

# Meeting minutes

Meeting: **82nd Avenue Steering Committee meeting**

Date/time: Thursday, February 23, 2023 | 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Place: Virtual webinar meeting held via Zoom

## **Members, Alternates Attending**

Councilor Duncan Hwang, Co-chair  
Commissioner Mark Shull  
Commissioner Diane Rosenbaum  
JC Vannatta  
Art Pearce  
Rian Windsheimer  
Representative Khanh Pham  
Emerald Bogue  
Zachary Lauritzen  
Kaitlyn Dey  
Leslie Lum  
Michael Liu

## **Affiliation**

Metro  
Clackamas County  
Multnomah County  
TriMet  
Portland Bureau of Transportation  
Oregon Department of Transportation  
State of Oregon, House District 46  
Port of Portland  
Oregon Walks  
Clackamas Service Center  
Unite Oregon  
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## **Panelists Attending**

Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara  
Malu Wilkinson  
Kelly Betteridge  
Nubia Milpas Martinez  
Yuliya Lee  
Mark Dorn  
Jamie Snook  
Jessie Stemmler  
Jonathan Plowman  
Michael Kiser  
Jonathan Mosteiro  
Julia Reed

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Nelson/Nygaard  
Portland Bureau of Transportation

## **Welcome and introductions** (Councilors Duncan Hwang, Metro)

Co-chair Councilor Duncan Hwang, Metro called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed the attendees to the meeting. Councilor Hwang provided an update on the 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue corridor tour.

Councilor Hwang asked committee members for feedback based on their experience during the tour.

Commissioner Shull stated as investments are made on 82<sup>nd</sup>, homeless individuals will need to be moved to safe spaces for development to be made in a holistic fashion.

Co-chair Councilor Duncan Hwang, Metro walked through the agenda.

## **Updates on Project Efforts, Community Coalition Efforts, and Related Partner Work** (Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara, Metro)

Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara, Metro, shared the draft project schedule from March to August.

Zachary Lauritzen, Oregon Walks, provided an update on the 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Community Coalition and Equitable Development efforts. Zachary discussed coalition finalization, and the PSU Grad student opportunity analysis for incorporating green spaces along the corridor.

Julia Reed, Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT), provided an update on PBOT's regional work. Julia stated that the fall engagement summary and the existing conditions report have been published online. She highlighted that an online open house would launch mid-April and go through the end of May, it will focus on communicating additional information about the project such as alignment, mode, stations, trees, sidewalks, and crossings. She reminded the committee that the Building a Better 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave program at the city of Portland has two components: Critical fixes and a civic corridor investment strategy.

Kristen Stallman, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), noted that the Foster to Thompson project is moving to the construction phase.

Emerald Bogue, Port of Portland, explained that return to travel post pandemic has remained steady.

Diane Rosenbaum, Multnomah County, provided an update on the Holgate Library remodeling project breaking ground on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Review initial Goals & Objectives and Purpose & Need** (Elizabeth Mros-O'hara, Metro)

Elizabeth discussed the draft project purpose, and the draft needs which are – transit-dependent communities, safety, transit speed and reliability, and constrained corridor. Elizabeth explained the study area findings around current and future demographics of the project area. She then discussed equity focused areas in the corridor, how the current state of 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave affects rider's daily lives, and why transit travel times are projected to increase. She continued to explain why 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave is considered a constrained corridor, the high demand for auto and transit riders along 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave, and how limited space along the corridor requires unique designs and ideas. She then spoke about how 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave is both a Metro's High Injury Corridor network (including Clackamas Co segment) and City of Portland High Crash Network Street, and about crashes and pedestrian injuries along the corridor.

#### **Discussion**

Councilor Hwang asked why population growth along the corridor is predicted to grow faster than the rest of the region.

Emerald Bogue, Port of Portland, asked if there is data on rider destination and trip purpose.

Elizabeth explained there is a lot of data of where riders get on and off transit and more analysis is being done.

Leslie Lum, Unite Oregon, stated that ½ a mile is a long way for disabled individuals to move in order to access transit.

Kaitlyn Dey, Clackamas service center, highlighted that the analysis missed the high number of services located on 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

Mark Dorn, TriMet, stated that connectivity to the regional high-capacity transit system is an important element that should be addressed. Mark also mentioned worrying about the metric of a trip between Alberta and Clackamas.

Commissioner Rosenbaum stated that longer walking distances to stops could create barriers of access for elderly and disabled community members.

Zachary Lauritzen, Oregon Walks, asked if the corridor is considered a major freight route or just a delivery route, and what conclusions have been drawn based on the frequency of non-commuter transit travel in terms of stop consolidation. Zachary also highlighted a missing component of environment in the purpose and need section.

Elizabeth stated that the corridor has been identified as very important for freight due to the high number of destinations.

Councilor Hwang highlighted environmental justice concerns mentioning green infrastructure and health impacts.

Michael Liu stated that businesses along the corridor rely on the ability to receive goods and services. He highlighted that other modes of transportation outside of transit need to be considered.

Commissioner Shull, Clackamas County, stated that public engagement for the project needs to be early, extensive, and deep. He asked if users are satisfied with the FX2-Division project and how it relates to 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

Elizabeth shared the 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave draft goals and objectives.

#### **LPA component – FX Mode** (Michael Kiser, TriMet)

Michael discussed issues FX helps to solve, TriMet's standard transit tools, including – Adaptive stop placement, shelter placement 40' buses, service frequency and line variation, and the limitations of these tools. He then explained how FX works as a system, why 82<sup>nd</sup> is ready for FX, tools in the FX system including – dedicated bus lanes, bus stop balancing and consolidation, in lane stopping, high capacity 60' buses, and transit signal priority. Michela highlighted improved pedestrian environments, and improved station environment.

#### **Discussion**

Due to time constraints discussion on this item will continue during the 3/23 meeting.

#### **Station Siting Analysis and Findings** (Jesse Stemmler, TriMet and Jonathan Mosteiro, Nelson/Nygaard)

Jessie described the high ridership of line 72 and its regular bus delays. He then identified existing stop spacing on the corridor that includes 115 stops between Clackamas Town center and Cully, and how transit can be improved through station investments. Jessie then explained what improved station features and amenities means, how these investments benefit the corridor, key criteria used for station location investment, and timeline and protocol for investment.

Jonathan explained stop access today compared to proposed station access, and that with the proposed stations they would be serving 85% of existing boardings. He stated that station placement must consider environmental constraints, and that they want to leverage partner investments such as ODOT funded crossings.

Jesse stated that 66 station platforms have been identified between Sandy and Clackamas town center. He explained that station placement is a work in progress with further study and refinement to come.

#### **Discussion**

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#### **Public Comment**

There were none.

#### **Next Steps/Adjourn** (Councilor Duncan Hwang, Metro)

Councilor Hwang described next steps for the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Brianna Dolbin, 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Steering Committee Recorder

Attachments to the Public Record, 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Steering Committee meeting, February 23, 2023

Item	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1	Agenda	02/23/2023	02/23/2023 82 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue Steering Committee meeting agenda	02232382ASC-01
2	Document	02/16/2023	82nd Avenue Transit Project – Draft Initial Purpose and Need Statement	02232382ASC-02
3	Document	02/15/2023	82 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue Transit Project – Draft Goals and Objectives	02232382ASC-03
4	Document	09/14/2022	82nd Avenue Transit Improvements	02232382ASC-04
5	Document	09/12/2022	82 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue Transit Project Map	02232382ASC-05
6	Document	02/23/2023	PBOT Building a Better 82 <sup>nd</sup> Ave.	02232382ASC-06