

City of Portland
Pedestrian Advisory Committee



September 17, 2019

6:00 – 8:30 PM

City Hall, Pettygrove Room

6:00-6:10: Public Comment (10 min)

6:10-6:30: Hot Topics/ Updates and Announcements/Committee Business (30 min)

6:30– 7:35: Metro/ODOT Regional Mobility Policy Update (55 min)

Kim Ellis, Metro

Metro and ODOT are working together to update the policy on how the region defines and measures mobility in regional and local transportation system plans and during the local plan amendment process in the Portland area. The current 20-year old mobility policy is contained in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Policy 1F of the Oregon Highway Plan (OHP) and measures the ratio of motor vehicle volume to motor vehicle capacity during peak travel periods to identify transportation needs. The planning effort is in the scoping phase. Additional project information and background is available on the [project website](#). Project staff will seek input from the PAC on the draft project objectives and proposed approach (attached). Feedback will inform development of a work plan and stakeholder engagement plan for consideration by the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council later this Fall.

Key questions/issues for the PAC:

- Did we miss anything in the draft project objectives?
- What performance measures are most important to be considered in this project?

7:35-8:20: Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge (55 min)

Mike Pullen, Multnomah County and Steve Drahot, HDR

Portland's aging downtown bridges are not expected to withstand a major earthquake. That's why Multnomah County is taking the lead on making at least one crossing earthquake-ready. Located in the heart of downtown and on a regionally established lifeline route, it is critical that the Burnside Bridge is still standing after a major earthquake. Over 100 options were studied during the project's Feasibility Study Phase (2016-2018). From that study, four bridge alternatives were recommended for further evaluation. The project team has now entered into the Environmental Review Phase. This phase will study the recommended bridge alternatives and prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documenting the benefits and drawbacks of each alternative. The project team is currently performing early investigative work on the four bridge alternatives before the formal analysis begins in November 2019. Project team members will provide a brief overview of the project, share where they are in the process and ask for feedback.

Key questions/issues for the PAC: The project team is looking to dismiss the high fixed bridge alternative from further study. Does this make sense? Does the committee have questions/concerns? Project team will share the cross sections and traffic management approach that will be studied and see if the committee has questions/concerns about these assumptions. Do the draft evaluation criteria topics make sense and capture the interests of the committee?

8:20-8:30: Public Comment (10 min)

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