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# METRO TRANSPORTATION FUNDING TASK FORCE (TF2)

## MEETING 20 SUMMARY

March 18, 2020 – 5:30-7:00 PM

Zoom Virtual Meeting

## ATTENDEES

Michael Alexander; Albina Vision Trust  
Chair Jim Bernard; Clackamas County  
Emerald Bogue; Port of Portland  
Mayor Steve Callaway; City of Hillsboro  
Martine Coblentz, Clackamas County resident  
Mayor Denny Doyle; City of Beaverton  
Mayor Mark Gamba; City of Milwaukie  
Stephen Gomez; Project^ and BBPDX  
Sheila Greenlaw-Fink; Community Housing Fund  
Mayor Tim Knapp; City of Wilsonville  
Nolan Lienhart; ZGF Architects  
Representative Susan McClain; State of Oregon  
Marcus Mundy; Coalition of Communities of Color  
Chi Nguyen; APANO  
Dave Nielsen; Home Builders Association  
Richa Poudyal; The Street Trust  
Dave Robertson; PGE and Portland Business Alliance Board  
Vivian Satterfield; VerdeNW  
Linda Simmons; TriMet Board  
Commissioner Pam Treece; Washington County  
Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson; Multnomah County  
Kathryn Williams; NW Natural

## STAFF

Margi Bradway, *Metro*  
Andy Shaw, *Metro*  
Craig Beebe, *Metro*  
Allison Brown, *JLA Public Involvement*  
Hannah Mills, *JLA Public Involvement*  
  
Chris Deffebach, *Washington County*  
Jean Senechal Biggs, *City of Beaverton*  
Lance Calvert, *City of West Linn*  
Dave Roth, *City of Tigard*  
Garet Prior, *City of Tualatin*

**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 thanked them for their commitment to continuing this process on schedule.

The Co-Chairs reviewed the agenda.

The agenda was as follows:

1. Public Comment
2. Staff Update: Community Engagement on Programs
3. Tier 2 Corridors Presentation and Discussion
4. Next Steps and Close

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Due to the nature of the meeting the public was invited to submit written testimony rather than verbal testimony. Written testimony was available in the members' digital packets and were received from:

- Business for Better Portland expressing support for Highway 43 and Highway 99W investments and opposition to Highway 217 and the Sunset Corridor
- Climate Solutions and the Oregon Environmental Council providing a factsheet and a letter expressing support for the Bus Electrification Program
- Two community members regarding Highway 43
- Two community members regarding Highway 99W
- One community member with general concern regarding highway investments

## STAFF UPDATE: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ON PROGRAMS

Andy Shaw, Metro, gave a brief presentation using the virtual presentation on the recent community engagement efforts by Metro and their community partners regarding regionwide programs. Andy explained that Metro conducted three multilingual workshops (one in each county), attracting more than 220 attendees; an online survey in multiple languages that received more than 1,640 responses; and additional meetings with stakeholders and public partners. Additionally, Metro has funded four community partner organizations to conduct focused engagement with communities of color; these organizations include APANO, the Portland African American Leadership Forum, Unite Oregon and Verde. These partners also helped organize and recruit participants for forums. The Task Force also discussed the programs at its March 4 meeting.

Overall, Metro heard strong support for programs to improve safety and access to transit. There was also strong community interest in investments to prevent displacement and protect housing affordability. Each workshop also had strong turnout of attendees advocating for fareless transit for students as well. An engagement report is being prepared to summarize what community members shared through these engagements.

## TIER 2 CORRIDORS PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

The co-chairs explained the process for walking through the Tier 2 corridors during the meeting, noting the efforts of the jurisdictions to address the Task Force questions and concerns about Highway 217, Highway 43, Highway 99W, and Sunset/US-26 corridors. The co-chairs noted that the Task Force would not be providing their feedback to Metro Council on these corridors at this meeting, rather to consider the following questions and submit their feedback via the online survey.

- What Task Force values are advanced by this proposal?
- What Task Force values are you concerned are not well advanced by this proposal?
- What advice would you give Metro Council about including this proposal in the measure, including possible phased approaches?

Chris Deffebach, Washington County, provided a brief presentation on the key changes to the Highway 217 proposal, including:

- New community engagement and planning
- Investment opportunities
- Phasing options

Additionally, Chris noted the strengthened support for the Task Force values, specifically as it relates to racial equity, climate, safety, economic growth, and multimodality.

The group was given the opportunity to ask questions about the proposal and revisions. Below is a summary of the discussion.

- Were the Phase 2 and Phase 3 budgets increased for pedestrian investments and other project components?
  - Chris responded: *Since we don't know what the projects will be, we didn't not feel comfortable with setting a budget, but we can add a margin.*
- What elements of the proposal would likely change based on the results of community engagement?
  - Chris responded: *We're asking for input from the areas adjacent to the corridor, at this point we're not sure what the comments will be, but we will have the opportunity to fold them into the scope.*

Co-chair Pederson asked the group if they had any additional questions about Highway 99W, Sunset/US-26, and Highway 43 based on the changes made to the proposals. Below is a summary of the discussion.

- The opposition to Sunset/US-26 is linked mainly to the concerns about potential new roads through Forest Park and road widening.
- It appears, based on these proposals that this would entail a relatively high level of investment for the area. Has Metro staff analyzed the way investments will be spread throughout the region?
  - Andy responded: *Based on the analyses we've done, there is relatively fair distribution of investment. We haven't been able to perform an intensive analysis, but the responsibility falls on jurisdictions to advance projects that support their area.*

## NEXT STEPS AND CLOSE

Allison Brown, facilitator with JLA Public Involvement, explained that the Task Force would receive a link to the survey. The co-chairs thanked the group as well as the project team for their hard work in the face of uncertainty and explained that Metro staff would be compiling the survey responses and sending them to the Task Force. The meeting was adjourned.