



## Central City in Motion Working Group

### Meeting #1 Summary

Thursday, June 27, 2019 | 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Portland City Hall, 1221 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Pettygrove Room  
Next meeting: September 26, 2019

#### **Working Group members in attendance:**

Izzy Armenta  
Jillian Detweiler  
Reza Farhoodi  
Peter Finley Fry  
Emily Guise  
Ryan Hashagen  
Jon Isaacs  
Tony Jordan  
Alice Longley Miller  
Tara Mather  
Joanie Wang  
Chris Yuen  
Alex Zimmerman  
Adam Zucker

#### **City staff present:**

Gabe Graff  
Shaina Hobbs

#### **Also in attendance:**

Clint Culpepper,  
Susan Steward

### **Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review**

Committee members introduced themselves.

### **Bylaws**

Gabe Graff provided a high-level overview of the Central City in Motion Working Group draft bylaws.

Jillian Detweiler asked for an agreement on what information would be provided to working group members, such as project schedules, costs, and contracting approaches. She asked that this information be provided on a regular basis.

Jillian recommended the “Communications” portion of draft bylaws be reworded to clarify the scope of communications subject to City staff approval.

Shaina Hobbs informed the members that the bylaws would be edited with the intent to adopt a final version at the next quarterly meeting.

### **Overview of Central City in Motion plan**

Gabe shared a high-level summary of the CCIM plan.



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Members discussed the total amount of right of way space in Central City dedicated to bikes and new mobility devices. Adam Zucker recommended an analysis of parking space as a percentage of Central City right of way.

Peter Finley Fry commented about transforming the right of way to be more visually appealing to improve the experience of pedestrians.

Alex Zimmerman asked how much public right of way is dedicated to Portland Streetcar. Staff did not have the data on hand.

### **Discussion: Upcoming CCIM projects and July 23<sup>rd</sup> public open house**

#### SW Madison Bus/Bike Lane Project

Gabe shared that the project at SW 1<sup>st</sup> and Madison was nearly complete and confirmed that it was completed under \$170,000.

Reza Farhoodi asked about the potential to extend the bike and bus lane to SW Broadway. Several members echoed an interest in an extension of the new bike and bus lane. Several shared concerns about cyclists getting to the protected bike and bus lane as the connection feels dangerous when the roads are congested.

Peter recommended treatment to mitigate the new treatment's effect on the experience of those traveling on the sidewalk.

#### NW Everett St to Steel Bridge Project

Gabe gave an overview of the NW Everett St to Steel Bridge Project (Project #7) and reported that the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) was about to receive permission for red bus lane markings. This treatment will deter drivers from continuing straight from Bus and Turn (BAT) lane. He also shared that New York City uses automated enforcement which could be an option for Portland. The project plan is to close the southbound Naito ramp onto the Steel Bridge to reduce merging conflicts.

Emily Guise asked whether cyclists will be permitted in the BAT lanes and Gabe responded that they will be expected to ride in the regular lane with sharrows. Several members noted a lack of sharrows along NW Everett.

Izzy Armenta highlighted the issue of drivers making turns across BAT lanes during congestion.

#### Burnside Bus/Bike Lane Project

Gabe shared an overview of the Burnside Bus/Bike Lane Project. He noted that Multnomah County has been a great partner on this project.

Peter expressed that there is no need for two westbound lanes on the Burnside Bridge. He noted a lack of slowdowns heading westbound in the months that it has been under construction. Several members echoed this comment.



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Gabe noted that the second round of the project will extend the bus lane through to E 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. and it is expected to be completed by 2020.

Alex asked whether the bike lanes would receive protection and noted that the plan gives the appearance that the entire project length will receive protected bike lane treatment. Gabe noted that the County is not currently planning to add protection to the bridge bike lanes due to maintenance needs.

Emily Guise noted that someone died a few years ago on the Burnside Bridge due to a distracted driver. Several members shared the desire for protected bike lanes and their safety concerns for cyclists on the bridge. Ryan Hashagen noted that people accelerate onto the bridge once they turn off of NE Couch St. and the frequency of private-for-hire transportation drivers stopped for pick up and drop off makes the area prone to conflicts.

#### **Next Steps**

Gabe invited members to attend a Central City in Motion Public Open House on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the White Stag Block.

Gabe noted that in future meetings, members would be able to talk more about projects that were in the earlier stages of development and planning.

#### **Closing Roundtable**

Chris Yuen asked why a bus only lane was not being proposed for the westbound side of the bridge.

Joanie Wang asked members to share transportation information resources with her.

Tara Mather asked that the members be informed ahead of time which projects would be discussed.

Ryan suggested a two-hour meeting to allow for in-depth discussion.

Jillian advocated for protected bike lanes on Burnside and noted that the project was an immediate Vision Zero opportunity.

Tony Jordan asked whether the group would be briefed on the CCIM Plan's Parking Mitigation Strategy.

#### **Adjourn and thank you**