



Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project Community Advisory committee (CAC) # 1  
Thursday, October 22, 2009  
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Lake Oswego City Hall, Council Chambers, 380 A. Avenue, Lake Oswego, OR

**Committee Members Present**

Ellie McPeak, Chair  
Ed Abrahamson  
John Betts  
Beverly Bookin  
Matt Brown  
Heather Chrisman  
Mary Beth Coffey  
Andrew Franklin  
Paul Graham  
Dave Jorling  
Beth Kieres  
Lydia Lipman  
Bryce Linton  
Ken Love  
Tom Moisan  
Eli Morgan  
Pascal Pascuzzi  
Vern Rifer  
Bob Sack  
Katherine Schultz  
Jeremy Solly  
Joy Strull

Old Town Neighborhood Association  
Bicycle Transportation Alliance representative  
McVey South Shore Neighborhood Association  
Johns Landing Owners' Association  
Foothills owner representative  
Lakewood Neighborhood Association  
Foothills resident  
Riverdale CPO  
LO Downtown retail business owner  
First Addition Neighborhood Association  
Willamette Neighborhood Association  
Stampher Road/WSL Property owner  
Birdshill CPO Chair  
South Portland Neighborhood Association  
Johns Landing business owner  
Riverdale CPO  
South Waterfront property owner  
Portland Streetcar Inc. CAC representative  
Old Town Neighborhood Association  
Fielding Road resident  
South Waterfront resident, South Portland NA  
Evergreen Neighborhood Association

**Committee Members Excused**

Mike Sisavic

South Portland Neighborhood Association

**Alternate Members Present**

Patricia Day for Mike Sisavic

**Metro Staff**

Karen Withrow  
Cliff Higgins

Public Involvement Manager  
Public Involvement Specialist

**Additional Project Staff**

Kristin Hull, CH2M Hill, facilitator  
Doug Oblatz, Shiels, Oblatz and Johnsen, project manager

Bonnie Hirshberger, City of Lake Oswego  
Tom Markgraf, Markgraf and Associates  
Ann Becklund, TriMet  
Patrick Sweeney, City of Portland  
Shoshanah Oppenheim, City of Portland

## **I. WELCOME**

Ms. Kristin Hull began the meeting at 5:34 p.m.  
Chair Ellie McPeak welcomed the committee and introduced herself.

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kerry Chipman - Concerned with the geographic balance of the committee and that the committee has too few Johns Landing area representatives and too many south-end interests. He noted that the issues for north and south representatives are different: south is concerned with speed, and north is concerned with neighborhood development.

Lisa Lopel - Lake Grove resident. Asked if the project makes sense considering the forgotten bridge to Milwaukie could be used to connect to the Portland-Milwaukie light rail. She feels that it is an eastern Lake Oswego and Foothills centric project.

Teri Larson - Resident of Johns Landing. Concerned with community issues in Johns Landing. Trolley tracks go right through condos and there are issues with safety with elderly residents. Feels going through that area would actually reduce the speed of the streetcar.

Eric Brune - Miles Place resident. Does not want to hear a train going through his property

Sandra Hilton - Manages property in Johns Landing. The Johns Landing options would take parking. Against the project.

Caroline Jones - State Street cannot accommodate the amount of traffic that a 400 space park and ride would bring. This would cause changes to the downtown that has taken years to create.

Jerry Wheeler - Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce. Looks forward to a process that would bring an economic boon to Lake Oswego businesses and even Johns Landing businesses along the route.

## **III. CAC INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair McPeak asked that members introduce themselves, explain reasons for joining and describe their view of success for the committee/project:

- Chair McPeak: Loves the public process and wants to see a solution for the traffic on Highway 43.
- Ms. Hull introduced her role as a facilitator for the CAC meetings.
- Mr. Doug Oblitz introduced his role as project manager.

- Ms. Katherine Shultz: Interested in how the streetcar would interact with Fielding Road, proponent of transit.
- Mr. Ken Love: Interested in anything that affects development in the neighborhood.
- Ms. Lydia Lipman: Success would be the courage to say no if it doesn't make sense and yes if it does; everyone should come to the process with open eyes.
- Ms. Beverly Bookin: Land use planning consultant; success would lead to studying a negotiated route feasible for all businesses and residents along the route.
- Ms. Mary Beth Coffey: The public process works and usually comes to the right conclusion.
- Mr. Bryce Linton: Interested in things that effect the Birdshill Neighborhood Association; success would be that the voice of the people is heard.
- Mr. Dave Jorling: Was part of LOPAC that studied all of the options.
- Mr. Eli Morgan: Success would be to move forward with the most cost effective solution.
- Ms. Heather Chrisman: Thinks highly of public transit.
- Mr. Jeremy Solly: Is here as an advocate on behalf of the South Waterfront neighborhood.
- Ms. Joy Strull: Is here as a representative of the Evergreen Neighborhood Association.
- Mr. John Betts: Is a daily transit user; open to whatever solution works best.
- Ms. Beth Kieres: Commutes to OHSU on Highway 43; interested in learning the public process; no opinion of the end result since is learning about the project; Highway 43 is not viable by car when time is a factor.
- Mr. Andrew Franklin: Supports public transit; generally in favor of the streetcar option, but has an open mind. The CAC can be successful if a broad consensus that takes into account cost, transit times and other important factors is reached.
- Ms. Patricia Day for Mike Sisivic: Willamette Shores condos resident; interested since Willamette Shores condos are immediately adjacent to the shoreline right-of-way.
- Mr. Ed Abramson: BTA representative; looking forward to working with the committee to get transit, pedestrians and bikes to all work in the corridor.
- Mr. Paul Graham: Chaired Willamette Shore Line task force; would like to see an outcome that uses the opportunity that we have available to us to improve the transit situation from Lake Oswego to Portland.
- Mr. Pascal Pascuzzi: North Macadam Urban Renewal Advisory Committee member; the committee is very interested in this project.
- Mr. Matt Brown: representing Foothills owners, interested in how this project interfaces with those properties.
- Mr. Tom Moison: Excited to have this happening; architect firm that has done projects along existing streetcar line; thinks that we should look at how to do it, not if, due to the benefits.
- Mr. Vern Rifer: Wants to find common ground with north-middle-south interests since they are all connected.
- Mr. Bob Sack: Generally an advocate of public transportation; wants his kids to look at this process 10 years from now and think, "Man, were those people smart."

Ms. Hull opened introductions to audience. Thirty eight members of the audience and project staff introduced themselves. Introductions were closed at 6:06 p.m.

#### **IV. CAC CHARTER AND PROTOCOLS**

Ms. Hull addressed the draft charter and protocols, highlighting ongoing input, design refinements and stop locations, the LPA recommendation and input on making the project more liveable for communities affected by whatever goes forward.

Ms. Hull stressed the importance of raising differences of opinion and being respectful of diverse opinions. She noted the public comment opportunity at every meeting and described Chair McPeak's role as chair.

Ms. Hull then raised the question of how to handle alternates. The group discussed the role of alternates in committee meetings and the benefits and drawbacks of allowing full participation of alternates in committee discussions. The group agreed that having all perspectives represented at committee meetings was important and that members should be allowed to appoint alternates who could fully participate in committee meetings. Ms. Hull suggested that committee members who wish to have an alternate identify that person before the next meeting. Alternates would be added to the committee distribution list, but it would be the alternates' responsibility to stay abreast of the committee information.

Mr. Pacuzzi asked if agenda items can be added by members. Ms. Hull said yes and to let Ms. Withrow know with plenty of time to add to the next or following agenda.

The committee discussed how to handle public comment and agreed to split public comment between the beginning and end of each meeting and to reserve the right to ask for comment before the committee reaches a recommendation.

Ms. Hull suggested defining consensus for the committee as: "I understand that this is the best decision for the committee and for the community, and I can live with it; I may not love it, but I can live with it and understand how we got here." Discussion included experience with LOPAC. Chair McPeak emphasized that this committee is not charged with making a decision, but will have more influence on a final decision if the group reaches consensus.

The group discussed what would constitute a group recommendation if consensus cannot be reached. After discussion, the group agreed that 2/3 of the committee members must support a recommendation for it be considered a group recommendation. Minority opinions will always be documented and shared with the Steering Committee. If the group cannot reach 2/3 agreement, a report of individual viewpoints will be shared with the Steering Committee.

#### **Action Taken:**

Ms. Hull agreed to update the protocols based on group discussion. Ms. Hull closed the charter and protocol discussion at 6:41 p.m.

#### **V. CAC SCHEDULE AND MEETINGS**

Mr. Oblatz provided an overview of the DEIS process and timeline and explained that the DEIS process will take about a year to complete through selection of the LPA.

The committee discussed future meeting dates and agreed meetings will be 5 to 7p.m., the third Monday of each month. Meeting locations will alternate between Lake Oswego and South Portland, depending on where a meeting room is available.

## **VI. PROJECT OVERVIEW**

Ms. Withrow agreed to e-mail the history of the project and referred the committee to the fact sheet which summarizes DEIS topics. The next meeting will include discussion of alternatives and design options.

Mr. Love asked if this group will break out to look at sections of the corridor like LOPAC did. Ms. Withrow replied that the group will look at the entire corridor in order to consider it as a whole when evaluating trade-offs.

A committee member requested a tour of the alignment and Ms. Hull said that one would occur after the trolley reopens. Mr. Sack asked if it is possible to get permission to walk the alignment ("no trespassing" signs are currently up where they weren't before). Ms. Withrow will check into the possibility.

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

R.A. Fontes: The DEIS will not focus on enhanced bus because Representative Blumenauer's earmark is for streetcar only, and the bus is a federally required option. Mr. Fontes distributed additional information to the committee.

Caroline Jones: Question regarding the trail and DEIS environmental topics.

Skip Ormsby: Concerned that technical information that is made available to the committee is also available to the public. Suggested a visual library so that people can see what is being discussed in a visual way.

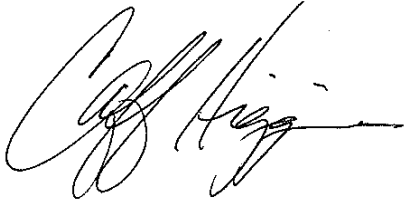
## **VIII. NEXT STEPS**

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Nov 16. Metro will contact members to confirm and will distribute meeting materials.

## **IX. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Ms. Hull adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

*Meeting summary respectfully submitted by:*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cliff Higgins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Cliff Higgins

Attachments to the Record:

Item	Topic	Document Date	Description	Document Number
1	Agenda	10/22/09	October 22, 2009 Meeting Agenda	102209cac-01
2	Fact Sheet	Summer 2009	Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project Transportation Options Fact Sheet	102209cac-02
3	Charge and Protocols	n/a	Draft – Community Advisory Committee Charge and Protocols	102209cac-03
4	Sign-In	10/22/09	Meeting Sign-in Sheet	102209cac-04