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# METRO TRANSPORTATION FUNDING TASK FORCE (TF2)

## MEETING 11 SUMMARY DRAFT

September 18, 2019 – 5:30-7:30 PM

Beaverton City Hall Council Chambers

12725 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton, OR

### ATTENDEES

Michael Alexander, *PSU | Albina Vision*

Jim Bernard, *Clackamas County Board of Commissioners Chair*

Emerald Bogue, *Port of Portland*

Cooper Brown, *Oregon Transportation Commission*

Leslie Carlson, *Street Trust Board*

Meredith Connolly, *Climate Solutions*

Mayor Denny Doyle, *City of Beaverton*

Councilor Karylenn Echols, *City of Gresham*

Senator Lew Frederick, *State of Oregon*

Mayor Mark Gamba, *City of Milwaukie*

Mary Ellen Glynn, *Columbia Sportswear*

Stephen Gomez, *Project PDX | BBPDX*

Sheila Greenlaw-Fink, *Community Housing Fund*

Kayse Jama, *Unite Oregon*

Mayor Tim Knapp, *City of Wilsonville*

Nolan Lienhart, *ZGF Architects*

Nate McCoy, *NAMC-Oregon*

Marcus Mundy, *Coalition of Communities of Color*

Chi Nguyen, *APANO*

Dave Nielsen, *Home Builders Association*

Vivian Satterfield, *VerdeNW*

Nate Stokes, *Union of Operation Engineers*

Co-Chair Commissioner Pam Treece, *Washington County*

Co-Chair Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson, *Multnomah County*

Dave Robertson, *PGE | Portland Business Association Board*

### NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Steve Callaway, *City of Hillsboro*

Marie Dodds, *AAA*

Debra Dunn, *Synergy Resources Group*

Commissioner Chloe Eudaly, *City of Portland*

Elaine Friesen-Strang, *AARP*  
Amanda Manjarrez, *Latino Network*  
Representative Susan McLain, *State of Oregon*  
Councilor Eddy Morales, *City of Gresham*  
Linda Simmons, *TriMet Board*  
Kathryn Williams, *NW Natural*

## STAFF

Kyle Armstrong, *Metro*  
Craig Beebe, *Metro*  
Margi Bradway, *Metro*  
Karynn Fish, *Metro*  
Andy Shaw, *Metro*  
Allison Brown, *JLA Public Involvement*  
Hannah Mills, *JLA Public Involvement*

**Note:** At the first meeting, Task Force chairs suggested referring to the members by their first names due to the nature of this as a working group. The Task Force members agreed and therefore members will be identified by first names for the purposes of this summary document.

## WELCOME AND AGENDA

Co-chairs Commissioner Pam Treece, Washington County, and Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson, Multnomah County, welcomed the group and reviewed the purpose of the meeting and the agenda. The agenda was as follows.

1. Public Comment
2. LIT Updates and Feedback
3. Next Steps and Close

## PUBLIC COMMENT

A total of 11 people provided verbal testimony.

Councilor Anthony Martin, City of Hillsboro, provided the following summarized comment.

*I appreciate the shift to thinking about the transportation system in terms of corridors. Transportation is a regional issue. There is a significant lack of pedestrian infrastructure and broadband infrastructure for street signals on TV Highway. Additionally, 185<sup>th</sup> Baseline is a project that needs to be considered as a part of the US 26 corridor. We need transit improvements linked to housing.*

Marc Farrar, Metropolitan Land Group, provided the following summarized comment.

*I appreciate the partnership for a shared vision for the region and need to invest with housing to increase supply. I support the investments on the west side for job growth and also finding solutions on the west side to the unique challenges that exist. We need to maximize transit using a regional approach.*

Laura Edmonds, North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce, provided the following summarized comment.

*Our Chamber represents 500 business and we encourage you to support the Sunrise and McLaughlin Blvd corridors. These corridors would support many underserved communities and would bring in new jobs. Job growth can make affordable housing for accessible by gaining access to the Clackamas industrial area.*

Council President Tim Rosener, Sherwood City Council, provided the following summarized comment.

*I am concerned about the limited resources for Highway 99 W to support safe crossings and connectivity. Highway 99 W supports 48,000 trips a day. Traffic is naturally funneled to this corridor and there are significant impacts to traffic.*

Corey Kearsle, Sherwood Chamber of Commerce, provided the following summarized comment.

*We need additional infrastructure capacity for Highway 99 W. Growth has been significant in the region and it serves as the main artery from Portland to Yamhill.*

Mayor Frank Bubenik, City of Tualatin, provided the following summarized comment which was accompanied by a letter to the Task Force.

*The SW corridor MAX needs to be extended to Bridgeport and we need funding for Highway 99 W through the regionwide programs. Highway 217 is critical.*

Valerie Pratt, Tualatin City Council, provided the following summarized comment.

*We need funding for Highway 99 W, a MAX terminal at Bridgeport, Highway 217 improvements, and inclusion for TV Highway.*

Linda Maholt, Tualatin Chamber of Commerce, provided the following summarized comment.

*Around 93% of the employees in the area don't live here which causes a lot of congestion. The Tualatin-Sherwood Rd needs to be funded as it is an important freight corridor. Additionally, we need funding for SW Corridor MAX. The SW Corridor offers an opportunity to address climate and equity issues and should have a terminal at Bridgeport.*

John Goodhouse, Tigard City Council, provided the following summarized comment.

*There is a lack of north-south access that would be remedied in part by the SW Corridor.*

Ron Buel, Portland Forward, provided the following summarized comment.

*Population is expected to grow by 36% and daily trips will grow as well. Try to imagine what the impact will be to congestion and climate as it relates to equity.*

## LIT UPDATES AND FEEDBACK

Tyler Frisbee, Metro, expressed her appreciation for the individuals that committed their summer to participating in the LITs. She explained that each group would be sharing their lived experience with the LIT effort.

The co-chairs and Jim Bernard said a few words of gratitude to the three LITs before co-chair Treece before welcoming members of the LITs to give updates and feedback on their experience and what they learned.

### WASHINGTON COUNTY LIT

The members of the Washington County LIT presented their findings. Below is a summary of their comments.

*We found it was very important to think about transportation with considerations for lifestyle, community, climate change. There were some critical needs we identified, including TV Highway improvements, as well as general safety, equity, and transit access improvements for all corridors in the area. Other needs include:*

- *Sidewalks at 185<sup>th</sup> Ave on TV Highway*
- *Bus shelters*
- *Better lighting for pedestrians and transit riders*
- *Barriers and platforms*
- *Crosswalks and pedestrian signals, especially around schools*
- *Better connectivity from Cornelius to Forest Grove*
- *Solutions for the economic disparity*

*Additionally, Barnes and Burnside are low priorities because they don't provide significant improvements related to equity and safety.*

The Task Force was given the opportunity to ask questions. Below is a summary of the discussion.

- Did you identify any specific opportunities for transit?
  - The Washington County LIT members responded: *Transit is needed on all the north-south routes as well as to support Intel employees that live north of Sunset and east of 185<sup>th</sup>.*
- What is the potential for TV Highway in regards to improved transit and reducing use of SOVs?
  - The Washington County LIT members responded: *Express buses to downtown and night service would help as well as additional crosswalks and bus shelters with adequate lighting. Additionally, we need better transit to the periphery.*
- Does transportation come before development when thinking about equity?

- The Washington County LIT members responded: *We need to invest in open spaces, but also in affordable housing. It's become clear that we need to identify new ways to prevent gentrification. We want to make sure people can stay where they are.*

#### CLACKAMAS COUNTY LIT

Members of the Clackamas County LIT presented their findings. Below is a summary of their comments.

*Our team was really invested in representing and doing good by the community, but we were not unanimous. We did see safety as the highest priority. Identified needs include:*

- *Bike and pedestrian mobility*
- *Crosswalks*
- *Addressing gaps in the system*
- *Thoughtful design of intersections*
- *Addressing high crash corridors as they relate to marginalized communities*
- *Crossings near transit stops*
- *Park-and-ride near transit stops*
- *MAX extension to Gladstone*
- *BRT and dedicated transit lanes*
- *Support for freight, residents, and future residents*
- *Support for employment lands*

*Additionally, either members of the LIT felt that McLaughlin Blvd, 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Sunrise Corridor, and Highway 212 were priorities.*

The Task Force was given the opportunity to ask questions. Below is a summary of the discussion.

- Was there any discussion about the Oak Grove-Lake Oswego Bridge or Highway 43?
  - Clackamas County LIT member responded: *There was strong support for the Oak Grove-Lake Oswego Bridge, but were aware of funding constraints.*

#### MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIT

A member from the Multnomah County LIT presented the team's findings, summarized below.

*As we toured the corridors we discussed how they would impact racial equity, safety, and climate. We tried to prioritize the Metro values and outcomes. All Multnomah County roads are in need of improvements, but East Portland needs to be prioritized first. We need transit improvements to support the underserved communities in East Portland. East Portland has the highest number of traffic fatalities in the region. Additionally, there are serious climate and accessibility issues in the area. We need to bring a sense of place to the communities in East Portland.*

The Task Force was given the opportunity to ask questions. Below is a summary of the discussion.

- Was transit used as a proxy for talking about climate?

- The Multnomah County LIT member responded: *Climate is very important and we discussed how to address those issues through transit. We also talked about who would be most vulnerable in the event of an earthquake.*
- East Portland residents are twice as likely to die walking on the street and they are the lowest income in the region. The biggest factor in lifting oneself out of poverty is commute time. It's not just about moving transit through congestion, but also about providing jobs where people live.

## NEXT STEPS AND CLOSE

The co-chairs thanked the representatives from the LITS as well as the members of the Task Force and explained that they would be discussing the corridors at the next meeting on October 16.

The meeting was adjourned.