

# Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) Minutes

Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013

Development Service Building  
150 Beaver Creek Road – Auditorium

Attendance

**Members: Clackamas County:** Paul Savas (Co-chair) & John Ludlow; **CPOs:** Jerry Hein (Firwood – Alt.); **Fire Districts:** John Blanton; **Hamlets:** Susan Hansen (Molalla Prairie); **Happy Valley:** Lori DeRemer (Co-chair); **Lake Oswego:** Donna Jordan; **Milwaukie:** Dave Hedges; **Molalla:** Glen Boreth; **MPAC:** Wilda Parks; **Oregon City:** Betty Mumm; **Sanitary Districts:** William Wild & Terry Gibson (Alt.); **West Linn:** Jody Carson; **Wilsonville:** Tim Knapp; **Villages:** Bob Reeves (Villages at Mt. Hood)

**Staff:** Gary Schmidt (PGA); Chris Lyons (PGA); Diedre Landon (DTD)

**Guests:** Seth Atkinson (Sandy); Tammy Stevens (Beavercreek); Hugh Kalani (Clackamas River Water); Dick Jones (Oak Lodge Water); John Valley (Sen. Merkley); Tina Olsen; Rick Cook (Stafford Hamlet); Jason Tuck (Happy Valley); Julie Stephens (Sandy); Annette Mattson (PGE); Lise Glancy (Port of Portland); Steve Kautz (TriMet)

## DRAFT Minutes

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

Meeting called to order and chaired by Co-chairs Paul Savas & Lori DeRemer. Self introductions made. 14 of 23 voting members present. Quorum established.

### 2. Housekeeping

#### Approval of November 2013 C4 Meeting Minutes

Minutes from November 2013 C4 meeting approved without change.

#### Decision on Proposed Revised Bylaws

An amendment to the proposed revised bylaws was announced, which would change the “rural transit district” & “urban transit district” to “rural transit

agency" and "urban transit agency." The amendment also adds a sentence noting that the representatives of the Port of Portland and the transit agencies do not have to be elected officials to serve in their non-voting capacity. The proposed revised bylaws, with the amendments, was approved.

### **Decision on whether to hold January C4 Meeting**

Due to the proximity to the holidays, the January 2 meeting of C4 was cancelled. The next C4 meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2014.

### 3. Countywide Transportation Funding Initiative

Gary Schmidt updated the group that there will be a robust public education & outreach effort (including polling) between January and April 15, 2014. In May, there will be a report back to the Board of County Commissioners, who will decide whether to go out to the voters in November 2014. Chair Ludlow noted that a professional contractor would be hired to implement the outreach plan and to educate the public on maintenance needs (the \$15 million funding gap).

Gary Schmidt noted that the marketing program has already begun, with videos and a website already in development.

Councilor Hedges noted that Milwaukie already has its own gas tax and a utility fee, but is looking at new funding options. Given how far along they are, they probably would not participate with the county.

Chair Ludlow stated that everything is currently on the table – funding options for both unincorporated and countywide areas.

Mayor Knapp stated that it would be difficult for cities to go to citizens about a \$15 million gap in unincorporated areas when cities already have fees. Chair Ludlow stated that cities would not be asked to vote on paying for unincorporated areas.

Susan Hansen does not believe a vote would pass if it would require residents in unincorporated areas to pay for the roads in those areas. Instead, there must be a link to show that rural areas need urban areas and vice versa. Commissioner Savas hopes that the VRF brings both sides together.

Gary Schmidt clarified that the outreach would educate everyone on the condition of the roads and that the question is if the members of C4 want to participate when the county comes to your area. Also, the pollster will know the right type of information to gather.

Mayor Knapp noted that economic development is the big nexus for this issue and that a longer timeline is critical on the outreach. Should the outreach be too short and ultimately fail, then the well will be poisoned for quite some time.

All members signaled their continued interest in remaining at the table.

#### 4. Regional Equity Atlas Presentation

Mara Gross from the Coalition for a Livable Future (CLF) gave a presentation on the Regional Equity Atlas. The Atlas, developed in partnership with Metro and PSU, is designed to be a tool to understand how well different neighborhoods and populations across the region are able to access essential resources & opportunities. The first Atlas was developed in 2007 and received national attention. The latest iteration – version 2.0 – was released in 2013 and includes updated census data. Mara highlighted a number of maps specific to Clackamas County and noted that CLF is working to ensure that the information is kept up-to-date so that the Atlas remains relevant.

#### 5. Discussion of 2014 C4 Meeting Topics

Commissioner Savas suggested a regional discussion with JPACT and MPAC.

Councilor Hedges recommended a focus on ways to influence public transit to improve service and ease for riders. Councilor Carson added that this could be broadened to look at how smaller cities have set up their transit systems.

Councilor Boreth suggested possibilities for new state funding of transportation.

Mayor Knapp suggested a focus on marketing of the county (tourism) based on our economic drivers. Commissioner Savas added that this will be easier to do once the Board has a strategic plan in place. Bob Reeves added that the economic drivers could include the county's nurseries and wine industry. William Wild clarified that this is a discussion of destinations. Chair Ludlow added that more flexibility is needed to react quickly to economic opportunities.

Councilor Jordan added that one topic could be how the county's economic development and tourism departments work with local communities.

Councilor Jordan suggested a discussion on the County's emergency preparedness plan.

Councilor Jordan suggested a discussion on the Gatekeeper Program run by Clackamas County Social Services.

## 6. JPACT/MPAC Update

Councilor Jordan stated that JPACT is currently focused on Climate Smart Communities and the RTP update. She also noted that the MTIP 2016-2018 list adopted by C4 continues to move forward.

Councilor Carson stated that MPAC is currently focused on Climate Smart Communities and the Metro Growth Report.

## 7. Pressing Updates

Wilda Parks announced that the North Clackamas Chamber will hold the biennial candidate workshop on January 11 in Happy Valley. The announcement will be emailed to C4.

Bob Reeves announced that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Dec. 16 for the Mt. Hood Express, beginning at 2pm at Timberline.

Susan Hansen congratulated Oregon City for their work on the Blue Heron site.

Councilor Carson noted that there will be a Willamette Falls Interactive Community Event on December 12, where members of the public can review final site concepts for the Blue Heron site.

Councilor Mumm thanked all the cities who helped during the recent tragedy in Oregon City.

Meeting adjourned.