



**PORTLAND FREIGHT COMMITTEE  
AGENDA  
Meeting No. 130**

WHEN: Thursday, April 3, 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>PFC Subcommittee Report on 2015-16 Priorities</b> PFC members will discuss their two-year strategic priorities to include planning and policy initiatives, capital projects and communication strategy.	<b>Debra Dunn</b>
<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>TSP Freight Tasks</b> Steve and Bob will lead a discussion on identified tasks for the City's Transportation System Plan Update (see attached Draft Outline)	<b>Steve Kountz/Bob Hillier</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Special Guest - Metro Council President Tom Hughes</b> Metro Council President Tom Hughes will be joining us this month to discuss freight issues in the Metro region.	
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	
	<b>Next Meeting – May 1<sup>st</sup> 2014</b>	

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

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### **Agency Reports and Hot Topics**

- Debra Dunn (Oregon Trucking Association) reported on her recent attendance at the Smart Growth Communities conference. She spoke about the role of freight in these types of communities. Conference was part of the National Transportation Research Board. TRB leads the group.
- Deena Platman (Metro) discussed the Regional Transportation Plan. Public comment will open on March 31<sup>st</sup>. It will be a 45 day period, until May 5<sup>th</sup>. They will also be using an online comment tool as well as planning three or four events. Links for comment tools will get emailed to the committee. Metro will be moving from the RTP 2014 to 2018 RTP almost immediately. In 2018, Freight Master Plan will come into play, as well as Climate Smart Communities. Deena also discussed a research grant for updating the regional freight model. Will know by April or May. There are four federal grants at \$350,000 each.
- Tony Coleman (ODOT) talked about Multnomah County Willamette River Bridges Capital Improvements Projects. He reminded the committee to comment. He also presented future open house dates for highway closures. Open House on March 17<sup>th</sup> in Troutdale for JTA Project. Barbur/99W will have an open house on March 19<sup>th</sup> open house
- Susie Lahsene (Port of Portland) talked about the Port's big picture strategic planning effort. They have five panels set up to help inform their five-year strategic plan. There will be panel discussions on mitigation, trade/supply chain, air/aviation, industrial land, and container operations. Panels will be made up of experts in that field. Susie also discussed the Marine Strategic Vision. Pulling Hayden Island off the table means going back and engaging blue ribbon panel of business and state, agriculture and legislatures, regional and city representatives to help craft direction in the marine areas. Many challenges for growth, labor, and terminals. The port is spending some time over the next few months to look at this plan.
  - Committee discussed the shortage of industrial lands in Portland. People expressed their concerns about where the city will find the land that it lost in W. Hayden Island.
- Bob Hillier (PBOT) discussed the Rivergate overcrossing project and proposed funding strategy.
- Pia Welsh (FedEx) presented information about the TSP. She and Corky are serving on TSP expert committee: Pia discussed their last meeting. The group went over projects in the RTP.
  - Susie wanted to advocate to add the rivers as a transportation corridor in the TSP.
  - Pia mentioned that the next TSP meeting will be looking at different project criteria.
- Susie suggested that someone from the freight committee should be assigned to attend JPACT and could report out on freight issues. Debra volunteered to attend JPACT, but not this month. Committee liked the ideas, but no one could attend the March JPACT meeting.
- Tony shared information on an upcoming Webinar tomorrow morning about large trucks and oversized loads at roundabouts. Will send information to Bob.

### **Southeast Quadrant Plan Update**

Troy Doss and Grant Morehead spoke about the plan coming out of the Central City Plan. District is working well, but the southern triangle around Division Street is the only place that needs some work. ETOD, employment-focused transit oriented will be the main focus for this area. This plan should be about a 6 months process. The city is attempting to figure out how to increase employment densities and deal with a lot of transportation difficulties around light rail, bike, etc. The city is working to prevent residential uses because this is an industrial sanctuary and products come in and out by trucks. Need to figure out how to improve circulation in the entire district. It is a freight district, but the reality is that there is transit, bikes, pedestrians, and cars. There must be a balance between efficiency of modes without harming freight. The key function of the district is freight and this is the city's priority. The usual way of development will not work in this district. There is currently a Transportation Working Group as part of the SE Quad Plan. The group will be covering issues like parking and circulation, as well as current zoning code in the CEID. Next meeting is March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Portland Spirit.

- Brock Nelson (UPRR) talked about his concern with the fact that railroad goes straight through the district. There is at grade rail every 500 feet. Bringing in more jobs and people who may not know about the effects of rail can be difficult. Rail wants to offer support to the group.
- Wayne voiced his concerns about trucks crossing the right-of-way in this area. The movement of trucks has been difficult.
- Bob mentioned the ULI group that the transportation director is a part of will be analyzing the use of the CEID and the riverfront. This will include a study on freight and truck movements in the district.

### **More Hot Topics**

- Bob mentioned potential TIGER funding opportunity for the Rivergate Overcrossing. The project would cost \$15 million. There is currently a gap of \$6 to \$7 million. There are some System Development Charge monies that may be available to fill the gap but most first be approved by Council. The Overcrossing is currently on the draft list for RTP and will need to be on TSP, probably in September.
  - Susie mentioned that the only setbacks are the effort and staff time it would take to apply. If the project has a chance of receiving funding then it should be pursued.
  - Deena commented that not a lot of TIGER applications were coming out of the region. She also mentioned that family wage jobs with benefits would be a great selling point. If equity is the key component of this grant then the committee should try and make that clear in the application.
- Tony discussed the I-5 Delta Park Detour. Staging details are fixing the bridge rail on Slough Bridge and railroad bridge and deck work on both. Detour Southbound traffic for 10 weeks. I-5 and Marine Drive down to 99E will be closed. People might want to use Vancouver Way to get to Columbia Blvd. There will be more construction after the Rose Festival. Project completion in May 2015.
- Brock presented on the Brooklyn Freight/Neighborhood Issues. He started with the history of the injunctions in 1956. Limited railroads ability to switch south of the yard. Two years ago injunction was lifted. In conjunction with settlement they committed to working on environmental issues on the operational side. Brock also shared the next Brooklyn Station Area meeting. It will take place on March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Tony Coleman shared that ODOT will have two meetings regarding TV highway safety plan along 185<sup>th</sup>. He sent Bob the email about the events. March 10<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **PFC Priorities for 2014**

- Debra Dunn talked about the projects on the list that Bob put together. Thinks this is a good list. What are the freights goals? What does the committee want to accomplish? One or two quick meetings about what PFC's goals are for the metro area and transportation funding. James, Bill and Susie are able to work with Debra and Bob on this plan.
  - James mentioned that the freight committee was giving up on CRC. The committee will re-add the I5 Bridge. Pia wanted to see Marine Drive on there. Wayne mentioned Hayden Island. Bob says that it will be under Industrial Land needs. Susie reminds us that the project is on hold not off the able. Pia thinks there should be something about transportation for employees to industrial land. About access to job centers and industrial lands. Debra mentions updating the group about this list every month and having speakers come in to talk about these issues.