

Meeting minutes

Meeting: **82nd Avenue Steering Committee meeting**
Date/time: Thursday, March 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
Kristen Hull
Rian Windsheimer
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
Port of Portland
Oregon Walks
Clackamas Service Center
Unite Oregon
Fubonn

Panelists Attending

Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara
Malu Wilkinson
Kelly Betteridge
Nubia Milpas Martinez
Yuliya Lee
Brianna Dolbin
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 (Councilor Christine Lewis, Metro)

Co-chair Councilor Lewis, Metro called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed the attendees to the meeting. She asked steering committee members to provide any relevant updates.

Diane Rosenbaum, Multnomah County, provided an update on the Multnomah County Access Shuttle.

Kristen Hull, PBOT, provided an update on the Civic Corridor team convening their community advisory group and presenting on their Civic Corridor bike strategy to their bike and pedestrian advisory groups. She explained that they have released the 30% design for the critical fixes piece of the project.

Approval of September and December Meeting Minutes

Moved by JC Vannatta, seconded by Commissioner Shull, with all in favor the minutes are approved.

Updates on Project Engagement and Analysis (Kelly Betteridge, Metro)

Kelly Betteridge, Metro, shared that the transit team attended the Citizen Advisory Group meeting for Building a Better 82nd and engaged in a in depth discussion about the project on March 22nd Avenue. The CAG learned about the project and also participated in a voting exercise where they shared priorities when there were competing choices. One question was with limited space should the project team 1. Prioritize vehicles and access more delay for transit or prioritize transit speed and reliability and accept more traffic delay and diversion. The CAG overwhelmingly prioritized transit speed and reliability with 11 votes, to 1 vote right in the middle, and two votes to prioritize vehicles.

Kelly also shared that early analysis of different transit configurations in the roadway has shown that the most promising location for transit is right running with transit priority treatments that could include BAT lane and queue jump treatments.

Steering Committee Feedback on Purpose and Need in February (Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara, Metro)

Elizabeth discussed how staff intends to tie the Climate Smart Strategy into the projects purpose and need. She explained they plan to look at other local plans, policies, and research how other projects, like 82nd Ave, that have incorporated climate as part of their purpose and need.

Discussion

Rian Windsheimer expressed concern of unattended consequences due to adding climate into the purpose and need section last minute.

Elizabeth explained that climate was already incorporated into the project's goals and objectives, and it reflects local and regional plans. She highlighted that transit rises to the top to reduce GHG (greenhouse gas emissions) in the region and local plans. Consequently, improving the transit on 82nd Avenue would be seen as one way of addressing the need.

Leslie Lum stated that the document needs to incorporate and highlight the importance of the Columbia Corridor.

Engagement and Station Siting Presentation and Discussion (Paulina Salgado, TriMet)

Paulina explained the community engagement timeline, terminus location options, and online open house engagement.

Jesse explained the analysis of 82nd Ave is used to answer key questions, existing conditions of 82nd Ave, line 72 bus delay, existing stop spacing, station features and amenities, station location criteria, existing high ridership stops and important places, and station access.

Discussion

Zachary asked if engagement with McDaniel's High school is on their radar.

Councilor Lewis asked how number of stops affect reliability in terms of dependable arrival time.

Jesse explained making frequent stops and pulling back into traffic has a deep impact on bus time.

Zachary asked how much time additional stops delay the bus and what lane allocation is going to look like.

Jesse explained staff is working on modeling now to show how all the tools will work together.

Elizabeth explained delay varies for example if the bus has a lift for disabled riders or those with a stroller, it adds time- up to two minutes. She stated that for this project they are looking at near-level boarding to minimize the need for lifts. It also depends on traffic, as the bus needs to safely merge.

Elizabeth explained the work being done on lane allocation.

Zachary asked when the modeling will be completed and when the committee will be asked to make a recommendation. He stated that this information is essential for the steering committee to be able to endorse an LPA.

Commissioner Rosenbaum asked how the analysis considers stations that are the most critical for the elderly and disabled community members.

Jesse explained they start with data which the bus collects showing where there are lifts today and are also looking for input from community members.

Leslie Lum asked for a comparison of efficiency and effectiveness of the old Division bus line vs the new one.

Michael Liu asked where delivery trucks will be expected to pull over with a dedicated bus lane and medians along 82nd.

Leslie Lum asked if a continuous median is being considered.

Kristen Hull explained that Portland is looking at including medians along 82nd for safety reasons as part of Building a Better 82nd Avenue.

Zachary stated that we need to understand the travel data and how people are affected before the Steering Committee can select an LPA.

Zachary asked how the criteria for evaluating terminus locations are weighted.

Elizabeth explained that the criteria need to be balanced and that how the different locations perform will be shared with the steering committee.

Zachary stated his number one criteria is serve people who rely on transit.

Commissioner Shull asked if the purpose and need of constrained corridor includes the consideration of travel lane requirements integrated into mass transit needs to achieve a balance of transportation forms, if vehicular access to 82nd will affect businesses, if vehicular lane travel can be diverted to I205, and if overhead trolleys have been considered.

Elizabeth explained that analysis is being done to understand vehicular traffic.

JC Vanatta explained that the infrastructure to implement trolleys along 82nd Ave would be very expensive, but it will be part of the evaluation.

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

Jesse described the proposed station locations and asked the committee to weigh in on important station locations and the methodology to identify station locations.

Michael Liu asked how long it will take the bus to complete a route given the proposed station locations.

Jesse stated that stop location is only one tool and they need to understand how the tools interact with each other in order to get a clear picture of time saved.

Jonathan Mosteiro said that early analysis shows potential savings of 8 to 10 minutes, but we need to look more closely and will look for upcoming modeling data to get a better sense.

Councilor Hwang asked what community engagement process looks like for areas where stop placement is flexible.

Paulina explained that initially the online open house will gather data from residents and there will be a interactive map where people can place comments about where their preferred stops would be.

Public Comment

There were none.

Next Steps/Adjourn (Councilor Duncan Hwang, Metro)

Councilor Hwang described next steps for the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Brianna Dolbin, 82nd Avenue Steering Committee Recorder

Attachments to the Public Record, 82nd Avenue Steering Committee meeting, March 23, 2023

Item	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1	Agenda	03/16/2023	03/23/2023 82 nd Avenue Steering Committee meeting agenda	03232382ASC-01
2	Document	03/15/2023	Meeting Minutes September 2022 for Approval	03232382ASC -02
3	Document	03/15/2023	Meeting Minutes December 2022 for Approval	03232382ASC -03
4	Document	02/16/2023	82nd Ave Transit Initial Purpose and Need DRAFT	03232382ASC -04
5	Presentation	02/23/2023	Purpose & Need, Existing Conditions	03232382ASC -05
6	Presentation	02/23/2023	82nd Steering Committee Stations	03232382ASC -06
7	Presentation	03/15/23	FX Mode	03232382ASC -07