



Meeting minutes

Meeting: **Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) meeting**

Date/time: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Place: Virtual video conference call meeting via Zoom

Members Attending

Tom Kloster, Chair
Katherine Kelly
Laura Weigel
Denny Egner
Erika Palmer
Jeff Owen
Jennifer Donnelly
Anne Debbaut
Mary K. McCurdy
Ramsey Weit
Tom Armstrong
Jeannine Rustad
Jerry Andersen
Carol Chesarek
Jean Senechal Biggs
Adam Barber
Nina Carlson
Tom Bouillion
Darci Rudzinski
Ezra Hammer

Affiliate

Metro
City of Gresham
City of Hillsboro
City of Milwaukie
City of Sherwood
TriMet
Department of Land Conservation & Development
Department of Land Conservation & Development
1000 Friends of Oregon
Housing Affordability Organization Representative
City of Portland
Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District
Clackamas County Citizen
Multnomah County Citizen
City of Beaverton
Multnomah County
NW Natural, Service Providers/Private Utilities
Port of Portland
Private Economic Development Organizations
Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland

Guests Attending

Amy Fleck-Rosete
Tory Campbell
Kim Rybold
Phone caller unidentified

Affiliate

Prosper Portland
Prosper Portland

Metro Staff Attending

Andy Shaw, GAPD Office
Tyler Frisbee, Policy Advisor
Jes Larson, Principal Regional Planner
Molly Cooney-Mesker, Communications
Lake McTighe, Transportation Planner
John Mermin, Senior Transportation Planner
Matthew Hampton, Senior Transp. Planner
Cindy Pederson, Sr. Manager, Research
Marie Miller, TPAC & MTAC Recorder

Chris Johnson, Manager II, Research Center
Tim O'Brien, Principal Regional Planner
Tim Collins, Senior Transportation Planner
Ally Holmqvist, Senior Transportation Planner
Jeffrey Raker, Regional Economic Planner
Kim Ellis, Principal Transportation Planner
Monica Krueger, Regional Planner
Patrick Dennis, Financial Analyst

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Tom Kloster called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Introductions were made.

2. Comments from the Chair

- **Meeting online logistics reminder** (Chairman Kloster) Reminders of how meeting logistics worked in Zoom were given, including videos from individuals, mute/unmute sounds, Q&A feature for technical support or questions during the meeting, the side panel to see lists of panelists and attendees, where hands raised is located, and how to rename themselves.
- **COVID-19 updates and information from Metro & Region** (Chairman Kloster) Metro's Chief Operating Officer recently announced the continued closure of Metro Regional Center during the pandemic as recovery stages are developed and implemented. The Council is working to reconcile operating budgets with planned reduced staff schedules this summer. Chairman Kloster reported the advisory committees would continue to proceed via virtual meetings as the situation continues to evolve.
- Jeff Owen reported that TriMet has information on COVID related updates on their webpage trimet.org/health. Currently TriMet is requiring riders wear face coverings and has installed dispensers for every bus and train. The TriMet Board meets May 27 to discuss their updated budget. The public can view this meeting online.
- Jeannine Rustad announced that as soon as the Stay Home Stay Safe initiative started, Tualatin Parks & Recreation laid off all part time staff. Another round of layoffs left just 140 active workers employed. On a positive note, skate parks and tennis courts would be reopening soon, projects planned were out for bid and coming in lower than expected, and summer camps would open in July with limited capacity and low in staff for accommodations.
- **Fatal Crashes Update** (Lake McTighe) Ms. McTighe provided an update on fatal crashes in the 3-county region. Fatal crash information is from the Preliminary Fatal Crash report from the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Transportation Data Section/Crash Analysis and Reporting Unit. Since the COVID-19 outbreak there has been a reduction in the crash rate, but higher speeds are being reported. Full information on fatality crashes to date was reported in the packet memo. It was noted this data is important to share with agencies across the region so that safety stays foremost in planning.

3. Committee and Public Communications on Agenda Items

- Ezra Hammer recognized the quick action from jurisdictions and agencies in responding to the COVID-19 situation to put systems in place to allow progressive electronic inspections, land use application and technical support with new development in the housing market. The forward thinking and safety processes put in place allowed for continuing construction for housing on economic progress in challenging times and showed the resiliency with government and business in the region.
- Jennifer Donnelly noted upcoming virtual meetings held by the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) on Climate Smart, Land Use Planning, Rulemaking and Greenhouse gas reduction goals. Meetings are listed on the DLCD website with agendas. The public is encouraged to attend online.
- Jean Senechal Biggs announced Beaverton is in the process of updating their methodology for affording housing and land use development given the challenging housing issues. Their board is looking at affordable housing waivers and residential tiering moving forward.

4. **Minutes Review from MTAC/TPAC April 15, 2020 workshop.** Chairman Kloster asked if any members had edits or corrections to the MTAC/TPAC April 15, 2020 workshop minutes as presented to send these directly to Marie Miller.

5. **2020 Transportation Regional Investment Measure Update (Tyler Frisbee, Metro)**

Ms. Frisbee presented an overview of the planned 2020 Transportation Regional Investment Measure. The region has voiced concern for affordable housing, preserving access to open space, and addressing increased traffic and congestion with safety and equity concerns. Metro has passed the regional affordable housing bond, the open space protection bond, and just recently the homeless services bond. Currently we are addressing transportation issues with this proposed bond measure to voters later this year.

The bond measure would build 115-120 miles of roadway improvements, 60 miles of roadway planning, 11 new miles of MAX lines with the SW Corridor, 40-45 miles of new sidewalks, 4,000 new street lights, 280 safe marked crossings, 130-140 miles of improved bikeways, 25-30 miles of new bus lanes, and 260 new transit priority signals.

There are 16 investment corridors identified in the 3-county region. In addition, several region-wide programs that address safety, anti-displacement strategies and affordable housing, and bus electrification and planning for the future. The estimated construction spending on corridors is \$4 billion. Estimated construction jobs from the measure is over 37,500 family wage jobs. Credit for the diverse and wide-range support from the region with the public, agencies, jurisdictions and elected that held form this vision was given. The proposed measure is planned to be on the ballot in November.

Comments from the committee:

- Jeff Owen appreciated the hard work from the entire team with these efforts.
- Jeannine Rustad asked if consideration was given to possible voter fatigue with several bond measures. Ms. Frisbee noted that each measure was evaluated by voters by several elements including budgets, their value to the region and purpose. Multiple measures have not lessened interest from voters. The current transportation bond measure proposes no property taxes for revenues with the budget matrix. More polling and public outreach will take place before Metro Council decides on placing this measure in the November election.
- Nina Carlson raised concern with planned all electric buses with TriMet, at a time when ridership is down temporarily with the COVID situation but demand for more service is up. She suggested exact wording on this. Ms. Frisbee noted the bus electrification focused on greenhouse gas fuels for the system.

6. **Prosper Portland Economic Relief and Recovery Work Updates and Programs (Tory Campbell, Prosper Portland/Jeffrey Raker, Metro)**

Jeffrey Raker introduced Tory Campbell, Economic Development Director of Prosper Portland. Mr. Raker noted that in the last two months Oregon has lost 260,000 jobs, reaching 14.2% unemployment, the deepest recession on record. While certain sectors of the economy may bounce back quickly as the region implements a recovery strategy, a full recovery is not expected for 4-5 years. Prosper Portland is setting the standard for business investment planning to help in the region's recovery.

Mr. Campbell provided an update on the COVID-19 economic impact and recovery efforts taken by Prosper Portland. Key priorities beginning in March to May include:

- Connections to CARES & Communication Campaigns
- Establish workgroups to provide recommendations and refine and implement equity lens
- Create a small business relief fund, launch phase one loan and grant awards. Pursue additional resources for the fund.
- Establish strategy to deploy federal resources and refine legislative agenda
- Develop roadmap and plan for reopening

The Portland Small Business Relief Fund Provide small grants and no interest loans to COVID-19 impacted small businesses, and provides interim relief and enable them to retain their business and employees. In a very short time, 8,777 applications were received and 280 grants awarded; 90% to people of color, 61% to women. The grant awardees were divided widely between ethnical races, reaching 25% Black African American, 21% Latinix or Hispanic, and 17% Asian, and 14% Native American.

An Economic Impact and Intervention Task Force was formed that lead with a racial equity lens. Elements evaluated were addressing the digital divide, reducing commercial evictions, evaluating city practices, and support for displaced workers. The organization has begun a series of listening sessions for Portland re-emergence and local business engagement. Their goals are:

- Share information about new health requirements and understand business community's questions and concerns
- Identify reopening challenges and opportunities from different industry segments & culturally specific communities
- Partner with culturally-specific and industry-specific leaders to host a diverse array of business voices.
- Incorporate business voices using Equity & Vulnerability Lens

The listening sessions will roll out in phases as different communities and industries begin their economic recovery efforts.

Comments from the Committee:

- Jeff Owen appreciated the presentation and compelling information. It was requested this presentation be provided and shared following the meeting.
- Mr. Raker credited Prosper Portland with the leadership efforts for this regional scale, pulling partners together and acting so quickly with the relief and recovery efforts. Organizations can now build on economic comprehensive strategies to find gaps in best practices, guides to secure region-wide economic development and rapid response plans, opportunities for more funding, and legislative opportunities with a possible summer session for both short-term and long-term implementations.

7. Supportive Housing Measure and Plans for Implementation (Jes Larson, Metro)

Jes Larson presented a Regional Supportive Housing Program Implementation Timeline. Measure 26-210 presented to the tri-county voters passed by 57-58% approval the day before, and congratulations and appreciate was shared with the community partners and supporters. Ms. Larson shared how the

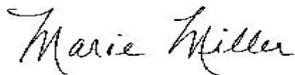
program implementation was planned moving forward through the next two years. An oversight committee will be selected and Intergovernmental agreements developed. Tax collection systems will be established through January 2021 when first quarterly revenues from personal income tax begins in April 2021. First annual revenues from business income tax begins April 2022. Ms. Larson credited Home Together Coalition for the help turning this vision to reality with much more work ahead.

Asked if there is a timeline planned when homelessness in the region will end, Ms. Larson noted the Home Together Coalition cautioned to say ending homelessness was completely achievable since needs would not meet resources fully, and our region is impacted by economic forces outside our control with rent increases. The focus is on chronic populations where populations living outside more than one year, needing assistance in more than one way with assistance, mental health issues and other factors.

Geographically the homeless issue is difficult to estimate. Shelters help to inform us with numbers, but disparities exist between counties when people do not have permanent residences but go toward where support is provided. This measure is the largest local effort to provide homeless populations with support for services region-wide, and as developed, will be reported on at future meetings.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned by Chair Kloster at noon.
Respectfully submitted,



Marie Miller, MTAC Recorder

Attachments to the Public Record, MTAC meeting, May 20, 2020

Item	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1	Agenda	05/20/2020	05/20/2020 MTAC Meeting Agenda	052020M-01
2	MTAC Work Program	05/13/2020	MTAC Work Program, as of 05/13/2020	052020M-02
3	MTAC/TPAC Workshop Work Program	05/13/2019	MTAC/TPAC workshop Work Program, as of 05/13/2020	052020M-03
4	Memo	05/13/2020	TO: MTAC members and interested parties From: Lake McTighe, Regional Planner RE: Fatal crash update	052020M-04
5	Meeting minutes	04/15/2020	MTAC and TPAC meeting minutes draft, April 4, 2020	052020M-05
6	Presentation	05/20/2020	Creating jobs, building our future	052020M-06
7	Presentation	05/20/2020	COVID-19 Economic Impact & Response Efforts	052020M-07
8	Presentation	05/20/2020	Regional Supportive Housing Service Program Implementation	052020M-08