RE: 2023 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – Chapter 8 – RTP Implementation	071923M-08
9	Presentation	7/19/2023	Urban growth management public engagement plan	071923M-09
10	Presentation	7/19/2023	2023 Regional Transportation Plan Process Update & Chapter 8	071923M-10