



**Leaders for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Council (LEDIC)**  
***April 25, 2023 Meeting Notes draft***

**Staff:** Maria Magallon

**Members Present:** Chair, Tory Blackwell, Vice Chair Dina Stults, Lori Bender, Bonnie Lander (Zoom), Joselito Tanega, Carlos Benson Martinez, Ex Officio Members: Emily Cooper (Zoom), Annamika Konkola

**Members unable to attend:** Mike Foley, Raquel Vega Gonzalez, Mikaela Todd, Megan Hussey, Chelsea Varnum, Janette Romero Christenson (leave of absence), Terry Ann Cabine, Molly Ruff

**Advisors:** Martine Coblentz, Maria Magallon, Csea Leonard,

**Guest:** Catherine McMullen, County Clerk

**Public:** Sonya Fischer, Keisha Brewster

**Presenter:** Clifford Higgins, Communications Manager, Metro

Topic	Notes
<b>1. Land Acknowledgement</b>	Chair Tory, asked for a volunteer to read the Land Acknowledgement Lori read the Land Acknowledgement
<b>2. Welcome and introductions,</b>	Members did introductions and shared about an area in the county they enjoy in sunny weather.
<b>3. Approval of Agenda and March notes</b>	Dina makes a motion to approve agenda and notes, Joselito seconded the motion, members voted, all in favor, motion passed and no one abstained.
<b>4. Public Comment</b>	Sonya Fisher (former County Commissioner) thanked Martine for her amazing work as Equity Officer for Clackamas County. In a couple years the Equity and Inclusion Office has advanced equity and inclusion work and built important connections with community partners and elected officials. County Clerk, Catherine McMullen gave an update on election worker needs, they are hiring 16 and 17 year olds for part time work at the clerk's office picking up ballots from drop sites and counting ballots on election day, May 16 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>5. 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Transit Project</b>	Clifford Higgins, Senior Communications Manager from Metro presented on the Metro 82 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue Transit Project. The project includes several regional partners, Trimet, Metro, and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), the City of Portland, Clackamas, and Multnomah Counties. The focus of the project is to replace and/or improve the transit line along 82 <sup>nd</sup> avenue to NE Portland. The current



Trimet Line 72 carries more riders than the Max Yellow and Orange lines combined; It connects 20 other bus lines, Max blue and green lines, and key destinations along 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The proposed line FX, would speed up trips, and serve the high travel demand it would also provide access to safe transit and bus stop amenities in a high injury corridor to meet the community needs. Community engagement and equity focus areas are higher density areas that include Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), low income and Limited English Communities. Key destinations along the corridor are Clackamas Towne Center (CTC), WinCo, Fred Meyer, Clackamas Community College, Clackamas middle college medical Kaiser Permanente, other medical offices, apartments, stores restaurants and other destinations. Safety is high priority as 82<sup>nd</sup> avenue is one of the highest crash and highest injury corridors in the region; there was 8 pedestrian and bike fatalities from 2015-2020. FX Bus will be wider, longer and have 60% more space than the regular Trimet bus. The bus will also have more doors, dedicated lanes and signal priority to get buses around traffic. Bus stations will be upgraded with shelters, seating, lighting and real time bus arrivals; additional bus station locations will be added.

Martine asked if they had a number of community members affected in Clackamas County specifically. The data was not broken down by county; Colling will follow up with Clackamas County specific data. Dina asked if sidewalks are accessible at all transit stop points, Collin said they intentionally included that in the plan. Partners are still exploring options for the bus to turn around at the northern end of the line; one option is the Portland Airport.

Next steps in the project is community awareness and input on proposed station locations; it is important to hear from communities that live or do business in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave corridor. Community input will be key during entire process.

Joselito asked about bikes on the bus; there will be more space and hooks for bikes.

Emily asked about a park and ride in the area, there is an existing Park and Ride at CTC.

Partner Roles:

Metro is the planner, basic design, environmental impact

Trimet-engineering design

ODOT- roads and sidewalk improvement, lighting and crosswalk design.

What support can LEDIC provide?

- get word out about the project and aid in community involvement
- attend informational open house



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EQUITY AND INCLUSION OFFICER, Martine Coblentz, County Admin.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• make sure Clackamas County is represented and is part of the planning process</li> <li>• connect with CBOs and refer folks in Clackamas County to do community outreach.</li> <li>• reach out with key people to contact about project</li> </ul> <p>FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS FOR COLLIN:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is Metro doing to support businesses impacted by the project, i.e. installing sidewalks on their property?</li> <li>2. What are the number of community members and businesses affected in Clackamas County specifically?</li> <li>3. What is the timeline for the completion of the project?</li> </ol> <p>82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Project Questions: <a href="https://www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/82nd-avenue-transit-project">https://www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/82nd-avenue-transit-project</a>  2023 Regional Transportation Plan  <a href="https://www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/2023-regional-transportation-plan">https://www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/2023-regional-transportation-plan</a></p>
<p><b>6. Break</b></p>	<p>Dinner Jimmy Johns</p>
<p><b>7. LEDIC 20year/Summer Connections</b></p>	<p>LEDIC 20 year celebration, Chair Tory stated the County will be co-sponsoring the Summer Connections event at Clackamas Community College and LEDIC will have an information table there; all current and previous members will be invited . The event takes place on June 9<sup>th</sup>, and is a fun family friendly event open to the public.</p>
<p><b>8. Equity and Inclusion Office Updates</b></p>	<p>LEDIC members thanked Martine for her leadership and wished her well on her new journey. Maria gave an update on meeting with Commissioner West; council members discussed the importance of staying connected to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and chair Tory requested to add BCC liaison Updates as a standing agenda item.</p>
<p><b>9. Announcements upcoming events</b></p>	<p>Council members please forward announcements and events to Maria Magallon.</p>
<p><b>1. Adjourn</b></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting May 23,2023</b></p>	