

**PORTLAND FREIGHT COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Meeting No. 185**



WHEN: Thursday, November 1, 2018 @ 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	Special Guest – Senator Betsy Johnson: Senator Johnson will provide an update of the NW Cornelius Pass Road Safety Project which is scheduled for construction during the Summer of 2019 This project will require extended road closures and detours for truck traffic. Project staff will also be available to discuss the traffic detour plans.	
8:00 AM	Special Guest – Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler: Mayor Wheeler is closing in on his second year as mayor and will share with us his vision for the City and some of the many challenges and opportunities that lay ahead.	
8:30 AM	Columbia/Lombard Wayfinding Project: Segments along Lombard St (US30B) and Columbia Blvd have multiple street names or switch names creating confusion for local drivers and businesses. This project is designed to provide a more consistent street signage system to reduce driver confusion and improve traffic circulation and travel time reliability.	Zef Wagner/Staff
9:00 AM	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">• Central City In Motion Update• Columbia/Lombard Mobility Corridor Plan (request for Advisory Committee members)	Pia Welch/All
9:30 AM	Adjourn	

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

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- Also, visit the Portland Freight Committee website at: www.portlandonline.com/transportation/freight

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Notes from October 4, 2018 Meeting No. 184

Hot Topics

PBOT: Bob Hillier provided a recap on the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax Oversight Committee that discussed the submitted PFC comment letter recommending to not raise the Weight Mile Tax from 2.8 to 4.8 percent to close the projected \$2 million HVUT funding gap. The Oversight Committee accepted the PFC recommendations with the acknowledgment that not all the identified projects would be funded. The City Revenue Bureau will present the Oversight Committee's recommendation to Council later in October. Bob will notify the PFC when a Council date has been confirmed.

PBOT: Bob Hillier provide a recap of the September 21st Central City In Motion Review meeting. The main issues raised include the need to mitigate for the estimated loss of 250 parking spaces and the need for a more detailed analysis of using 6th Avenue as the preferred bicycle/green loop route over 7th Ave. The PFC requested a follow-up meeting to include Kate Merrill (CEIC) and Nathaniel Brown (PBA) to prepare a comment letter to Council addressing the issues and concerns being raised. Bob will schedule the meeting.

Port of Portland: Phil Healy reported that they are currently looking at options for the use of Terminal 2 and that PDX with its current expansion plans is a main focus of the Port.

Oregon Trucking Association: Waylon Buchan reported that the OTA will be focusing on the proposed Cap and Trade legislation coming out of the 2019 Legislative Session.

Portland Business Alliance: Nathaniel Brown reported the current focus of the PBA is on the Central City In Motion Project.

Central Eastside Industrial District: Kate Merrill reported that the CEIC collected over 80 signatures for promoting the Clean and Safe Program as part of enhanced services in the Central eastside. Kate also reported on an upcoming supply chain conference she is working on with Kevin Johnson from Prosper Portland and will send out a notice to the PFC membership.

BPS: Steve Kountz reported on a Housing and Affordability Zoning Project and a new streetcar extension and rezoning project in Northwest Portland between BPS and PBOT.

Columbia/Lombard Mobility Corridor Plan Update

Bob Hillier provided an overview of the project which will kick off later this fall and the process for selecting stakeholder members. The project will address a wide range of multi-modal mobility needs and access and safety issues within the study area which includes the area ½ mile north and south along Columbia Blvd, Lombard/US30B, and the UPRR Kenton Line ranging between I-5 to the west and I-205 to the east.

Key themes of the project include: Freight Reliability, Industrial Land Access, Pedestrian Access to Transit, Bicycle Connectivity, Separation of Modes, and Railroad Crossings at NE 11th/13th and Cully Blvd.

The Scope of Work will include the following tasks: 1) Existing Conditions Inventory, 2) Safety and Mobility/Access Needs Inventory, 3) Railroad Crossing Studies, 4) Project List and Refinement, 5) Investment Strategy (Prioritization), 6) Recommended Corridor Plan. The project duration will be 18 months and the stakeholder advisory committee will meet every 2-3 months to advise on work products and recommendations.

Comments:

- Concerns were raised that because the study area is primarily a heavy industrial district that the makeup and proportion of the stakeholder advisory committee needs to reflect the main users and business in this area.
- Stakeholder committee membership should not limit the number of PFC members if they are the ones with the most expertise and knowledge of this area and the main issues this study will need to address.
- Concerns were raised that forcing bicycles facilities along Columbia Blvd may increase the safety risk if they are mixed with heavy truck and vehicular traffic. A separated multi-use path along the Columbia Slough that is already partially constructed would be a preferred long-term option to evaluate.
- The study needs to assess modal travel demand to determine realistic transportation options for employees in the corridor. The work conducted by Steve Kountz on where people live that work in the Columbia Corridor will be made available to the project team.

Freight Priority Program Update

The Council approved Heavy Vehicle User Tax allocated \$500,000 to the Freight Priority Program for completing targeted freight and safety improvements. Bob Hillier provided a summary of the six identified improvements currently being considered that include:

1. NE 105th Ave and Sandy Blvd/US30B: Pull back stop bar to improve truck turning radius.
2. NE 47th Ave and Cornfoot Rd: Identify design options for a safe transition for bicycles and pedestrians until funding for the Cornfoot Rd improvements are secured.
3. N Mississippi Ave and Interstate Ave: Construct a mountable curb extension to slow cut through traffic and improve safety for truck loading activities at Widmer Brewing on N. Mississippi Ave.
4. SW Shattuck Rd and Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy: Add a left turn lane on SW Shattuck Rd at Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy to accommodate truck traffic generated by the Alpenrose Dairy located to the south of this intersection.
5. N Marine Drive: Upgrade existing pedestrian crossing at bus stops to current COP signage and striping standards at 6 crossing locations between N. Portland Rd and Leadbetter Rd.
6. NE Airport Way: Upgrade signage, striping and delineation at each of the 20 treed medians from I-205 to City limits.

Comments:

- The priority of funding the N. Marine Drive improvements were questioned because of limited transit service. The estimated \$125,000 cost may be better spent on other identified improvements. Bob will follow up with TriMet about transit ridership along this route and reassess the project need.
- Steve Kountz mentioned that small-scale transportation improvements may be identified via the Development Review Division website.

PBOT Project Updates

PBOT project manager Andrew Aebi provided updates on the following projects in the Columbia Corridor:

1. NE 46th & Saratoga Local Improvement District (new LID)
2. NE 47th Ave LID Project Update
3. Columbia/Lombard Wayfinding Project
4. NE Suttle Road LID Project

Adjourn 9:39AM