

# PBOT

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## Bureau and Budget Advisory Committee

Thursday, June 19, 2019

4:00- 6:00 pm

Conference Assembly Area, PBOT Maintenance Operations Facility

**Committee Members Present:** Douglas Armstrong, Lauren Bates, Ruthanne Bennett, Samuel Gollah, Sage Geiselman, Ryan Hashagen, Thomas Karwaki, Arlene Kimura, Tony Lamb, Josh Linden, Rob Martineau, Momoko Saunders, Pia Welch

**Committee Members Absent:** Molly Baer Kramer, Shani Harris-Bagwell, Maria Hernandez, Sarah Iannarone, Joanne Landry, Meesa Long, Elaine O'Keefe, Femi Oluwafemi, Farrell Richartz,

**PBOT Staff Present:** Tosin Abiodun, Chris Armes, Dave Benson, Rani Boyle, Amber Clayton, Scott Clement, Mike Crebs, Irene Marion, Vanessa Micale, Jeramy Patton, Amy Roberts, Tara Wasiak, Edward Van Buren, Mark Williams, Peter Wojcicki

**Quick Introductions and Tour of MO Facility:** Amy Roberts, Tara Wasiak, Peter Wojcicki, Chris Warner, Edward Van Buren, Scott Clement

- Tara Wasiak welcomed BBAC members to PBOT's Maintenance Operations (MO) facility and introduced Divisional Managers at MO.
- Edward Van Buren, Operations Division Manager, shared information about how PBOT supports field and crew workers using different management approaches including personnel management, site master plan creation, safety training, fleet coordination and research and development.
- Scott Clement, Environmental Systems Manager, shared information about the City's environment systems and the role that PBOT plays in the maintenance of collection system assets.
- Amy Roberts, Maintenance Construction Manager, manages 97 PBOT employees, responsible for areas of work including street cleaning, sidewalk maintenance, night operations and lots more. PBOT Maintenance Construction team is currently updating sidewalks in different parts of the city as part of the CREEC settlement. The team is responsible for managing and maintaining City assets including but not limited to retaining walls, guard rails, dock, sidewalks, bridges, and bike racks.



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- Peter Wojcicki, Street Systems Manager, shared information about his scope of work and led a tour of the MO facility.

### Questions and Comments

- Does PBOT coordinate environmental systems maintenance activities with other City bureaus?
  - Yes, PBOT coordinates with other City bureaus, for instance Water Bureau and the Bureau of Environmental Services.
- How much does PBOT charge for locates?
  - Locate service is free of charge. The City does pay for tickets.
- Of the 26 million PBOT's Environmental Systems manages, is there a flow through from the Water Bureau to PBOT? How much money does PBOT pay for BES's business? BES should pay 100% of their cost. It seems inappropriate that PBOT is taking on another agency's cost. Transportation should not be subsidizing environmental services.
  - PBOT has an inter-agency agreement with the Water Bureau.
- How many staff work within PBOT's Environmental Systems Division?
  - 133.

### Quick Check Ins, Director's Updates and Community Update: Momoko Saunders and Chris Warner

- Chris Warner thanked BBAC members for their valuable contributions and ideas during the FY 2019-20 budget process. He thanked Momoko Saunders and Tony Lamb for managing the committee effectively and offering their facilitation and leadership skills.
- Rob Martineau congratulated Chris Warner on his promotion as the Director of the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT).
- Momoko reviewed the meeting agenda and encouraged BBAC members to share information about FY 2019-2020 budget process and their volunteer experience during discussion time.
- Douglas Armstrong read PBOT's Vision Zero and a note on behalf of Sarah Iannarone. Three individuals died from fatal crashes on Portland streets from May 20 through June 15. Louanna Battams, one of the departed, died while walking across SE Foster Road at SE 71<sup>st</sup>. She was Sarah's neighbor and friend.
- Chris Warner provided leadership updates. PBOT offered reduced-cost taxi and TNC rides to community members during the recently concluded Portland Pride Weekend. On June 6, PBOT's Fixing Our Streets program broke ground on a major new sidewalk project in East Portland. The 1.7 million Project will build over 3000 feet of new sidewalk on east side of NE 148<sup>th</sup> from NE Halsey to NE Glisan street. On June 12, City Council unanimously adopted Portland's Citywide Pedestrian Plan (PedPDX). Chris encouraged committee members to review technical designs for North West in Motion projects and provide feedback online. On June 14, PBOT approved permits for Razor and Shared, two e-scooter firms that will provide e-scooters with seats in Portland. PBOT allowed and introduced

this more accessible service in direct response to what the bureau heard from the disability community while evaluating the 2018 pilot program. On June 13, PBOT completed the Foster Transportation and Streetscape Project with a ribbon cutting ceremony alongside Commissioner Chloe Eudaly and representatives of the Foster Area Business and Neighborhood Associations, the Portland Mercado, Hacienda CDC, and Prosper Portland. Funded by the Fixing Our Streets Program, the project delivered improved crossings and other safety features. On June 12, PBOT presented the Vision Zero One-Year Report to City Council. The report describes some of the lessons learned during Portland's first two years as a Vision Zero City and sets the stage for the next phase of work.

### **Questions and Comments**

- Ryan Hashagen thanked PBOT for implementing safety treatment on high crash streets and corridors.

### **PBOT Parking Services and Programs: Chris Armes, Dave Benson, Mike Crebs and Mark Williams**

- Dave Benson thanked BBAC members for their leadership and commitment and introduced members of his team including Chris Armes, Mike Crebs and Mark Williams.
- Chris Armes shared information about PBOT Parking Operations. The division manages on-street and off-street public parking.
- Last year, Portland City Council adopted the Parking Management Manual. The manual, divided into five sessions, cover information on how to public parking with focus on parking management districts, standardized time limits, meter rate adjustments, and truck loading zone signs.
- Chris stated that PBOT makes adjustment to parking rate based on occupancy. This is referred to as Performance Based Pricing. The rate decreases if the highest occupancy for the entire day is less than 65%. The rate increases if five hours of the day are greater than or equal to 70% and three of the five hours are at least 85% occupancy. Rates can increase by .20, .40 or .60 per hour based on average occupancy.
- The next round of meter rate adjustment will occur in early 2020 during the budget cycle.
- Mike Crebs shared information with committee members about PBOT's effort to transition to a paperless parking payment system and Derelict RV Outreach.
- Mark Williams highlighted programs managed by Regulatory Division including Safe Ride Home, PDX WAV and Taxi Incubator. Mark also talked about House Bill 3023. If the bill is passed by the Oregon State Legislature, it will place TNC's under ODOT's jurisdiction, prevent local authorities from regulating TNC activities and inhibit local transportation agencies from running independent background checks on drivers.

### **Questions and Comments**

- What is the acceptable distance allowed between a fire hydrant and vehicle?

- 10 feet.
- Where does PBOT park or house towed vehicles?
  - They are taken to a lot owned and managed by the Portland Police Bureau.

#### **PBOT Budget Update: Jeramy Patton**

- PBOT adjusted General Transportation Revenue. Specifically, 20 positions were added to support Maintenance Operations ADA Curb Ramp Program, 7 positions were added to support Parking Enforcement's Derelict RV Program.
- PBOT introduced notable changes to General Fund and Cannabis Tax Allocations.

#### **Questions and Comments**

- Are there ongoing discussions about the second iteration of PBOT's Fixing Our Streets Program?
  - Yes, Commissioner Chloe Eudaly is leading the discussion.

#### **PBOT's Development Permitting and Right of Way Programs: Christine Leon, Rani Boyle and Amber Clayton**

- PBOT's Development, Permitting & Transit team manages the City's Right of Way to meet everyday changing needs of people, goods and services.
- Christine Leon talked about residential streets and infill development. City-wide streets are deficient (most in outer East and West), yet infill development is not obligated to build an entire street. To address the challenge, PBOT introduced the Grade and Gravel street service, and is working closely the Bureau of Environmental Services on system planning. PBOT leadership and staff are currently looking into how to effectively spend LTIC fees.
- Amber Clayton talked about PBOT's Right of Way enforcement and coordination efforts and Portland in the Streets Community program.
- Christine Leon shared information about 5G and Smart City Infrastructure. As technology firms are getting interested in 5G technology facility, City poles situated on the City Right of Way are gradually becoming an important asset. PBOT will manage all aspects of the Vertical Infrastructure program including leasing, permitting, installation and enforcement.
- PBOT will lead an RFI/RFP process to design a new street light pole standard to be used when replacing midblock ornamentals and other city owned street light poles.
- The City has created administrative rules - TRN 10.44 Vertical Infrastructure in the Right of Way.

#### **Questions and Comments**

- How soon will 5G infrastructure go live in the City?
  - PBOT will follow federal regulations. PBOT has put in place a reservation system.
- Will PBOT share the administrative rules with local carriers?
  - PBOT launched the administrative rule last week. PBOT staff will continue to share the document with key stakeholders.

**BBAC Discussion (I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Update + BBAC Year Debrief): Chris Warner, Momoko Saunders and Tony Lamb**

- PBOT has been working with ODOT to establish a community advisory committee for the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement project.
- BBAC members shared feedback about their volunteer experience and FY 2019-20 budget process.
- BBAC members shared recommendations including the following:
  - PBOT needs to tie program offers to key metrics/performance measures.
  - Don't overwhelm committee members with too much information.
  - PBOT should consider having the committee focus on specific topics and programs to encourage sustained conversation.
  - The City of Portland should rethink the timing of the budget process to encourage more community participation.
  - PBOT should consider all year-round monthly meetings to give committee members enough time to understand the budget process and PBOT's program offers.
  - PBOT should consider holding BBAC meetings at PBOT MO facility and other accessible locations such as community centers.
  - PBOT should provide committee members with the opportunity to weigh in on the budget development process.

**Next Steps:**

- There will be no meeting in July. BBAC members will meet on August 15 to complete City required volunteer trainings. Training will take place from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in Room 513 (5<sup>th</sup> Floor) of the Congress Center Building, 1001 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland OR 97204.