

City of Portland  
**Pedestrian Advisory Committee**



**notes**

**Tuesday, May 19, 2015**

**6:00 – 9:00 PM**

**Portland Building, 1120 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Hawthorne Room**

| <b>Committee Members:</b>   | <b>Alternate Members:</b>       |
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| Roger Averbeck*<br>Don Baack*<br>Chase Ballew*<br>Anthony Buczek*<br>David Crout*<br>Marianne Fitzgerald*<br>Rebecca Hamilton*<br>Arlene Kimura<br>Doug Klotz*<br>Scott Kocher*<br>Rod Merrick*<br>Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara<br>Eve Nilenders*<br>Suzanne Stahl | Lillian Karabaic<br>Erin Kelley |

*\* Indicates committee members in attendance*

**Bureau of Transportation Staff:**

Sara Schooley  
Alexis Kelso  
April Bertelsen  
Jean Biggs

**Others:**

Alan Gunn, Metro  
Jessica Horning, ODOT  
Kate Betteri, TriMet  
Travis Driessen, PSU  
Bryan Blanc, PSU  
Marian Rhys  
Dave Manville

**6:00 – 7:10 Powell-Division Pedestrian Modeling (Metro, TriMet, and PBOT)**

- See slides from presentation
- Additional information not appearing in slides:
  - **Project Overview – April Bertelsen**
    - Steering Committee combines all types of stakeholders on one committee rather than usual method of specialized committees.
    - September 2014 decision to move forward on BRT rather than rail. Now wrapping up planning and heading into development. Final design and construction starts in 2018. Opening in 2020.
    - This is good candidate for Small Starts ([http://www.fta.dot.gov/12304\\_222.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/12304_222.html)) (Total projects costs under \$250M. Could receive up to \$75M federal funds.)
    - Design workshops planned for this summer.
    - Portland and Gresham are also working on Land Use Visions and Action Plans to complement BRT project, with a focus on equitable development.
  - **Pedestrian Access Approach for Powell-Division – Alan Gunn**
    - Real possibility of ped infrastructure funding as part of BRT project.
    - Pedestrian improvements fit well with the “well-being goal,” which includes improving access to social, educational, environmental, and economic opportunities. Underlying desire is to look at all the places to connect.
    - 252 outreach meetings so far. Walking safety has been a common topic.
    - Pedestrian accessibility is important because nearly all potential BRT routes are on high-crash corridors.
    - 11% of ped fatalities occurring on .4% of roadway miles in UGB.
    - Want to have objective data to help determine which projects are best to fund.
    - Model is “traffic weighted” meaning it takes into account the speed, volume and number of lanes that act as impedances to pedestrian travel. This gives a better estimation than Euclidean- (“as the crow flies”) or distance-weighted measures of how many people are within a 5 and 10 minute walk of potential transit stations. Technical information will be in the report appendix.
    - Model accounts for marked vs. unmarked, signalized vs. unsignalized crosswalks and the pedestrian delay when there is no marked crosswalk.
    - Station locations selected winter 2016.
  - Action: Share if you have ideas for screening criteria (safety, equity, etc).
  - Q&A discussion
    - (Doug) Are you considering how a cycletrack on 82<sup>nd</sup> will affect ped facilities? (Answer) Designs coming out in summer, with many conversations. We don’t know, but we can come back.
    - (Doug) Will you be recommending upzoning around stations? (Answer) This project isn’t recommending changes, but some changes are being driven by the Comp Plan. There could be refinements in zoning during the next phase, but here’s already transit-supportive zoning around stations. If you think there are areas that need rezoning, please comment that.

- (Rod) Is comfort of walking along Powell being addressed? Are you considering the comfort of walking on curb tight sidewalk next to fast moving traffic? If not, this could be incorporated into the model.
- (Rod) What kind of profiles are you considering to accommodate multimodal traffic?
  - The model is just looking at pedestrians, but the whole project is considering all modes. Will be looking at the impacts of different treatments for the impacts during design phase.
- (Don) Does “Impedance” mean auto traffic?
  - It means the amount of time it takes to travel along a path. Could apply to any mode
- (Don) What is a “crossover” route?
  - Where the route goes from being along Powell to being along Division.
- (Don) Where do I find more detailed info on the routes downtown?
  - This will be coming out in summer/fall.
- (Don) What do you mean by adding a crosswalk?
  - Marking a crosswalk and other crosswalk treatments.
- (Marianne) Project goals are very focused – well done. Could use this approach (focus on goals rather than problems) in SW.
- (Rebecca) How are you going to preserve existing affordable housing? Are you trying to make more?
  - Yes to both. Please review the action plan when it comes out because BPS is leading this effort and it will be best to engage with them. Policy, market, and incentives all being considered.
- (Roger) Will there be segments of the BRT where it will not be possible for pedestrians to cross the road (as with light rail barriers)?
  - There could be areas where we want to coordinate crossings. Right now it is too soon to tell.
- (Scott) 10-15 years from now, where will we have BRT?
  - There are a couple upcoming planning processes that might help us answer that question: Metro is updating high-capacity transit corridor plans. P-D operational in 2020. SW Corridor a little different. TB Highway maybe interested. Important to get this first one implemented and done well.
- (Rod) If we’re going to use a term like BRT, we need to make sure we have a common understanding of what it is.
  - BRT is/can be a variety of things that help speed transit. It’s not always dedicated lanes, multiple doors, etc. Rather, a package.
- Give feedback to [alan.gunn@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:alan.gunn@oregonmetro.gov)
- **Update on Powell safety improvements – Jessica Horning**
  - Road Safety Audit last year resulting in \$3.8M of improvements identified for 20<sup>th</sup> Ave through 34<sup>th</sup> Ave
    - New signals to better manage (left) turns
    - 3 new RRFBs

- Could have presentation from ODOT project manager for future meeting.

**7:20 – 7:40 Announcements, Hot Topics**

- Sara - Make sure you RSVP for Orange Line Tour. They need a list of names for security. This is a tour of the whole line, not just the bridge.
- Sara - Streetcar tour will also need an RSVP. Streetcar is just from OMSI to downtown.
- Sara - Parking Symposium – Monday, June 29th from 1-6pm – Portland Building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- Sara - Who wants to be on recruitment committee for next two months? Can't be terming out. Duties: going through applications, getting the word out about applications. Let Sara know if you're interested.
- Doug - If PAC agrees to letter Doug wrote in support of the SE Quadrant Report, Doug will testify to PSC on 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have comments on letter, send by Friday. Sara will put on PAC letterhead on Monday. PAC authorizes Doug to testify based on comments received by Friday.
- Marianne - Put "Action Required" in email subject if people should actually read the email.
- Several people expressed interest in a subcommittee on Scott's sidewalk repair last time. Doug Klotz, Don Baack, Rod Merrick, Marian Rhys will be on subcommittee with Scott chairing.
- Marianne - Director Treat sent out email notifying of formation of year-round Budget Advisory Committee coming out of the Bureau Advisory Committee. Charter and SOW yet to be determined.
- Doug - Powell safety project Jessica Horning talked about includes removing trees. We should have someone come talk to us about that project and its tradeoffs.
- Roger and Sara - JMC tomorrow talking about refining bike classification language. Also presenting draft list of grant projects to apply for. Talk about how to make modal committees more effective and how to engage them properly.
- Don - New trails policy is out and is a big improvement. Don can send it out to everyone. There was no chance to comment to BPS while they were writing it because it was written after close of comment period.
- Rod - PBOT presentation to PSC March 24(?). Shocking that the PSC didn't seem to have read any of the documents ahead of time.

**7:40 – 8:50 PAC Rules of Conduct**

- Last meeting brainstormed some rules of conduct. Thought best to have feedback from more of the committee, so that's happening tonight.

| <b>Facilitation and Respect</b>  |   |
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| <p>In order to create an environment that is mutually respectful, constructive, equitable for PAC members, the PAC will...</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enforce a firm limit on time and/or number of questions per member.</li> <li>• Go around the room so everyone has an opportunity to speak.</li> <li>• Internalized, culture.</li> <li>• Respect the facilitator and presenter. In turn, facilitator will be respectful/humorous when enforcing rules.</li> </ul> |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-balance – all members are responsible for supporting the facilitator when addressing negativity.</li> <li>• Alternate facilitators for agenda items/topics, especially if the chair is deeply involved in the discussion.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Build Alliances</b>  |   |
| <p>In order to build alliances with residents, stakeholders, city staff, and decision-makers, the PAC will...</p>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clap at the end of presentations.</li> <li>• Show appreciation by leading and finishing with positive comments.</li> <li>• Consider public access to the building for meetings.</li> <li>• Include public introductions and or comments and the beginning and/or end of meeting.</li> <li>• Be attentive.</li> <li>• Focus comments on questions presenters are asking.</li> <li>• Inform others (organizations, agencies, associations) what’s happening on the PAC, invite them to come or share ideas when agenda items relate to their interests, and attend their meetings and ask their pedestrian concerns.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Agenda Management</b>  |   |
| <p>In order to have productive and informative meetings, the PAC will stay on schedule and end on time.</p>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More comment time after presentations. Maybe 70/30 or 60/40 split between presentation/comment time.</li> <li>• Chairs invest time in planning the presentations with presenters.</li> <li>• Clear expectations to all presenters and committee members, and hold all accountable.</li> <li>• Relate questions to what is asked of PAC.</li> <li>• Debrief time for follow up.</li> <li>• Write an annual action plan with prioritized list of topics and agenda items regarding PBOT direction on ped issues.</li> <li>• Listen to both sides/multiple perspectives on issues.</li> <li>• Balance of presentations – projects vs. policy vs investment strategies.</li> <li>• Presentations in advance – guidelines.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Feedback/Commenting</b>  |   |
| <p>In order to be an effective and inclusive committee, the PAC will create two-way dialogue with staff and presenters.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need clear distinction of key issues that need PAC feedback.</li> <li>• Use round table approach, and more than one time around.</li> <li>• Follow up list – shoe closet/rack.</li> <li>• Good meeting notes/summary.</li> </ul>   |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow clarifying questions.</li> <li>• Split presentations into two or more parts with Q&amp;A in between sections.</li> <li>• Thank you and include request for feedback loop from presenters.</li> <li>• Timeline and dates for project decision-making and hearings.</li> </ul> |
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- Clarifications during discussion:
  - What is an example of hearing both sides of a situation? Trails policy. The church on the eastside?
  - Maybe have someone who can track projects and give updates rather than have presenters come periodically to give updates without specific asks.
  - Wanting more information about timelines does not mean having PMs give detailed project timelines; it's about when are decisions being made and when are comments being given to CC.
  - Maybe have public comment time at beginning or end of meeting.
  - Comment about chair roles: Don't be timid about leading. The PAC supports the chairs and that should give them confidence.
- This can be a draft code of conduct to refer back to. It can be a living document and change/refine as necessary.

#### **8:50 – 9:00 Meeting map**

- Powell-Division presentation was okay (5-6 range), a little lower at Q&A because there wasn't enough time to ask questions and people didn't have the opportunity to know what they'd be providing feedback on ahead of time. Try to separate feelings about the project from feelings about how well the presentation went.
- Hot topics good (7-8 range).
- Rules of conduct started low (3), but was better as it went on, especially during the report back.
- Meeting map: Low 😊 - ha!