

**PORTLAND FREIGHT COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Meeting No. 200**



WHEN: Thursday, March 5, 2020 @ 7:30 AM
WHERE: Lovejoy Room (2nd Floor), City Hall,
1221 SW 4th Avenue, Portland Oregon

<u>Time:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>	<u>Lead:</u>
7:30 AM	Introductions/Approval of Meeting Notes:	All
7:35 AM	Hot Topics, Points of Interest, Successes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DEQ Volkswagen Grants 2020 (Gerik Kransky): https://www.oregon.gov/deq/Regulations/rulemaking/Pages/Rvwgrants2020.aspx	Jana Jarvis/All
7:45 AM	Deconstructing Diesel Study: Lewis & Clark Law School Green Energy Institute staff attorney Amelia Schlusser will present the key findings of the Deconstructing Diesel Study and strategies that the City of Portland and Multnomah County can pursue to reduce diesel emissions in the metropolitan area. Study link as follows: https://law.lclark.edu/live/news/41558-gei-publishes-deconstructing-diesel-a-law-amp	Amelia Schlusser
8:30 AM	Columbia-Lombard Multimodal Project: PBOT project manager Bryan Poole will provide an update on the recommended improvements from the Columbia-Lombard Multimodal project.	Bryan Poole
9:25 AM	Public Comment: Members of the public are invited to provide comment to the committee.	
9:30 AM	Adjourn	

Questions about this agenda or other questions about the Portland Freight Committee (PFC):

- Contact Robert Hillier, 503 823-7567 or Robert.hillier@portlandoregon.gov
- Also, visit the Portland Freight Committee website at: www.portlandonline.com/transportation/freight

Portland Freight Committee Notes from February 6, 2020, Meeting No. 199

<u>Time:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>	<u>Lead:</u>
7:30 AM	Introductions/Approval of Meeting Notes: Notes approved.	All
7:35 AM	Hot Topics, Points of Interest, Successes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ HVUT Updates being heard at Council 2/6/2020. Draft projects in HVUT2 include Cornfoot paving project, I-5 Alberta ramp, freight districts, Columbia Lombard Wayfinding Phase 2○ Rose Quarter Community Advisory Committee Applications Due; announcement about Executive Committee process will come out soon.○ PFC Status: term limits will be implemented for all City advisory committees. No new information provided.○ Report on Lombard Safety Project open house event. ODOT did a good job in accommodating freight movement along this developing commercial corridor. Lombard is also a designated over-dimensional vehicle route.○ Gideon overcrossing work has begun and the bridge span structure will be installed this week.○ Grant application is out for communities affected by Streetcar expansion.○ Feb 26 Mayoral candidate debate (ColoumbiaCorridor.org)○ Legislative update: Session began Monday; 256 bills dropped prior to start. SB 1530 which will modify statewide greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals would have unfavorable impacts for freight and would allow Highway Trust Fund dollars to be used for other non-transportation uses. New proposals for phasing in Cap & Trade this session.○ The Deconstructing Diesel Report prepared by the Lewis & Clark Law School Green Energy Institute is scheduled for the March 5th PFC meeting.○ Columbia Lombard Mobility Corridor project update at March meeting.	Kate Merrill/All
7:53 AM	MLK/Grand Transit Improvements: <p>Improving transit is part of a larger effort to provide other forms of mobility and reduce GHG. PBOT and TriMet are working together to improve the transportation system and provide options. The “Big Three” projects have been implemented: SW Madison, SW Everett, and Burnside bus lanes. These projects have resulted in significant reductions in bus delay. Localized improvements have had big travel time savings for riders. Average is around 1.5 minutes per bus, and there are about 80 buses per line. Service frequency in increasing to 12 minutes for lines 6 and 12.</p> <p>Ridership impacts will continue to be monitored and evaluated. Evaluation will consider safety, user compliance, transit speed reliability & ridership, feedback from transit operators, and feedback from CEIC stakeholders.</p> <p>PBOT received approval from FHWA to test transit only lanes, called Rose Lanes. SW Main, MLK, Grand are done. Potential future locations may be along transit mall, SW Madison and Burnside.</p> <p>MLK/Grand: Freight & transit lane pilot from SE Mill to NE Broadway North of Burnside – Transit only (red lane)</p>	Timur Ender (PBOT)

South of Burnside – Transit and truck

Traffic data results show freight use highest in early morning and afternoon. Transit need and benefit is greatest in afternoon & evening. Projects are expected to increase transit service reliability. Signage at Ankeny will warn that northbound truck & transit lane on Grand ends ahead.

Comments

- Concern voiced for oversight of cascading impacts of projects on other areas.
- Freight stakeholders could provide helpful insights early if engaged early. Please come back to the PFC for feedback.
- It would be helpful to better present what the goals of the project goals are; how to keep the improvements accountable to the results we are getting.
 - TriMet response: Goal is to improve transit speed and reliability. From there we looked at where the problems are. 20% travel time savings is the goal with these bus lines.
- Metrics are great, but people may be concerned about congestion. Field survey work may be helpful.

8:20 AM Columbia Blvd Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge: Allan Schmidt (Metro)

ODOT is working with Metro to deliver the project that will ultimately be a City of Portland asset. Project is in early phase of design – free span bridge over Columbia Blvd with a planned vertical clearance of 18-feet.

The project is now in the middle of alternatives analysis phase that will conclude around mid-March. Project is being coordinating with the Union Pacific Railroad.

Questions/Comments

- Consider TriMet bus line 11 stop in vicinity, lighting needs, and possible needed sidewalks on the sides of bridge.

8:50 AM SW Corridor Light Rail Project: Josh Mahar (TriMet) & Patrick Sweeney (PBOT)

Josh Mahar and Patrick Sweeney presented the Conceptual Design Report and updates on the preliminary design and key elements of the SW Corridor Project as it advances toward 60% design. Trimet.org/swcorridor

Conceptual Design Report (CDR) - working on 30% design that will be complete and published in Fall 2020. A regional ballot funding measure must pass in November 2020 for the project to proceed. CDR will go to Council, which will provide additional direction – this is the moment for the PFC to work behind the scenes with City Councilors.

SW Corridor Light Rail Project will be an 11 mile extension of the Green Line, terminating at Bridgeport Village. There will be a jurisdictional transfer of Barbur Blvd from ODOT to City of Portland between Barbur Transit Center and SW Naito Parkway. The cross-section will look similar to N. Interstate Ave., except it will have two lanes each way and intermittent center turn lanes. In total, Barbur is widening by 35 ft. Traffic analyses have been conducted, and an environmental impact report will be published in Summer 2020. None of the I-5 ramps will be modified. Vermont and

Newbury viaducts will be replaced. Signal improvements will add several new signals along Barbur.

Please attend open houses. Feb 12 and 25. Project link included in this agenda. Comments are due by March 22, 2020.

Questions

- How will over-dimensional freight route be accommodated?
 - ROW is being expanded. Travel lanes will be a minimum of 11 feet
- Will buses stopping on Barbur have a pullout?
 - Yes
- How will passengers get to OHSU?
 - There is a Marquam Hill connector; Gibbs station has the Darlene Hooley Pedestrian Bridge at Gibbs St. The connection is planned to go up to Terwilliger Blvd.
 - The project will have an extensive erosion plan.
- How will congestion at Naito & Barbur be addressed?
 - Traffic impact study shows the intersection performance will be better than a no-build scenario. There is also a Ross Island Bridgehead project on the Nov 2020 ballot measure as part of Regional Investment Measure. PBOT is looking for funding for this project. There are three converging points. Ramp redesign will split this up to reduce this pressure point. Update on Ross Island Bridgehead can be provided to PFC in future meeting.
- Are these ballot measures contingent upon one another?
 - They will be voted on altogether.
- Does the 11' lane width include a center stripe?
 - Yes. There is some variation, but the information on lane widths and cross-sections is available in the CDR.
- Have you planned for additional parking structures alongside some stations?
 - Yes, we have planned Park & Rides to provide around 2,000 spaces. There is budget for these spaces and they are planned to be built.

9:25 AM

Public Comment:

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- No public comments requested.

9:30 AM

Adjourn