

Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) Minutes

Thursday, Sept. 5, 2013

Development Service Building
150 Beavercreek Road, Oregon City, OR 97045

Attendance

Members: Clackamas County: Paul Savas (Co-chair); **Canby:** Brian Hodson & Traci Hensley (Alt.); **CPOs:** Marjorie Stewart (Firwood) & Jerry Hein (Firwood – Alt.); **Fire Districts:** John Blanton (CFD1); **Hamlets:** Susan Hansen; **Happy Valley:** Lori DeRemer; **Lake Oswego:** Jeff Gudman (Alt.); **Milwaukie:** Dave Hedges; **Metro:** Carlotta Collette; **MPAC:** Wilda Parks; **Oregon City:** Betty Mumm; **Sandy:** Jeremy Pietzold; **Sanitary Districts:** William Wild; **Tualatin:** Nancy Grimes; **West Linn:** Jody Carson; **Villages:** Bob Reeves

Staff: Gary Schmidt (PGA) & Jared Anderson (PGA)

Guests: Commissioner Tootie Smith (Clackamas County); Catherine Comer (Ec. Development); Jamie Johnk (Ec. Development); Karen Buehrig (DTD); Randy Harmon (DTD); Seth Atkinson (Sandy); Tammy Stevens (Beavercreek); Hugh Kalani (Clackamas River Water); Dick Jones (Oak Lodge Water); John Valley (Sen. Merkley); Dan Huff (Molalla); Mark Ottenad (Wilsonville); Lise Glancy (Port of Portland)

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1. Welcome & Introductions

Meeting called to order and chaired by Co-chairs Paul Savas & Lori DeRemer. Self introductions made. 15 of 23 voting members present. Quorum established.

2. Approval of April Minutes

Minutes from June 2013 C4 meeting approved without change.

3. County Economic Development Presentation

Film & Media Production Program: Catherine Comer and Jamie Johnk of Clackamas County's Economic Development Department provided C4

members with an overview of the county's film and media production program. The program is a one-stop shop for completing a film permit application and provides resource information on local crews, locations, incentive programs, and production infrastructure. Film and media is a key economic cluster in the county, contributing \$212 million annually to the county's GDP and generating almost 5,000 local jobs.

Strategically Significant Employment Lands Project: Catherine and Jamie also provided an overview of the county's industrial lands analysis, which was conducted to better understand the county's employment land availability and establish a supply of development-ready employment sites. The project resulted in a database of available commercial and industrial sites and an interactive mapping and site search tool.

4. State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Update

Gary Schmidt, Clackamas County's Director of Public & Government Affairs, provided an update on the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The ODOT Region 1 STIP Committee, which has four representatives from Clackamas County, is reviewing and ranking local projects that were submitted for funding consideration for the 2016-2018 STIP funding cycle. Representatives of the county are placing an emphasis on funding rural projects, since STIP dollars are one of the few sources of transportation funding for rural communities. Areas within the Metro urban growth boundary are able to compete for Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) funds administered by Metro.

5. Countywide Transportation Funding Initiative

Gary Schmidt presented the updated video and Power Point presentation created for C4's transportation funding initiative. All feedback received from past meetings have been incorporated into the updated versions.

Gary also informed C4 members that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) is scheduled to hold a planning meeting on October 9 to discuss road funding in the county. Commissioners have expressed interest in forming a county road district or instituting a street utility fee to address the county's growing transportation maintenance funding gap.

Commissioner Tootie Smith explained the reasons behind the upcoming BCC planning meeting. Commissioner Smith said the county has a \$17 million annual road maintenance funding gap. She said that the county must move quickly to address its needs and informed the group that the BCC is considering putting a measure on the May ballot to create a road maintenance district for unincorporated areas of the county. This is needed to

address the deteriorating condition of county roads in unincorporated communities.

C4 members emphasized that it is important that the county doesn't "go at it alone." Members stated that the county and cities should continue working through C4 on an approach that benefits both the county and its cities. This approach would raise money for all (similar to the Washington County model), and would be a cohesive, collaborative approach to addressing local transportation funding gaps. C4 members asked that the BCC be informed of the work C4 has completed in the last two years on transportation funding.

Although the C4 and BCC approaches appear to be different, members noted that there is commonality: there is agreement among all parties that the lack of adequate transportation funding is a critical issue in need of attention. C4 members continued to emphasize that the county and its cities must act as a unified front on this issue. There should be a single ask of voters, not competing proposals being advanced independently by the county and cities. Members would like the county and C4 to come together to merge their separate approaches into a unified approach in order to meet the county's transportation funding needs.

Commissioner Paul Savas reaffirmed his commitment to work with C4 to find a joint funding solution to meet both the needs of the county and its cities. Commissioner Savas noted that C4 should move ahead with its work and begin implementing Phase 1 of the outreach plan, which will outline the problem to residents and seek input on funding solutions. A recap of the October BCC road funding planning meeting will be provided to C4 at the November meeting. At that time, the group will discuss next steps and how to move forward with their work.

6. Pressing Updates

No pressing updates given.

Meeting adjourned.