

**PORTLAND FREIGHT COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Meeting No. 147**



WHEN: Thursday, September 3, 2015 @ 7:30 AM
WHERE: Lovejoy Room (2nd Floor), City Hall,
1221 SW 4th Avenue, Portland Oregon

<u>Time:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>	<u>Lead:</u>
7:30 AM	Coffee/Pastries/Introductions:	All
7:35 AM	Hot Topics, Points of Interest, Successes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portland Comprehensive Plan Update: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/542536• Transportation and Communities Summit 2015: http://trec.pdx.edu/conference/transportation-and-communities-summit-2015	Debra/PFC
8:00 AM	Portland Freight Committee Membership The PFC will review and vote to recommend the updated membership list to Commissioner Novick for his review and consideration for approval.	Tom Dechenne/Bob Hillier
8:15 AM	Regional Freight Strategy Tim Collins will provide an update on Metro's upcoming efforts on preparing a Regional Freight Strategy.	Tim Collins
8:45 AM	North Burgard-Time Oil Rd Project Update PBOT staff will provide an update on the proposed design which include left-turn pockets and a multi—use bike/pedestrian path (see attached graphic).	Dan Layden/Lewis Wardrip
9:30 AM	Adjourn	

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**Notes from Meeting No. 146
Portland Freight Committee
August 6, 2015
7:30AM, Lovejoy Room (City Hall)**



Hot Topics, Points of Interest, Successes:

Oregon Trade & Logistics Initiative (www.oregontradesolutions.com):

The Governor's Office is looking at interim solutions to address the issue of container service loss in Portland, particularly Hanjin. The impact has been substantial to many businesses, furthered by the west coast strike which is creating backlog at many ports. There is substantial congestion on top of additional costs for transport to other regional ports. So far the Governor's Office has learned (1) there is a notion that you need someplace other than port or terminal itself to drop off product due to congestion en route and at terminals, coupled with hours of service restrictions on truck drivers creating a huge cost. One idea is to create a yard that would service the ports themselves or a yard that would serve intermodal access via rail. (2) Equipment availability. Getting containers to producers is proving to be an issue, businesses are having to travel to Tacoma to procure a container. There are containers in Portland but businesses don't know about them. (3) Chassis for carrying containers are in demand and in short supply. (4) People need to get information. There is a workforce issue that has to do largely with truck drivers. The next steps are developing 4-6 solutions that will be presented to legislature next January.

PSU Transportation and Communities Summit 2015 (<http://trec.pdx.edu/conference/transportation-and-communities-summit-2015>):

Occurring September 15-16 and will have freight related panel presentations. There is a freight and livability topic with presentations about urban freight models and how to integrate freight movement correctly into the urban environment.

Membership:

It's time to think about any groups or industry sectors that are lacking on the committee to give guidance to the chair for who he should talk to.

Meeting with Commissioner Novick:

Debra and Pia met with Novick in regards to Burgard-Time Oil project. Have received a response from Art Pearce on why PBOT selected the proposed multi-use path design for this project. Asked Art to come talk about response at the September meeting. Looking to clarify ownership of Time Oil Road. The main issue identified is streets with potential conflicts and we would like to see how we can fix these or identify better routes. It needs to be done with safety in mind. Also asking for another freight coordinator to handle additional projects so the group can find out before 30% design phase.

Transportation System Plan Projects and Funding Update - Mark Lear (PBOT)

Mark Lear led a follow-up discussion on the TSP priority project list (see attached PFC letter) and the status of related transportation funding sources. The topic is slightly premature on some of the grant requests right now, but there are a number of grants that will be allocated at the state level through the spring. STIP Enhance, STIP Fix-IT, Regional Flex Funds, Connect Oregon, and TIGER grant funding sources are all coming available through summer 2016 for priority freight projects, in addition to ongoing use of SDC funds for capacity increases. Projects need to have match, funding, and widespread support. Draft grant ideas are included on document distributed by Mark Lear and included one of the ways to have a larger influence is to engage in these policy conversations during public comment periods. Considering climate smart strategies such as ITS. Support for regionally significant projects according with 6 project outcomes from RTP.

Committee Questions and Discussion:

Question: Are any of these funds for new roads?

Response: Yes we could use them for new roads depending on the funding source. This is unlikely due to high level of system buildout.

Question: What quality constitutes “poor enough” condition for bridges?

Response: We will have to follow up on that to be sure what the exact standards area.

Comment: A system wide analysis might be a good thing for the entire committee to look at, using a data driven approach to form rankings.

Question: Are there any projects on the attached list that address any central eastside projects?

Response: Will have to get the correct people to answer that question. Bob Hillier is a good first resource.

Question: What are the Interstate - Larrabee improvements?

Response: No Response

Question: Can we devote the September meeting to conversations about this?

Response: Yes.

TriMet Service Enhancement Plans Update - Kate Lyman (TriMet)

Kate Layman from TriMet provided an update the Eastside and North/Central Service Enhancement Plans and proposals to improve transit service to industrial areas. The Eastside vision is online at www.trimet.org/east and the North/Central vision is online at www.trimet.org/northcentral. Both of these plans have surveys currently active online where people can provide TriMet with feedback. This is a draft proposal and TriMet is looking for feedback. It is intended to be a shared vision for improving bus service throughout the region to serve a growing region with connections to jobs, education, and services. It includes locations of new routes and changes to existing, frequency and span changes for specific routes. Shared visions are being done in location specific regions. Many of these proposed changes could occur in freight priority areas, with schedule and route adjustments that would be beneficial to the industry.

Committee Questions and Discussion:

Question: What level of funding is needed for this and what’s the gap. How are you prioritizing the enhancements?

Response: TriMet board is considering a payroll tax increase in to coming years to begin implementation of this proposed service. If the payroll tax is increased, it would be able to cover roughly 40% of this proposed service.

Question: How will you select prioritization?

Response: TriMet adopted an implementing guideline document guided by equity, performance, connections to key destinations, and land use among other qualities. Review feedback and produce revised draft by fall 2015. Finalize plans by winter 2015/16.

Comment: Westside Economic Alliance is conducting a study on the last mile between resident/employer and bus service

Response: We are embedded in this study with a member on the advisory committee

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Next Meeting:

September 3, 2015

7:30 – 9:30 AM

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