



**PORTLAND FREIGHT COMMITTEE  
AGENDA  
Meeting No. 131**

WHEN: Thursday, May 1, 2014 @ 7:30 AM  
WHERE: Lovejoy Room (2nd Floor), City Hall,  
1221 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

<b><u>Time:</u></b>	<b><u>Topic:</u></b>	<b><u>Lead:</u></b>
<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Coffee/Pastries/Introductions</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>7:35 AM</b>	<b>City Bureaus and Agencies</b> Bureau reports of upcoming topics and announcements.	<b>Debra Dunn</b>
<b>7:45 AM</b>	<b>Hot Topics, Points of Interest, Successes</b> PFC members will report on current topics of interest from their respective industries.	<b>Debra/Committee Members</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>“Our Streets” Funding Initiative</b> City staff has been actively engaging the public on identifying transportation funding priorities and possible sources of revenue to help pay for them. This will be an opportunity for PFC members to learn more about the City’s current funding initiative and provide your input on the process. See the following City link for more information: <a href="http://www.ourstreetspdx.com">www.ourstreetspdx.com</a>	<b>Mark Lear/Jamie Waltz</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Port Strategic Plan</b> Susie will provide a summary of the key takeaways from the recent Expert Panel discussions as part of the Port’s Strategic Plan efforts.	<b>Susie Lahsene</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	

**Next Meeting – June 5<sup>th</sup> 2014**

Questions about this agenda or other questions about the Portland Freight Committee (PFC):

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- Also visit the Portland Freight Committee website at: [www.portlandonline.com/transportation/freight](http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/freight)

**Notes from Meeting No. 130  
Portland Freight Committee  
April 3, 2014  
7:30AM, Lovejoy Room (City Hall)**



**Agency Reports:**

- Tony Coleman (ODOT) asked for edits to last month's meeting notes. *Marine Dr to 99E will be open, not closed. People will use Vancouver Way.*
- Kevin Johnson (PDC) discussed upcoming work regarding manufacturing strategies. Moving towards other industries including metals and food processing. PDC will be taking a broader approach to manufacturing and will be conducting surveys to gather the voice of some of these companies. Kevin will send the survey to the committee.
- Kathryn Williams (Port of Portland) talked about the work the Port, Metro and the City of Portland were doing to reapply and submit for another TIGER 6 grant application. The project includes constructing the Rivergate Overcrossing and segments of the North Portland Greenway Trail. The application is due April 28th. The draft should be completed by April 18th. She asked for a letter of support from the committee.
- Kathryn also shared that Adie Tomer (senior research associate and associate fellow at the Brookings Institution) is coming to Portland to discuss his recent report: Global Goods Trade and Metropolitan Economies, and what it takes for Metro regions to be successful. The PFC has been asked to attend the event at Portland Business alliance on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 -1:00 pm.
- Susie Lahsene (Port) discussed the Port's efforts at developing a Marine Strategic Plan and uncovering their opportunities on the marine front. The Port is talking to many people and conducting interviews to help inform their strength/weakness analysis. The blue ribbon panel will be taking this information and disseminating it to inform the Port on where they should be headed.
- Bob Hillier (PBOT) discussed the Council budget session happening that afternoon to request a new FTE to assist with freight planning program at PBOT.
- Bob also shared that there would be an "Our Street" event on Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 9am at the Portland Building. The meeting would be specialized for businesses and would be looking at transportation funding in the city.
  - Debra and Corky are on the PBOT funding committee and were glad to see that a business focused event was being held. The city is looking at everything so this is the time businesses have to weigh in on everything from a sales tax to a user fee.

**Hot Topics:**

- Tony Coleman (ODOT) discussed Senate Bill 1502 regarding Cornelius Pass Road. The bill did not pass so the proposed transfer from Multnomah County to ODOT will not occur.
- Bob Hillier (PBOT) also shared that he got word regarding the TGM grants. One was for truck loading and parking plan in the central city. ODOT gave the city thumbs up to submit the full application, which is due June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Gerik Kransky (BTA), made a public comment regarding the Oregon Active Transportation Summit (OATS). The event is happening in Portland on April 21-22. There will be 300-350 people in attendance. He encourages that the committee to consider attending.
- Pia Welsh (FedEx) discussed her involvement in the TSP Expert Group. The city is looking at developing criteria to prioritize projects. Her concern is that it doesn't appear as if anyone is looking at the system as a whole and discussing conflict.
  - Bob adds that he spoke to the TSP team at PBOT and they told him that the goal is to complete a technical update in June 2015. He was told that 2018 would be when new projects would be added. The model would be used to uncover any issues with land use. The team is currently working on prioritizing current projects. There will be a financially constraint list in the TSP.
  - Susie pointed out that the Freight Master Plan was adopted 8 years ago and there are new projects that have been identified since then. Studies have identified needs and they should be added to the TSP.

- Debra suggested a subcommittee to discuss the TSP and potential conflicts to inform the committee. Susie, Pia, Corky, and Steve Kountz all volunteer to be on the subcommittee and familiarize themselves with the project list.
- Stevie Kountz (BPS) talked about his concerns with the TSP projects. There are some important freight projects that will support land use requirements and industrial uses. He thinks that the committee should come up with more information and freight related tasks for the TSP update. He discusses his handout regarding potential TSP projects.

**Special Guest: Metro Council President Tom Hughes**

President Hughes talked about ways to address the TSP, specifically when it came to the future of the CRC. He shared that there has been a lot more discussion around the Metro table regarding developing the transportation system and focusing on freight. Metro just completed a commodity flow update and they want to find out what is being done successfully in the region.

He also discussed movement of product from factory to port/airport/train and its importance on a regional scale. Projects are not just local, but affect regional and global investments. If the system could free up the movement of freight it could bring positive effects to all citizens in the region. Metro is currently developing a metropolitan export atlas. They are also working with Greater Portland Inc. to produce a commodity flow update. Another effort is improving the modeling within the metro region. The USDOT granted Metro \$350,000 to upgrade their freight modeling software.

President Hughes also discussed the Regional Flexible Funds program and how it strives to allocate funding to support freight across the region. Currently, a third of MTIP funding is being used for developing and implementing freight projects.

His two main topics of conversation included the RTP and the CRC. He wanted suggestions on what Metro should do regarding the Columbia River and what ways they might be able to include projects to improve congestion and mobility across the river.

He also discussed the Climate Smart Committees, a state rule for lowering carbon emission for vehicles and small trucks.

Debra ended the meeting at 9:26am