

City of Portland
Pedestrian Advisory Committee



NOTES

Tuesday, December 20th, 2016

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Portland Building, 1120 SW 5th Ave, Broadway Room (9th Floor)

Committee Members:	Alternate Members:
Roger Averbeck* Rebecca Hamilton* Arlene Kimura * Anthony Buczek* Chase Ballew* David Crout* Eve Nilenders + Doug Klotz* Scott Kocher* Rod Merrick * Brian Landoe* Brenda Martin* Elaine O’Keefe +	Don Baack Suzanne Stahl* Mark Person* Gena Gastaldi +

** Indicates committee members in attendance, + Indicates excused absence*

Staff Present: Michelle Marx

Special Guests and Speakers: April Bertelsen (PBOT), Francesca Patricolo (PBOT), Lidwien Rahman (ODOT)

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6:00-6:30: Greetings, Introductions, and Hot Topics

Meeting Facilitated by Roger

- Question about the hiring status of new staff overseeing speed cameras. Requested that they attend a future PAC meeting to provide updates on this program
- Rod – reviewed status of infill housing project
- Roger – Provided update on SW corridor. Entering EIS process. Project will convene a CAC. Roger volunteered to represent the PAC on this committee starting in the new year. Roger briefed the PAC on the two alignment options that will be weighed.
- Request to ask Theresa Boyle to brief the PAC on the SW Corridor EIS process.

6:30-7:15: Growing Transit Communities (April Bertelsen, PBOT)

The Growing Transit Communities Plan is an effort to identify and prioritize the most beneficial improvements that would make getting to the bus or walking and biking to places nearby, safer and more convenient along sections of bus lines 87 (Airport Way), 77 (Halsey), and 20 (Outer Stark-Burnside). Over the past year, the Plan underwent a robust needs analysis, criteria development and community prioritization and is now nearly complete. Each of our study area corridors includes a list of projects sorted into three proposed groups, or “tiers” based on the criteria for prioritization. Staff would like to share the corridor project lists with the PAC, discuss how the Pedestrian Network Analysis was implemented to contribute to the prioritization of projects, and gather feedback about our prioritization/ if folks think our tiers are correct. GTC Plan website:

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/GTCplan>

Key questions for the PAC:

- *Does the PAC agree with the prioritization and the tiers?*
- *Are there any projects that we should consider moving among the tiers based on our criteria and how it was applied?*
- *If we move a project, what else would we move as a trade-off and why?*
- *Staff would like to seek PAC endorsement and a letter of support*

7:15-8:00 Pedestrian Master Plan Update (Michelle Marx, PBOT)

Michelle will review the proposed project approach, scope elements, and high-level project schedule for the Pedestrian Master Plan Update for PAC comments. The scope will be finalized in January, and the project is anticipated to kick off in Spring 2017. In addition to reviewing the general project scope, we will discuss the project’s Public Involvement Plan, including options for how the PAC would like to be integrated into the process.

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- *Does the Committee have any feedback they'd like to offer on the general project approach/scope elements (including anything we may be overlooking) before the scope is finalized next month?*
 - *Would like PAC input on how the Committee prefers to be involved in the process (will present a few options and considerations for discussion).*
- After briefing the PAC on the scope of the project, Michelle presented options for how the PAC would like to be involved in the PMP update. Options include the PAC serving as the principal oversight committee for the project, setting up a PAC subcommittee to do so, or establishing a separate community advisory committee.
 - Rebecca suggested that if the PAC were to serve as the primary community advisory body, it may not result in feedback that's fully representative of the city as a whole. Concerned that not enough PAC members live in communities of concern.
 - Arlene agrees. A broader membership on the advisory body could offer a slightly different perspective, and an opportunity to educate more people on pedestrian issues.
 - Suggested that PAC members (perhaps a subcommittee) could help mentor new community advisory members if needed
 - Sue – Concerns about the term “walking city.” Worried that it is not inclusive of pedestrians with disabilities.
 - Anthony – Suggests the project community advisory committee include PAC members as well as solicit members from the broader community. This approach could offer a broad range of perspectives.
 - Generally agreed amongst the committee that the best approach is to set up a CAC with spots reserved for PAC members.
 - Regular agenda time at PAC meetings will still be required for full Committee updates.
 - Question about the degree to which the PMP will consider accessibility issues. Michelle noted that curb ramps will be addressed in the ADA Transition Plan, but that the PMP will address other accessibility issues, such as sidewalk repair
 - Noted that pedestrian infrastructure is not the only issue the PMP should assess. Also need to look at traffic safety factors such as vehicle speeds, vehicle lanes, street widths, etc.
 - Need good sidewalk condition data. Need to know where we have substandard sidewalks.

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