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Bureau and Budget Advisory Committee

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4:00– 6:00 pm

Congress Building, 5th Floor, Conference Room 513

Committee Members Present: Ruthanne Bennett, Heather Bowman, Kaliska Day, Samuel Gollah, Ryan Hashegen, Maria Hernandez, Thomas Karwaki, Tony Lamb, Meesa Long, Rob Martineau, Patricia Montgomery, Elaine O’Keefe, Farrell Richardtz, Momoko Saunders, Pia Welch, Kevin Vandemore

Committee Members Absent: Arlene Kimura, Frannie Knight, Molly Baer Kramer

PBOT Staff Present: Tosin Abiodun, Shoshana Cohen, Zan Gibbs, Mark Lear, Jeramy Paton, Irene Schwoeffermann, Leah Treat

Welcome/Community Check-Ins and Announcements: Momoko Saunders and Tony Lamb

- Momoko Saunders opened the meeting, welcomed committee members, and shared information about the Build Portland Committee meeting that took place on Tuesday, January 13. At the meeting, she and Tony Lamb asked the Build Portland Committee to encourage further collaboration between City bureaus and consider awarding contracts to DWESB firms.
- Momoko Saunders reviewed the BBAC meeting agenda and thanked Committee members for their contributions to the BBAC budget letter and minority report.
- Adding to the conversation about the Build Portland program, Director Leah Treat stated that PBOT will receive 35 out of the 50 million dollars that will be provided during the first round of funding. Director Treat mentioned that PBOT recently installed speed safety cameras on Marine Drive and has commenced with the installation of the 20mph speed limit signs on Portland’s residential streets.
- There were no community announcements.
- Samuel Gollah requested for one minute silence in memory of victims of the Florida school shooting.

Questions and Comments

- The Columbia Boulevard Crossing project is on the list of PBOT’s decision add package.
- Will BBAC consider writing a letter to support plans to implement advanced engineering work for the crossing at Columbia Boulevard? Is this a topic that BBAC can weigh in on?

- Action Item: Momoko Saunders asked Tom to send a request letter/proposal and additional information to BBAC members via email. BBAC members will discuss the topic at the next meeting.
- PBOT's budget hearing at the City Council is scheduled for March 20th. The City Council and Mayor will be developing the budget till April.

PBOT Budget Update: Jeramy Patton

- Jeramy Patton provided an update on the City-wide budget process. PBOT met the City Budget Office (CBO) submission deadline. CBO is currently reviewing PBOT's requested budget for FY 2018-19. CBO's review report and recommendation will be available on March 5th. PBOT's work session is scheduled for March 20th at noon. After the City-wide budget work session is completed, the Mayor will then release a proposed budget for FY 2018-19.
- Jeramy also provided update on the Mayor and CBO's deep dive into PBOT's budget. CBO will focus on three areas to spend time on including Capital project planning and engineering project delivery, Maintenance Operations workload demand and return on investments, and Active transportation and safety modal coordination programs. PBOT will be working with CBO, over the next few months, to put together analysis on the three work areas.

Questions and Comments

- Does the budget expense assigned to projects listed in the requested budget document include federal funds? How do we know the amount of funds coming into PBOT from the federal government?
 - This information is available, but not explained in great length in the budget document.
- Will PBOT's budget team meet with CBO during the review period?
 - CBO will provide their recommendation to City Council in March and will begin receiving public testimony. Before March, the CBO office will send budget related questions and comments to PBOT's budget team.
- What will be the timeline for BBAC to respond in case CBO recommends significant budget cuts? What happens if CBO wants additional cuts to PBOT's budget? Can BBAC rebut CBO's assertion?
 - The first opportunity for BBAC is during the Council work session in March. BBAC members can provide feedback and recommendations to City Council. At the next BBAC meeting, depending on CBO's recommendations, committee members will write a letter and choose representatives to address City Council.
- PBOT is requesting over 15 million dollars for streetcar operations. Is there an offsetting revenue via collections that will help bring the cost down?
 - The budget document shows the total cost regardless of the resource coming into PBOT. The percentage of streetcar fare revenue contribution to PBOT's operating budget is about 15%.
- For the deep dive budget exercise, do we know what the specific issues the Mayor and CBO will be considering?
 - The Mayor and CBO will be considering PBOT's capacity and revenue streams.
- The expenditure on bike share operations has jumped from 200,000 dollars to 2 million dollars? Is that expected to be an ongoing expense at that scale? What is the offsetting revenue?
 - It is likely that this is the sponsorship funds that funnels in through Nike and Motivate. The budget team will provide additional information on the revenue that offsets the expense.

Equity Update: Zan Gibbs

- PBOT's Equity plan is connected to the City-wide equity goals and approach. The Office of Equity and Human Rights (OEHR) oversees all the City's equity led initiatives and efforts. PBOT's equity plans align with the City's long term and aspirational equity goals.
- Zan Gibbs unpacked the meaning of equity and highlighted the difference between equality and equity.
- Tony Lamb mentioned that it is important for BBAC to have a shared understanding of the meaning of equity. Equity is about dismantling systems of oppression in disadvantaged communities and making intentional investments.
- Every City bureau including PBOT created a racial equity plan. PBOT completed year one of its equity plan in December 2017. Now, PBOT is focusing on goal re-evaluation. Staff are working to determine to what extent PBOT met its equity goals in year one.
- PBOT included three equity positions in the FY 2017-18 requested budget including Human Resources and On-boarding specialist, DMWESB and Contract specialist, and Equity specialist. The three positions will help support PBOT's equity goals.

Questions and Comments

- Plans do change and sometimes there is need to continuously massage plans and weed out unrealistic and outdated goals.
 - PBOT staff are constantly having conversations about what to prioritize and de-prioritize. PBOT's Performance Innovation Manager recently reviewed the plan and came up with some recommendations to help strengthen PBOT's equity plan. PBOT's main focus and goal is to change outcomes in the community.
- Is there a set of metrics PBOT is using to measure outcomes? It is important to have a set of metrics when looking at outcomes.
 - Each equity action item has its own evaluation tool but integrating all of that information remains a Citywide challenge.
- Given that each bureau has its own unique culture and organizational goals, can PBOT focus on its own data and outcome instead of the Citywide outcome?
 - PBOT has its own targeted goals. With the amount of money going out the door, there is need to focus more deeply on PBOT's contracting goals.
- Are there action items designated to specific groups within PBOT? How does the document interface with specific equity goals of each PBOT group?
 - There are action items specific to PBOT work group. Effective this summer, every group will provide progress report on their specific equity plan as well as PBOT's overall equity plan. PBOT is considering having each work group appoint a liaison to help with equity work.
 - Action Item: Zan to provide a visual representation on how each PBOT work group approaches and implements equity work.
- Is PBOT using new data to make informed decisions about its equity goal for instance hiring people from communities of color?
 - For hiring, PBOT is looking at 20 years of data.
- How is PBOT re-evaluating equity work using both an internal and external lens? Can community members provide feedback and participate in the conversation?
 - Two community organizations, All Hands raised and the Coalition of Community of Color, provided feedback and participated actively during the design phase of PBOT's equity plan. In the implementation and evaluation of the plan, community members have not been highly involved. Half of PBOT's equity plan is about external metrics.
- What about participation from internal stakeholders such as Union members? How have they been engaged and included in the equity planning and evaluation process?
 - Equity work is an ongoing process and it involves engaging all levels of the organization.

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): Mark Lear and Shoshana Cohen

- BBAC members were encouraged to fill out the Regional Transportation plan survey available on Metro's website. PBOT's Legislative and Resources team are planning to send a letter to Metro and they are requesting that BBAC provide feedback.
- In 1962, the Federal Highway Act established Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to develop an overall transportation plan and program Federal funds. Metro is an example of a Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPAC) makes recommendations to the Metro Council on transportation needs in the region. The Regional Transportation plan is a twenty-year plan put together by the JPAC and looks at how the region aims at meeting congestion, equity, climate, and environmental goals.
- Metro is currently finishing up a four-year recommendation development and strategy building process for the Regional Transportation plan. JPAC will develop policies, project lists, and recommendations.
- Recently, the state legislature passed laws asking local governments to meet climate goals. Metro has started reviewing baseline measures and what climate smart targets will look like. PBOT recently wrote to Metro to share thoughts about Metro's approach to reaching region-wide climate, load-share, safety, and congestion goals. Metro has provided a response to PBOT's letter.
- Metro's Leadership Forum is scheduled for March 2nd. It is an open meeting.

Questions and Comments

- Where will the Leadership Forum take place?
 - At the Convention Center.
- Is the Regional Transportation Plan in a draft phase? Can BBAC have access to the actual document?
 - The RTP summary is available on Metro's website.
- What was JPAC's reaction to the Regional Transportation plan?
 - Many transportation agencies are concerned about congestion. Clackamas was very outspoken about what they want to see. They have the least developed system in the region. The hard work is figuring out a plan that works at a regional level.
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Regional Bond Measure: Mark Lear and Shoshana Cohen

- TriMet tried to put the Regional Bond Measure on the November 2018 ballot. The initiative did not move forward as planned. Metro, however, is moving forward with the Housing Measure.
- In order to move the conversation about the Bond Measure forward, regional transportation agencies alongside community organizations and groups created a task force to work towards a ballot for November 2020. Metro is currently working on a poll to figure out the transportation issues that people want to see addressed. The goal is to develop a list of projects in 2018 and evaluate the projects in 2019.
- The RTP plan will inform the Bond Measure.

Questions and Comments

- Are these projects that BBAC members have seen before?
 - No. The projects will come from the Regional Transportation.
- Seattle and Los Angeles have done really well with Measure M. Community activist pushed and made the measure a very successful plan.
- It will be great for Portlanders to support the Bond Measure. It will bring great benefits.

Legislative Updates: Shoshana Cohen and Mark Lear

- Week two of the 2018 Legislative short session will end on March 11.
- The City's legislative agenda places a lot of emphasis on affordable and stable housing, community and livability, and healthy environment. PBOT has been closely following the Clean Energy Bill. It is high priority for the Governor and the City of Portland. PBOT is closely monitoring how the funds will be invested and spent.
- PBOT is also paying attention to House Bill 2017.
- There have been several legislations aiming at regulating automated vehicles. PBOT is working to help set up a framework to support the new technology.

Questions and Comments

- Maria Hernandez encouraged PBOT to continue to approach policy work with an equity framework/lens.
 - The Clean Energy provides a great potential for the City to meet equity goals.
- Is the City also looking at a technology plan as part of the conversation on Bond Measure and RTP?
 - Yes. The City has been discussing next generation technologies including automated vehicles and tools.
 - Is the City also looking at a technology plan as part of the conversation on Bond Measure and RTP?
- Metro is seeking feedback from community members on the RTP plan. BBAC members were encouraged to submit their comments online.

Announcements:

- Maria Hernandez asked BBAC members to support advocates who are requesting that the City continue to fund the Youth Pass program.
- Tosin will send electronic signatures to Maria via email.
- Irene Schwoeffermann asked BBAC members to share their reflections about the budget process.
- Thomas Karwaki shared information about upcoming transportation related events in North Portland.

Next Steps:

- BBAC will meet on the 15th of March at the Congress building, 5th floor, Room 513. Address: 1001 SW 5th Avenue Portland Oregon.