



**PORTLAND FREIGHT COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Meeting No. 117**

WHEN: Thursday, March 7, 2013 @ 7:30 AM
WHERE: Lovejoy Room (2nd Floor), City Hall,
1221 SW 4th Avenue

<u>Time:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>	<u>Lead:</u>
7:30 AM	Coffee/Pastries/Introductions	All
7:35 AM	City Bureaus and Agencies: Bureau reports of upcoming topics and announcements.	Debra Dunn
7:45 AM	Hot Topics, Points of Interest, Successes: PFC members will report on current issues from their respective industries and affiliations:	Debra/Committee Members
8:00 AM	Regional Flexible Funds Freight Projects: Bob will review the recommended RFF freight project funding requests: 1) South Rivergate Freight Improvements (\$3,222,000) 2) St Johns Truck Strategy - Lombard segment (\$500,000) • Action requested: Submit PFC support letter	Bob Hillier
8:15 AM	Portland Industrial Lands: Tom will provide an update on the status of industrial land supply in the Portland region.	Tom Dechenne
8:45 AM	Southwest Corridor/Barbur Concept Plan: Jay Sugnet from the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability and Metro staff will provide an overview of the SW Corridor/Barbur planning process and issues related to freight mobility. Link to Barbur Concept Plan: http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/55269 Link to SW Corridor (Metro): http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=35309	Jay Sugnet (BPS)
9:10 AM	Portland Comprehensive Plan: Update and discussion on the Comprehensive Plan workshops and the PFC working group meetings to review the draft policy language. www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/pdxcompplan	Debra/Pia
9:30 AM	Adjourn	
9:30-10:30	Truck Signage and Wayfinding Work Session (Optional) PBOT staff will hold a work session to collect information on updating signage and wayfinding in Portland's industrial corridors. Please feel free to attend and provide your input in where signage needs to be update and/or added.	

Next Meeting – April 4th 2013

- Portland Comprehensive Plan
- Advanced Manufacturing

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

- Contact Robert Hillier, 503 823-7567 or Robert.hillier@portlandoregon.gov
- Also visit the Portland Freight Committee website at: www.portlandonline.com/transportation/freight

**Notes from Meeting No. 116
Portland Freight Committee
February 7, 2013
7:30 AM, Lovejoy Room, (City Hall)**

Summary of Items Discussed:

- PFC members thanked Sorin Garber for his many years of involvement on the Portland Freight Committee and his instrumental role in developing the Freight Master Plan and involvement with numerous other Portland freight projects. Sorin will be moving to Florida with his job at TY-Lin.
- Corky Collier provided an update on the North Portland Greenway Trail project which is being managed by the Portland Parks & Recreation Bureau. The PFC continued to express safety concerns about the proposed at-grade crossing of N. Columbia Blvd at Chimney Park, which is classified as a Priority Truck Street in the Freight Master Plan.
- Susie Lahsene provided an update on the current efforts by the Greater Portland Export Initiative Business Plan for developing both short and long-term freight transportation solutions.
- Monica Isbell is working with the ODOT Freight Mobility Unit to survey “non highway” check point users for Airport and port terminals
- NE Sandy/9th Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project. Corky Collier provided an update on a recent meeting with PBOT staff to discuss freight access needs for southbound vehicles on NE 9th Ave. Input from Franz Bakery shows that trucks use NE 9th (sometime during the evening hours) to access Sandy Blvd and the proposed improvements would impede those movements. This project is being managed by the Bureau of Environmental Services.
- It was recommended that a map showing both PBOT and BES projects be prepared to identify efficiencies and mutual project needs.
- Debra Dunn recommended a presentation on the PBOT budget at a future PFC meeting.
- Columbia Corridor Multi-Modal Study. Kathryn Williams provided an update on the recently completed Columbia Corridor Multi-Modal Study which shows current and future levels of delay between major freight origins and destinations and the recommended improvement projects identified in the Regional Transportation Plan. Kathryn requested time on the March PFC agenda to provide a more detailed discussion of this study.
- Truck Signage and Wayfinding. A worksession will be scheduled with Matthew Machado (PBOT Traffic Operations Division) directly after the March 7th PFC meeting to collect input on updating directional signage in Portland’s industrial districts and freight corridors.
- Regional Flexible Funds (RFF) Green Economy-Freight Projects. Bob Hillier provided an update on the three draft project recommendations:
 1. N. Lombard/Rivergate Intersection Improvements
 2. South Rivergate ITS and Freight Access and Circulation Strategy
 3. NE Cornfoot Road Safety Improvements
- Susie Lahsene moved to combine projects 1 and 2 (Lombard/Rivergate Intersection and South Rivergate ITS and Freight Access/Circulation Strategy) into one project application and prioritize as the number one RFF freight project and that the NE Cornfoot Road project be funded by Portland’s share of Active Transportation dollars. Brock Nelson seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously by the PFC membership.
- Portland Comprehensive Plan Update: Courtney Duke (PBOT Planning Division) provided a PowerPoint presentation and overview on the Portland Comprehensive Plan Update.
- Concerns were raised about the proposed Civic Corridors (not a current TSP classification) which are also classified as Major Truck Streets in the current TSP and Freight Master Plan (e.g., Sandy Blvd, Powell Blvd, 82nd Ave, MLK) and how freight mobility would be impacted.
- Concerns were also raised about the lack of focus on “economic prosperity” in the current draft of the Comprehensive Plan. Feedback on the draft of the Comprehensive Plan is due by May 1, 2013.
- A PFC worksession to review and comment on the Comprehensive Plan will be held on February 15th from 11:30-1:30 in the Morrison Room of the Portland Building.
- **Next Meeting:** March 7, 2013, 7:30 – 9:30 AM, Lovejoy Room (City Hall), 1220 SW 5th Avenue.



**Summary Reports from City Bureaus and Agencies
Portland Freight Committee
March 7, 2013**

Portland Bureau of Transportation:

Recommended 2016-18 Regional Flexible Funds Freight Projects (Project Summary):

1. South Rivergate Freight Improvement Project (RFF funding request: \$3,222,000)

This project will be phased to identify both short and long-term access and circulations improvements and recommended capital improvements to include the following project elements:

- Transportation Background Analysis – Identify current and projected truck and freight rail volumes in South Rivergate. Identify traffic circulation and site access issues and constraints
- Access and Circulation Strategy – Based on transportation analysis, develop a short and long-term access and circulation strategy for South Rivergate and identify transportation system alternatives and capital improvement needs.
- Rail Blockage Solutions – Evaluate alternatives including cul-de-sacs/turnarounds, grade separation, rail operation improvements, ITS/notification signage
- North Lombard/Rivergate Intersection Improvements - Reconstruct the N. Lombard/Rivergate intersection to accommodate turning movements for high volume of heavy trucks, replace the existing sidewalk and reconstruct the full width of the roadway
- North Rivergate Boulevard Improvements – Identify the current and long-term roadway improvements needs on N. Rivergate Blvd between N. Lombard and Time Oil Road including rebuilding the full segment of roadway
- Time Oil Road Improvements – Evaluate the cost/benefit of improving Time Oil Road as a city-owned facility and alternative access route when N. Rivergate Blvd is blocked by freight rail traffic.
- ITS/Traffic Circulation Solution – Install ITS communication infrastructure including advanced notification systems for rail blockages and CCTV cameras to monitor truck/rail traffic.

Phase I: Short-term project planning and development and capital improvements (estimated costs):

- Project Planning and Development (\$250K)
- North Lombard/Rivergate Blvd intersection reconstruction (\$765K)
- ITS communication infrastructure (\$485K)
- Total Phase I Cost: \$1.5 million

Phase II: Preliminary design and engineering for recommended long-term operational and capital improvements that may include:

- Grade separation of North Rivergate Blvd at the UP Railroad crossing (\$11 million – Port estimate)
- Reconstruct North Rivergate Blvd from Lombard to Time Oil Road (\$3.8 million - PBOT estimate)
- Improve Time Oil Road as a city-owned facility and/or alternative access route (cost unknown).

2. St. Johns Truck Strategy Phase II (RFF funding request from Freight: \$500,000)

Joint Active Transportation/Green Economy-Freight project for implementing the Stakeholder Advisory Committee recommended improvements. The total project grant request is \$3 million (\$2.5 million from Active Transportation and \$500,000 from Green Economy-Freight) for project construction which includes:

- Remove on-street parking on N. Lombard Street between St. Johns and St. Louis to accommodate 12-foot travel lanes (they are currently substandard with on-street parking).
- Reconfigure the St. Johns intersection to improve site distance through the ‘S’ curve and reduce pedestrian exposure by channeling side street traffic from St. Johns and N. Jersey.
- Modernize the pedestrian signal at N. Reno Ave to detect truck traffic flow on N. Lombard.
- Provide traffic calming treatment along the N. Fessenden/St. Louis corridor (i.e., media islands, curb extensions, painted crosswalks, rapid flash beacons, speed reader boards), while maintaining 11-foot travel lanes to accommodate local delivery trucks, city buses and emergency vehicles.
- Reconfigure N Portland Rd/Columbia Blvd ramps and improve truck flow onto Columbia Blvd.
- **Action Requested: Submit PFC project endorsement letter**

N Burgard Road Bridge Construction Project

The N. Burgard Rd. Bridge was built in the 1960's and carries freight traffic from Columbia Blvd and the Rivergate Industrial area via North Lombard Street to US30 west of the Willamette River. This bridge was constructed over a rail spur line that has now been abandoned. The timber substructure of the bridge is in a deteriorated condition and the bridge is limited to legal loads only. This project will remove the bridge, place an engineered fill in the railroad cut, construct a storm sewer system and new street improvements that include wide travel lanes, bicycle lanes and sidewalks. N Burgard Rd will remain open to two way traffic at all times during construction. Brief periods of flagging may be required on occasions to facilitate the demolition of the bridge. The Project was designed to eliminate a complete closure of the road during construction. Construction Schedule (subject to change):

- Stage 1 Storm Sewer Construction Sep 2012 – Dec 2012
- Stage 2 Bridge Removal & Embankment Construction Jan 2013 – Apr 2013
- Stage 3 Fill Settlement Period May 2013 – Jan 2014
- Stage 4 Permanent Street Improvements Feb 2014 – Jun 2014

Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability:

Portland Comprehensive Plan

The Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability is holding a series of public workshops to solicit comments on the draft Comprehensive Plan at the following dates and locations:

- Tuesday, March 5, 5 – 8 p.m., PSU Smith Memorial Student Union, 1825 SW Broadway.
- Saturday, March 9, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Beaumont Middle School, 4043 NE Fremont
- **Thursday, March 14, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m., (Business Focus) Mercy Corps (Aceh Community Room) 45 SW Ankeny St.**

ODOT:

Design and Construction

The N. Denver Ave. Viaduct repairs to strengthen the Floor Beams (6-total) are moving forward. The work will most likely take place in the month of April. Plans are to construct working platforms underneath the spans during the week, and pouring the floor beams Friday or Saturday nights. Three phases of the work impacting freight are:

- When constructing Span 5 over N Columbia Blvd. vertical clearance maybe reduced to 17'-6" for that week of work. Current vertical clearance is 24'-0".
- Following each week of platform work the concrete pours will require full closure of the viaduct scheduled from approximately 10PM night to 6AM the following morning.
- Constructing the platforms for Span 6 & 7 from the top will require lane shifts and NB/SB restricted widths for the week(s) of 14' wide.

The I-84: I-5 to I-205 paving project has scheduled the full weekend closures for the following weekends this summer:

- 7/12 – 7/15 Eastbound 10PM Friday – 5AM Monday
- 7/19 – 7/22 Westbound 10PM Friday – 5AM Monday
- 8/3 – 8/5 Westbound 11PM Saturday – 5AM Monday
- 3/27 – 9/30 Intermittent night time WB/EB lanes closures from 10PM – 5AM

The I-84: Bridge Deck Overlay project will restrict EB/WB traffic to 17' (14'-15' loads):

- 4/1 – 5/10 Westbound Ruckel Creek Bridge MP 41.5 – 42.5
- 4/10 – 5/20 Eastbound Eagle Creek Bridge MP 41.0 – 42.0