

Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) Minutes

Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015

Development Service Building
Auditorium
150 Beaver Creek Road, Oregon City, OR 97045

Attendance

Members: Clackamas County: Paul Savas (Co-chair); John Ludlow; **Canby:** Brian Hodson (Co-Chair); Traci Hensley (Alt.); **CPOs:** Laurie Swanson; Marjorie Stewart (Alt.); **Damascus:** Diana Helm; **Fire Districts:** John Blanton; Bob Reeves (Alt.); **Hamlets:** Rick Cook (Alt.); **Milwaukie:** Wilda Parks (Alt.); **MPAC Citizen Rep:** Ed Gronke; **Sandy:** Jeremy Pietzhold; **Sanitary:** Susan Keil (Alt.); **Transit Agencies:** Jen Massa Smith (Urban Alt.); Julie Wehling (Rural); **Villages:** Joe Mazzara; **Water Districts:** Hugh Kalani; Dick Jones (Alt.); **West Linn:** Jennifer Tan; **Wilsonville:** Tim Knapp

Staff: Gary Schmidt (PGA); Chris Lyons (PGA); Karen Buehrig (DTD); Mike Bezner (DTD);

James Rhodes (Sheriff's Office)

Guests: Mark Ottenad (Wilsonville); Seth Atkinson (Sandy); Megan McKibben (Rep. Kurt Schrader); Rob Bruce; Gina Rogall; John Hartsock (C800); Ben Bryant (Happy Valley); Councilor Brenda Perry (West Linn); Commissioner Jim Bernard (Clackamas County)

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome & Introductions

Commissioner Paul Savas & Mayor Brian Hodson, Co-Chairs

Housekeeping

Approval of September 3, 2015 C4 Minutes – Moved by Tim Knapp, Jennifer Tan 2nd. Approved.

2. C4 Transportation Prioritization Project

Presented by Karen Buehrig and Mike Bezner

Karen and Mike: Seeking feedback from C4 on the best ways to integrate the transportation priorities of jurisdictions – an idea that came out of the C4 retreat.

Mayor Knapp: Have jurisdictions present their top three priorities, which could be adjusted based on what the criteria are at a given moment such as funding categories. Susan Keil mentioned that it would be easiest to do this if we know the criteria for the selection process.

Laurie Freeman Swanson: Think big picture because this process could get very complicated. Suggested looking at jurisdictional goals rather than getting into the specifics on individual projects. Laurie was a member of the TSP Public Advisory Committee.

Ed Gronke: May be helpful to first understand what are the existing priorities of jurisdictions.

Mayor Knapp: Suggested that staff could send out "invitations" when funding opportunities arise so that jurisdictions could consider which of their projects may fit. However, this could be very time consuming for staff. Karen mentioned that this is partly done now for information sharing, but that the process does not currently involve bringing the information to C4 to further refine the list.

Commissioner Bernard: One value of C4 is that it could know the history of projects and that the body could choose to support various projects.

Rick Cook inquired if a calendar exists for all of the funding opportunities. While there is not currently a calendar, Karen mentioned that there is a general consistent understanding of the cycles for each of the opportunities. Mike also clarified that the availability of funding and the criteria for the opportunities change with each cycle.

Mayor Gamba: Should look at funding exchanges for projects that may already be receiving federal dollars.

Mayor Knapp: Concerned that attention would be diverted away from the bigger, more important projects if C4 focuses on the smaller pots of funding.

Ed Gronke: C4 should work together on these opportunities and develop a consistent position rather than always competing for dollars. Commissioner Bernard agreed and felt that was the reason C4 was created.

Mayor Helm: We need one prioritized list that we develop together. General consensus that I-205 is the top priority.

Karen: For next steps, we will circle back with each jurisdiction soon.

3. 800 MHz Radio System

Presented by John Hartsock and James Rhodes

John Hartsock and James Rhodes gave a presentation about the replacement of the public safety emergency communications system which serves Clackamas County. Clackamas 800 Radio Group (C800), an ORS 190, is comprised of most of the public safety providers within Clackamas County. C800 owns and operates the emergency radio communication systems serving the County. The current system is 15 years old, out-of-date, and subject to failure. As a result, C800 will be requesting that the Board of County Commissioners put a bond measure on the May ballot to cover the \$58 million replacement. If successful, estimated completion is January, 2019.

Mayor Gamba: How does the system fare in a seismic event?

Hartsock: The system should withstand a magnitude 7 or 8, but a magnitude 9 is a bigger challenge.

In response to the question of what happens if the bond measure fails, Hartsock responded that they would likely go back out to voters the following November.

Commissioner Savas: Will this replacement affect partnerships?

Hartsock: No, the radio system is already currently interoperable across the region and that will not change.

James Rhodes mentioned that the current system reached capacity during the Clackamas Town Center shooting.

In response to a question about the system on Mt. Hood, Hartsock noted that improvement have been made on the Mountain and that more improvements would be made with this investment. However, the terrain poses challenges, as does the fact that a significant amount of the land is federal jurisdiction.

Commissioner Bernard noted his concern with upfront costs, since technological advancements are occurring so rapidly. However, he strongly supports the replacement.

Chair Ludlow stated that a very positive and supportive campaign is needed to support the replacement.

The group had an extended dialogue on how to save costs. Hartsock assured the members that C800 is exploring all options.

Hartsock mentioned that Washington County is going out for a bond at the same time, and that Portland did three years ago.

For additional questions, John Hartsock can be contacted at john.hartsock@c800.org.

4. R1ACT Update

Commissioner Savas reminded members that the group agreed at last month's meeting to send a letter to the R1ACT noting its role in providing input to the OTC on all aspects of the transportation system – both large and small. County staff has drafted a letter for review. Mayor Knapp suggested an edit to clarify the objective, which will be incorporated into the letter. C4 unanimously agreed to submit the letter as amended.

5. Mayor's Meeting Update

Mayor Knapp mentioned that the Metropolitan Mayor's Consortium sent a letter to Metro that disagreed with the conclusions of the UGR that no UGB expansion is warranted. The letter went on to suggest changes in the UGM/UGR process.

6. JPACT/MPAC Update

Mayor Tim Knapp, Wilsonville & Mayor Mark Gamba, Milwaukie

MPAC will be holding briefings on the Regional Transportation Plan and solid waste. It was also noted that Commissioner Schrader has withdrawn from MPAC and Commissioner Smith will be her replacement. Commissioner Bernard will serve as Commissioner Smith's alternate.

JPACT is considering three resolutions: 1) amending the MTIP program; 2) Reprogramming funding for Milwaukie for a bike/ped project in place of Kellogg dam removal; and 3) Amending 2015-2018 MTIP to include operations and maintenance funding for Amtrak Cascades.

7. Adjourn