

**PORTLAND FREIGHT COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Meeting No. 167**



WHEN: Thursday, May 4, 2017 @ 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: PFC members report on current issues and events from their respective industries and affiliations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine Drive Safety Project (Providance Nagy) • Upcoming Freight 101 Presentation 	Pia Welch/All
7:55 AM	Transportation & Growth Management Grants: PBOT is considering the following two TGM funding requests for 2017: (1) Freight Master Plan Update (\$150,000), and (2) Columbia Corridor Multimodal Improvement Project (\$200,000). TGM applications are due June 9th and staff will provide a summary of each of the two project proposals. Action requested: PFC letter of support.	Bob Hillier/Staff
8:15 AM	Regional Transportation System Plan Update: This will be a continued discussion from last month on the 2018 RTP call for projects program. Action requested: Informational Item	Tim Collins/Judith Gray
8:40 AM	Green Loop Update: Gabe Graff (PBOT) and Mark Raggett (BPS) will provide an update on the Green Loop planning process and highlights from the April 24 th Central Eastside design charrette focused on active transportation, freight, and the Green Loop. (see website: www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/65670) Action requested: Informational Item	Gabe Graff/Mark Raggett
9:20 AM	Farewell Tony: Our friend and PFC colleague Tony Colman will be retiring after a long and distinguished career at ODOT. We will end our May meeting by wishing Tony all the best in his next chapter and thanking him for all his participation and valued insights on the PFC all these years.	All
9:30 AM	Adjourn	

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

- Contact Robert Hillier, 503 823-7567 or Robert.hillier@portlandoregon.gov

Notes from Meeting No. 166
April 6, 2017



Announcements and Hot Topics

- Burnside Bridge Weight Limits (Megan Neil) - Short term – maintenance project coming up in a week. Second long term upgrading the bridge to seismic code. Looking for feedback on sign posting.
- April 15th-16th & April 22nd-23rd, I-5 Southbound will be closed.
- I-5 Northbound May 5-8th & following weekend, will be closed.
- Regional Transportation System Plan Update (Tim Collins) - prepare call for projects. Handed out draft of application and explanation of process. Agenda next month.
- Regional Over-Dimensional Truck Route Study is now complete and will send link to final report.
- Last Month's Meeting Minutes Approved.

System Development Charge (SDC) Update

Bob provided an update on the recommendations from the March 8th PFC workgroup on the SDC projects (meeting summary and staff response was provided). Three critical projects found in Over-Dimensional Truck Study. For more information on the SDC update see the following link:

<http://openhouse.jla.us.com/pbot-tsdc>

Comment: Suttle Rd, what would be funded by SDC funds?

Response: Sidewalks, SDC only funds additional capacity (roadway capacity). Possible looking at a separate stormwater facility and link with BPS.

Comment: Clarification on 82nd/Airport Way. Intent from PBOT, don't dismiss expensive freight projects.

Response: Spreadsheets in the packet. Further breakdown in a larger packet. There will be multiple funding sources

Comment: Appreciate what adds capacity. Top of list, Columbia Blvd widening, not where lot of growth occurring. Stands out as growth oriented and congestion. No TSP project resolving where most of the growth occurring and SDC should address that.

Comment: Point of overpass, don't need both.

Response: Build a bridge, want to put hard infrastructure (fiber cables not included in cost). ITS no connection, but could establish it. In the future for Rivergate, growth, may signalize intersection - prep for hardware. Time Oil Rd, discussion city taking over but would require a lot of improvements - long term. After Rivergate is finished.

Heavy Vehicle Use Tax Project Update

Jennifer Rollins (Chair of Fix Our Streets) provided an update on the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax project recommendations. Discussed funding allocations that were approved.

Comment: St John's Recommendation - Yes it's important. Shifted traffic to Lombard. This is a neighborhood project not a freight project. Did that come across?

Response: We heard additional feedback, needs to move forward to be on schedule. It's an all or nothing kind of project.

Comment: Greeley not on the list?

Response: No, will be in a separate budget process.

Comment: Suttle Road, remaining \$300,000. Likely LID will be voted on within 1 month. Vote affected by some funding for that. Ready and available?

Response: Conversation, in a position to leverage money. It's a council initiated LID and for the neighborhood to say yes or no. Do not need to go back to the oversight committee.

Special Guest: Commissioner Dan Saltzman

As the new Transportation Commissioner overseeing PBOT, Commissioner Saltzman discussed his visions, priorities, and desired direction for the Bureau.

- Lined up a request for information (10-14) private firms to better prepare for snow & ice removal. Budget request (\$2.8 mil) for snow & ice removal capabilities (\$1.4 equipment & \$1.4 for people).
- Priorities: 1. Gas tax (spend money wisely) 2. Infrastructure Maintenance, 3. Vision Zero

Comment: Paradigm shift in planning at PBOT, recognize freight not the same as vehicles. Priorities for freight similar as transit. Follows growth of the region.

Comment: Different funding sources, but not getting bike & ped funds. Taxes on bikes/peds?

Response: Haven't considered that. Frequent issue. Most of push back from bicycle community, ownership of vehicles too.

Comment: Central Eastside investment, still industrial businesses operating. People ignoring the flaggers. Advocate, enforcing some of these issues and keeping their own flaggers safe.

Response: Appreciate Feedback and Portland Bottling are good employers.

Comment: Echo freight priorities. Need to accommodate them. Lack of understanding of interaction of trucks in an urban setting. Salem - transportation package - interesting approaches.

Comment: Frequent Comment - Portland doesn't like cars. Reality, not viable options for all folks. 1% tax on purchase of a bicycle. Columbia River Crossing - doesn't erase need for I5 bridge, City's role in resurrecting project and possible?

Response: Reason AAA present on committee make sure interests of motorists here. Don't see any momentum building currently. Efforts made to put together a package, bridge has to accommodate light rail.

Comment: Perspective. Funding mostly bike & ped project. - represent small number of trips.

Response: Important investment in infrastructure, all modes at the same time. City that's aging, need those additional options. Part of a balanced transportation system, bike & ped community cannot bear all the costs.

Comment: Columbia River Crossing - face problem of bridge lifts. Pressure to not use is strong. Recommend support project in participation.

Comment: Advice: Review our role as advisors

Response: Great we have this committee. Urge weighing in on topics that are at council. Send us all letters of priorities, establish a regular communication

Comment: Education campaign opportunity for safety campaign. Helpful Steve Kountz presentation. OTA ideas and training, maps, routes through the city fewer bicyclists. Avoid conflict.

Comment: Policies or statute to protect freight routes. Study can inform the city.

Response: Portland Comp Plan, balancing act. Serve on JPACT, our job is to make decisions where to invest state and federal funds available to us, looking at the whole region. Comp Funding Package - involved as a city to support.

Comment: Freight 101 to new staff. Freight/bicycle mode & funding split - perspective?

Response: I think that would be a great idea. We have people who are dedicated whose sole job that we live up to a balance. A lot of reaching out and feedback. No secret.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.