

Meeting minutes

Meeting: **82nd Avenue Transit Project Steering Committee #16**
Date/time: Thursday, January 16, 2025 | 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Place: **PCC Southeast**, Community Hall Annex, 2305 SE 82nd Ave, Portland, Oregon

Members, Alternates Attending

Art Pearce
Chris Ford, alternate
Councilor Christine Lewis, Co-chair
Councilor Duncan Hwang, Co-chair
JC Vanatta
Commissioner Julia Brim-Edwards
Kaitlyn Dey
Senator Khanh Pham
Commissioner Paul Savas
Michael Liu
Zachary Lauritzen
Krishna Anand

Affiliation

City of Portland
Oregon Department of Transportation
Metro
Metro
TriMet
Multnomah County
Clackamas Service Center
Oregon Legislature
Clackamas County
82nd Avenue Business Alliance
Oregon Walks
Unite Oregon

Presenters

Zachary Lauritzen
Melissa Ashbaugh

Oregon Walks
Metro

Attendees

Paulina Salgado
Sandra Hikari
Sharon Daleo
Hau Hagedorn
Monica Krueger
Yuliya Lee
Jason Nolin
Nubia Martinez
Jeff Owen
Diego Murphy
Malu Wilkinson
Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara
Michaela Skiles
Anne Buzzini
Jamie Snook
Michael Kiser
Sarah Paulus
Eve Nilenders

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Welcome and Introductions 2:36

Co-Chair Metro Councilor Lewis called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m. and welcomed the attendees, reviewed logistical information for the venue, and provided an overview of the agenda.

Approval of November 2024 Meeting Minutes 2:37

Councilor Lewis called for a motion to approve the December meeting minutes. Motion was offered by JC Vannatta and seconded by Art Pearce. All attending committee members voted in favor to approve December meeting minutes and included: Councilor Christine Lewis, Metro, Councilor Duncan Hwang, Metro, Art Pearce, City of Portland, Chris Ford, Oregon Department of Transportation, JC Vanatta, TriMet, Commissioner Julia Brim-Edwards, Multnomah County, Kaitlyn Dey, Clackamas Service Center, Senator Khanh Pham, Oregon Legislature, Commissioner Paul Savas, Clackamas County, Michael Liu, 82nd Avenue Business Alliance, Zachary Lauritzen, Oregon Walks, Krishna Anand, Unite Oregon.

Updates from Partners 2:38

Co-Chair Councilor Christine Lewis initiated partner introductions and updates. Councilor Hwang highlighted key investments along the corridor and grants awarded to the Transit Project. These included the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant (AoPP) grant for \$630,000, Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Grant (PCEF) for \$55.5 million, a prior PCEF investment of 10 million for street trees and climate resiliency, an \$8 million Safe Streets for All grant, and a Low No or no emissions grant of \$24 million to fund zero-emission buses for the project.

Kaitlyn Dey, Clackamas Service Center, no updates.

Zachary Lauritzen, Oregon Walks, 82nd Ave Coalition. Expressed gratitude to Hau Hagedorn, Metro, for their work on the Reconnecting Communities Grant.

JC Vanatta, TriMet, expressed gratitude to Metro project staff for their work on the transit project. He announced the 82nd Avenue Transit Project Open House taking place on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, from 5 to 7pm at the Portland Community College Southeast Campus and shared information for the online open house launching on January 23, 2025. He also announced that the Citizen Advisory Committee applications for the transit project are live and available online. He reported that 44 people have submitted applications for the committee so far.

Art Pearce, City of Portland, expressed gratitude for everyone involved in the transit project and the cross-agency collaboration on this project.

Chris Ford, ODOT, thanked Metro, TriMet, and PBOT staff for their work on the project and their continuous engagement with the public.

Commissioner Paul Savas, Clackamas County, stated he was looking forward to the construction of the transit project and the accompanying safety improvements along 82nd Avenue.

Mike Liu, Fubonn Shopping Center, community member. Expressed gratitude to project staff and the steering committee members.

Krishna Anand, Unite Oregon, Community Development organizer, expressed gratitude to the Metro project managers for their support in helping him effectively transition into the committee.

Julia Brim-Edwards, Multnomah County, had no updates and expressed gratitude to project staff.

Senator Khan Pham, Oregon State Legislature, announced that the Oregon legislature is working on a transportation investment package that will help bring maintenance funding to the corridor and help protect local transportation funding. Senator Pham expressed gratitude to the project staff for their work on the transit project.

Public Comment 2:56

No one came forward to comment.

Equitable Development Strategy Plan (Zachary Lauritzen, 82nd Ave Coalition) 2:57

Zachary Lauritzen announced that the strategy plan previously shared with the committee had been updated to reflect edits and feedback from committee members. He then requested individual signatures from committee members to endorse the updated plan.

Discussion

Councilor Lewis and Hwang agreed to sign the letter of support.

Commissioner Paul Savas abstained from signing the letter of support. He explained that he wanted to consult with the Clackamas County Commission first and secure their approval before proceeding.

Commissioner Paul Savas abstained from signing the letter of support. He stated that he had read the letter but had not had a chance to share with any of his colleagues. He explained that he wanted to consult with the Clackamas County Commission and secure their approval before any endorsement. He emphasized the importance of protecting affordable housing and avoiding displacement, and that he appreciates the strategy and would like to better understand if the scale of the effort is large enough to be effective.

Councilor Lewis clarified that if members don't agree to sign the letter today, they could still do so after they have time to learn more and get buy in from their agencies.

Commissioner Julia Brim-Edwards abstained from signing the letter of support. She explained that she wanted to consult with the Clackamas County Commission first and secure their approval before proceeding.

Chris Ford abstained from signing the letter of support, expressing concerns that it could give the impression that ODOT is instructing other agencies on how to act. He recommended that the 82nd Avenue coalition engage directly with each local agency to gain a clear understanding of how they plan to commit to the goals outlined in the Equitable Development Strategy plan.

Art Pearce agreed to sign the letter of support.

JC Vanatta agreed to sign the letter of support.

Kaitlyn Dey agreed to sign the letter of support.

Mike Liu agreed to sign the letter of support.

Krishna Anand explained that he has shared the strategy plan with Unite Oregon's Housing Justice Team and that he will circle back once he secures their approval to sign the letter of support.

Zachary Lauritzen thanked everyone and announced that he will reach out to everyone who agreed to sign the letter and will follow up with those that are planning to secure approval before signing on.

Staff LPA Recommendation (Melissa Ashbaugh, Metro) 3:14

Melissa provided an overview of the overall transit project timeline. She explained that the design phase of the project will run until 2027. She added that the project will have all the funding secured by then.

After the design phase, the project will move in the construction phase.

Melissa shared the LPA language and map:

The recommended Locally Preferred Alternative for high-capacity transit in the 82nd Avenue corridor is Frequent Express (FX) bus rapid transit with general station locations indicated on the attached map, operating between Clackamas Town Center Transit Center and the Cully Boulevard and Killingsworth Street area.

LPA Vote (Metro Councilors/All) 3:41

Councilor Hwang opened the LPA up for vote.

All present committee members voted to approve the 82nd Avenue Transit Project Locally Preferred Alternative and included: Councilor Christine Lewis, Metro, Councilor Duncan Hwang, Metro, Art Pearce, City of Portland, Chris Ford, Oregon Department of Transportation, JC Vanatta, TriMet, Commissioner Julia Brim-Edwards, Multnomah County, Kaitlyn Dey, Clackamas Service Center, Senator Khanh Pham, Oregon Legislature, Commissioner Paul Savas, Clackamas County, Michael Liu, 82nd Avenue Business Alliance, Zachary Lauritzen, Oregon Walks, Krishna Anand, Unite Oregon.

Emerald Bogue, Port of Portland was unable to attend the meeting for the record of vote. She did share that the Port is supportive of the 82nd Avenue Transit Project Locally Preferred Alternative.

Next steps (Councilor Hwang) 3:43

Councilor Hwang expressed appreciation for the committee and shared that he was excited to transition to the next phase of the project. He added that TriMet would be leading the next phase of the project. He expressed gratitude for everyone involved in the transit project.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yuliya Lee, 82nd Avenue Steering Committee Recorder

Attachments to the Public Record, 82nd Avenue Steering Committee meeting, January 16, 2025

Item	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1	Agenda	1/16/2025	82 nd Avenue Transit Steering Committee Meeting Agenda January 16, 2025	0116202582ASC-01
2	Document	12/19/2024	82nd Avenue Transit Project Steering Committee December 2024 Draft Minutes	0116202582ASC-02
3	Document	8/30/2022	Meeting protocols and proposed decision-making procedures	0116202582ASC-03
4	Document	1/15/2025	82 nd Avenue Steering Committee Support of Equitable Development DRAFT	0116202582ASC-04
5	Document	1/15/2025	82 nd Avenue Coalition Equitable Development Strategies DRAFT	0116202582ASC-05
6	Document	1/16/2025	LPA Language and Map DRAFT	0116202582ASC-06
7	Document	11/14/2024	82 nd Avenue Transit Project DRAFT Route and Terminus Recommendation	0116202582ASC-07