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Fixing Our Streets (FOS) Oversight Committee September 2018 Meeting Summary

Thursday, September 13th, 2017
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Congress Center 1001 SW 5th Ave
Room 513

Committee Members in Attendance

Steph Routh
Justinian Ramos
Tony Lamb
Elliot Levin
Jennifer Rollins
Mike Albrecht
William Henderson
Samuel Gollah
Herb Jenkins

Meeting Chair: Jennifer Rollins

Guests: Jennifer Scott

Staff Present:

Chris Warner
Tyler Berry
Ruthanne Bennett
Mychal Tetteh
Millicent Williams

Committee Members Absent:

Gerik Kransky
Elaine Freisen-Strang



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Meeting Agenda Outcomes & Action Summary

- I. Welcome & Committee Updates
 - A. Welcome & Introductions - Jennifer
 - B. Agenda Overview & Committee Updates - Tony
- II. Program Engagement
 - A. Heavy Vehicle Use Tax Discussion - Jennifer

Key points from the discussion below

- *An increase in this tax rate may increase the number and cost of the appeals which may paradoxically cause us to collect less revenue*
- *Council action created the original ordinance and it is a decision that will be put before City Council*
- *Portland Freight Committee was unanimously against any increase in the rate companies would pay*
- *Some projects will need to be deferred or delayed indefinitely to ensure we don't spend more than we collect*
- *There is a potential for legal challenges*
- *Other funding mechanisms we considered before the HVT was approved by City Council*
- *Heavy trucks have a disproportionate impact on roads vs small vehicles; this is the concept behind the notion of cost responsibility*
- *What about studded tires can we tax those too*
- *What about fire trucks and buses can we find a way in the future for them to pay their fair share also*
- *The Oversight Committee voted unanimously to recommend that City Council remove the need to automatically adjust the rate and insisted that PBOT staff ensure that the HVT project list be recalibrated to maintain its 56% maintenance, 44% safety distribution while delivering projects whose value won't exceed anticipated revenues*
- *Because this was an action originally taken by City Council it will come before them for a decision before the end of this calendar year*



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III. Program Updates

A. Oversight Committee Recruitment Update - Mychal

With the terms of current OC members ending recruitment will begin for our next FOS OC. Current members can re-apply and everyone is encouraged to support recruitment efforts

B. Financial Review - Ty

Ty provided an overview of Program financials

C. Capital Project Delivery Highlights - Millicent

Millicent had to depart the meeting earlier than anticipated and Mychal provided some key updates on projects and answered questions from the Committee

IV. Public Comment + Announcements - Jennifer

There was no public comment

V. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:44PM



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