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Bureau and Budget Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 21, 2019

4:00– 6:00 pm

Congress Building, 5th Floor, Conference Room 513

Committee Members Present: Douglas Armstrong, Molly Baer-Kramer, Lauren Bates, Ruthanne Bennett, Sage Geiselman, Samuel Gollah, Shani Harris-Bagwell, Ryan Hashagen, Sarah Iannarone, Thomas Karwaki, Arlene Kimura, Joanne Landry, Josh Linden, Meesa Long, Rob Martineau, Elaine O’Keefe, Farrell Richartz, Momoko Saunders, Kevin Vandemore

Committee Members Absent: Maria Hernandez, Tony Lamb, Femi Oluwafemi, Pia Welch, Kevin Vandemore

City Staff Present: Tosin Abiodun, Stephanie Evjen, Irene Marion, Jeramy Patton, Chris Warner

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

- Momoko Saunders welcomed committee members and reviewed the meeting agenda.
- Chris Warner, Interim Director for the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT), shared leadership updates. PBOT recently presented the BikeTown annual report and Fixing Our Streets annual report to City Council. Last week, City Commissioners Nick Fish and Chloe Eudaly joined music advocates MusicPortland and Fair Trade Music PDX to announce a new pilot program that will support local musicians by expanding access to safe and convenient spaces for loading near 16 popular music venues. On Saint Patrick’s Day, PBOT offered discounted taxi, Lyft and Uber rides, originating from Portland, as part of its Safe Ride Home program. On March 13, PBOT released the draft for [Portland’s newest Pedestrian Master Plan](#). The full plan along with a video describing the public involvement process is available online for public comment through May 4. Last Saturday, a 3-inch water main broke at NE 22nd Avenue and NE Skidmore Street. PBOT crews responded quickly to the event alongside the Water Bureau. PBOT will excavate and rebuild the water damaged street in the next few weeks.
- Momoko Saunders reviewed PBOT Vision Zero report from February 21 through March 21. BBAC members observed a minute of silence to honor the memory of four community members who died in traffic related crashes.
- Sarah Iannarone mentioned that the deadline to apply to the [Central City in Motion Working Group](#) is March 21st. She encouraged BBAC members to participate in the environmental assessment online open house for the [I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project](#). Sarah added

that members of the [Bicycle Advisory Committee \(BAC\)](#) have submitted a letter in support of the “no build plan” because they do not think bike options are not enough. BAC members are requesting for an environmental impact.

- Elaine O’Keefe stated that members of the [PBOT Pedestrian Advisory Committee \(PAC\)](#) are also planning to submit a letter to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).
- PBOT recently conducted analysis on how the project will affect cyclists.
- Robin Martineau mentioned that he currently serves on the [Public Utility Board](#). The board is currently seeking new members. Robin encouraged BBAC members to share information about the volunteer opportunity with their networks.
- Samuel Gollah thanked committee members who represented BBAC at City Council Chambers on March 12.
- Irene Marion, PBOT Equity and Inclusion Manager, shared updates with BBAC members about the [Lloyd-to-Woodlawn Neighborhood Greenway](#).

Questions and Comments

- Did PBOT staff report to the scene immediately after the water main broke?
 - PBOT worked with the Water Bureau to respond promptly to the event.
- When will the Gas Tax renewal occur?
 - May 2020.
- If the bike options are not enough, how will an environment impact statement address the concern?
 - Some stakeholders believe that there is not enough data for community members to make an informed decision about the project.

PBOT Budget Update: Jeremy Patton

- After the Council Budget Workshop session on March 12, PBOT received additional comments and questions from the [City Budget Office \(CBO\) and City Council Commissioners](#).
- CBO review of PBOT’s budget is available online at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/cbo/article/714562>
- CBO recommended \$6,300,000 one-time General Fund Capital Set-Aside funding for PBOT. The funds will support top scoring projects including the ADA accessible sidewalks (1.5 million), Citywide Lamp Replacement Program (\$500,000), Traffic Signal Reconstruction Program (\$2 million) and Cornell Tunnel Lining Replacement (\$2.3 million).
- Information about upcoming City Council Budget events is available online at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/cbo/article/622229>.
- Jeremy Patton encouraged BBAC members to attend the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission’s budget hearing scheduled for June 11.
- CBO did not approve other General Fund requests put forward by PBOT. The Mayor’s proposed budget will be released in April.
- Momoko Saunders told BBAC members, especially those planning to attend budget related events, to stick to [BBAC talking points](#) when representing the committee’s position. She thanked Josh Linden, Rob Martineau, Lauren Bates, and Thomas Karwaki for attending the PBOT Council Budget Workshop session on March 12.
- Robin Martineau encouraged committee members to attend budget related events and speak as individuals but stick to the talking points when expressing BBAC’s view.
- Thomas Karwaki recommended that BBAC formally present its talking points in the form of a formal letter to City Council.
- BBAC members voted and agreed to submit a letter to City Council.
- Joanne Landry expressed the need for PBOT to respond to questions committee members posed about the FY 19-20 budget.
- Ryan Hashagen wants PBOT to provide more information about performance metrics and offer robust equity impact statements.

- Thomas Karwaki mentioned that at the PBOT Council Budget workshop session, City Commissioners raised important questions about [Local Improvement Districts \(LIDs\)](#) and wanted to know what BBAC members thought was missing from PBOT's budget.
- Robin Martineau added that Commissioner Hardesty asked if Vision Zero goals included the support of additional policing or infrastructure.

Questions and Comments

- Where can BBAC members find the list of approved CIP projects?
 - The information is available within PBOT Requested Budget for FY 2019-20 and available on CBO's website.
- Irene Marion, PBOT Equity and Inclusion Manager, highlighted that PBOT will provide information in response to hot topics and program areas BBAC members identified for Spring and Summer 2019.
- Tosin Abiodun, committee liaison, encouraged BBAC members to submit questions they have about PBOT Active Transportation initiatives and plans via email.
- LID projects are mostly funded by residents and businesses. PBOT will follow up with Commissioner Hardesty about LIDs.

Legislative Update: Shoshana Cohen

- There are about 250 bills that may potentially impact Portland's transportation system.
- PBOT is actively tracking legislative bills related to the following issues – TNC regulation, speed limit reduction, enforcement and driving privileges, diesel pollution regulation, carbon emission, and jurisdictional transfer of assets to the City of Portland.

Questions and Comments

- Will the speed bill address speeding concerns unique to the Portland metro area or the region as a whole?
 - The entire region. The City of Eugene is interested in the bill.
- What is the Lyft and Uber bill all about?
 - The bill sets some statewide regulation on insurance firms and background checks.
- What is the Diesel bill all about?
 - House Bill 2007 aims to reduce diesel pollution statewide by phasing out older diesel engines in trucks over the next 10 years, requiring that all medium and heavy-duty trucks registered in Oregon are upgraded to a 2010 model engine or newer by 2029.
- Does the Diesel bill include information about removing exemptions for D2 requirements for diesel powered vehicles?
 - Not sure.

Regional Flexible Funds: Mark Lear

- Mark Lear shared information about the [Regional Flexible Funds](#).
- Metro is responsible for allocating federal funds for transportation purposes.
- The Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPAC) on Transportation recently passed rules for the allocation of federal funds that will be available 2022, 2023, and 2034.
- In the last two funding cycles, Metro allocated funds to support planning level programs, active transportation, complete streets, and freight.
- PBOT has until June to provide and submit grant applications to Metro. PBOT has identified eight active transportation projects and two freight projects for the next funding cycle.

Questions and Comments

- Could you explain or describe the equity matrix score?

- Equity is a criterion used for selecting projects. PBOT Equity matrix is available at <https://pdx.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=2e2252af23ed4be3a666f780cbaddfc5>
- How does PBOT track changing demographics overtime?
 - The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) tracks demographic information and gentrification patterns using a mapping tool. PBOT is discussing with BPS on how to gain access to the tool.

Equity Training: Ashley Tjaden

- Ashley Tjaden, Advisory Body Analyst, with the Office of Community and Civic Life provided equity training. Topics covered during the training include bias, equity, racism, interpersonal racism, institutional racism, equality, equity and Citywide racial equity goals and strategies.

Next Steps:

- BBAC will meet on the 18th of April at the Congress building, 5th floor, Room 513. Address: 1001 SW 5th Avenue Portland Oregon.