

**PORTLAND FREIGHT COMMITTEE  
AGENDA  
Meeting No. 141**



**WHEN:** Thursday, March 5, 2015 @ 7:30 AM  
**WHERE:** Lovejoy Room (2nd Floor), City Hall,  
1221 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland Oregon

<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>7:50 AM</b>	<b>Hot Topics, Points of Interest, Successes:</b> • NW Manufacturers Switchboard and Manufacturing newsletter	<b>Debra/PFC</b>
<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Priority Freight Project Selection</b> PFC members will select the top 5 priority freight projects from the list of 21 that were identified during the February 19 <sup>th</sup> PFC Workshop (see attached project spreadsheet). The remaining 16 projects will be ranked accordingly for inclusion in the PFC's official comment letter to the Planning and Sustainability Commission. <b>Note: Please remember to rank your top five projects from the constrained list in the attached spreadsheet and return it back to me by no later than 5:00 PM Tuesday, March 3rd so I can compile the results for our meeting.</b>	<b>Bob Hillier/Mark Lear</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>NW Manufacturers Switchboard</b> The Northwest Manufacturers Switchboard is an educational tool designed to increase collaboration & knowledge of resources among Oregon & SW Washington manufacturers. Kevin Johnson will provide an overview of this project and the new Manufacturing newsletter.	<b>Kevin Johnson (PDC)</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	

**Next Meeting – April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015**

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. 140  
Portland Freight Committee  
February 5, 2015  
7:30AM, Lovejoy Room (City Hall)



### Agency Reports

**BPS:** Comp Plan Update – There will be an economic development work session at PSC on February 10th to look at the Industrial Lands Strategy, West Hayden Island, and freight projects.

### **Port of Portland:**

- Labor issues with the ILWU are slowing things down at the Port.
- The Port is currently involved in a land use process to site the Pembina propane terminal next to T6. The issue is that piping isn't allowed in the E-Zone but the Port is hoping for a text amendment to allow for it. There is strong opposition. Another hearing will be held in March. If it passes, the company is planning to invest \$500 million in the region.
- The Port is concerned about the growth scenarios in the Economic Opportunities Analysis that was recently put out by BPS. The report was forecasts low growth for the harbor as the most likely economic growth scenario. Is this the beginning of the end? This looks like a lack of City support for harbor businesses.
- Steve Kountz responded that 125 acres of land is needed to meet the low growth forecast, which can be done with existing lands on T4, T6, and the Time Oil Site. The medium growth forecast is 190 acres, which cannot be met without the inclusion of West Hayden Island. The political will is not there to put West Hayden Island on the Comp Plan Map at this time.

### **ODOT:**

- STIP Update: The new Enhance Program received 304 eligible applications for \$678,222,706 in requested funds. The 150% lists are open through March 15. The final submittal deadline is August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- ODOT staff are working to form the Area Commission for Transportation (ACT). A freight representative will be included on the ACT.

### Hot Topics

**Interim BDS Director:** Corky Collier met with the interim director of BES. They discussed overlaying transportation projects and the BPS projects to see where things match up. They talked about how PBOT and BES can better use the ROW. They also talked about a pilot BES project in a freight district. He seemed very open to finding ways to leverage resources.

**WTS Panel:** The Women in Transportation contacted Debra Dunn and Bob Hillier about holding an event in April during the regularly scheduled freight committee meeting. They want to have a panel that focuses on the Cost of Congestion Study. Still working out the details, but it will likely be at the ODOT Region 1 office.

Susie Lahsene pointed out that the Cost of Congestion Study is pretty broad, so maybe focusing on a portion of the study or controversial aspect can make it more engaging. Suggested topics included: getting people out of their cars or looking at the methodology for the economic development analysis that is used in the study.

**PFC Membership Update:** There are several new PFC members: Tim Love from Carson Oil, Tom Keenan from Portland Bottling Co, and Mike Albrecht from Franz Bakery. There is a need for a subcommittee to identify other new PFC members. The subcommittee will identify new members this month and then bring it back to the committee next month. Once the committee has a list, it can go to City Council for approval. Ideally the list will be a good mix of private and public sector representatives.

## **Transportation System Plan - Projects, Programs & Financials: Peter Hurley, Mark Lear, and Ken Lee**

The City of Portland is currently in the process of updating the Transportation System Plan, the long-range plan that guides transportation investments in Portland. A key component of the TSP is the Projects, Programs & Financials recommendation. Peter Hurley gave an overview of the recommendations that PBOT made to the PSC and the process for coming up with the TSP projects, programs, and financials.

There are several caveats to this recommendation. One is that this is a technical update to the TSP, which means that we are looking at projects from existing plans and those adopted since last the update. It is not a call for new projects - that will be for the next update, which will be before the 2018 RTP update. Secondly. The projects descriptions and definition of “economic benefit” from projects are still very vague. Finally, funding is very limited.

The process used for project/program identification is to:

1. Identify key outcomes
2. Develop a candidate list
3. Develop, test and apply evaluation criteria
4. Match projects with revenue sources
5. Model performance

The financials process is to:

1. Identify funding sources
2. Develop revenue forecast scenarios (existing, constrained, unconstrained)
3. Identify funding restrictions
4. Use evaluation criteria to prioritize projects and programs
5. Refine project and program lists and revenues (*We are here in this process*)

The result is a list of projects and programs separated out into tiers (freight projects only included below):

Financially constrained (37 major projects and 1 citywide program)

Unconstrained (10 major projects)

Studies (projects that need further evaluation)

Funded (7 major projects)

Other Agency Projects (37 projects)

Peter asked for the committee’s top five Programs and Major Projects, keeping in mind that any project added to the constrained list would need to have a project(s) of equal value removed to balance the cost. By March 13, please look at the city programs and major projects, then submit comments. What are the PFC’s top 5 projects and programs? Are there any constrained/unconstrained swaps?

### **Committee Discussion:**

Q. Tell us about the Other Agency Lead projects. It looks like many freight projects fall under that category. How much of the Constrained budget of \$1.3 billion is city match contributions for Other Agency projects?

A. Our forecasts cover matches.

Q. Can you explain the expected growth in funding in the constrained scenario?

A. It assumes a vehicle registration fee (VRF) increase and a 20 cent gas tax increase over 20 years. It also assumes that there will be some new local revenue source in the future. Though the street fee is on hold, the assumption is that something will happen at the local level (the existing TSP also assumes a local street funding source).

Q. How can you expect a gas tax increase to cover these costs if the city is aggressively trying to reduce VMT and increase fuel efficiency?

A. Down the road changes need to be made on how we collect revenues, but for now this is what we have. In the future we need to index the gas tax to inflation.

Q. A lot of these project are on the freight list, but could also be considered safety projects (e.g. the St. Johns Truck Strategy has major pedestrian benefits as well). These are great, but what about projects that have real freight benefits?

A. This is what the knowledge of an advisory committee is for – to point out the projects that have real fright benefits. That is why we are asking for you to pull out those top 5 projects.

Q. It's possible that some projects we'd prioritize aren't on any of these lists. Should those be included?

A. Yes, it would be useful for staff to know about those projects, whether they're new or one that would be led by another agency

Steve Kountz – Projects that are missing from the list:

- Kenton Line double tracking and the eight overcrossings included as part of that – several are missing from the proposed TSP
- Columbia River Channel Deepening (found in the Freight Master Plan)
- Time Oil Road

**Next Steps:**

A subcommittee will be convened to identify the top 5 projects. Corky Collier will be on that committee since he is on the TSP TEG and is already familiar with the list.

Also, we will send out a Survey Monkey for people to choose top 10 projects and see what bubbles up (the other modal advisory committees are doing this).

In the survey: Ask for identification of say 5 or 6 choke points – that way we can look at which projects address those areas.

Comments must be in by March 13 (comment period closes). The PSC will vote on the recommendation May 12, at which point it will move onto City Council for approval).

**Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.**