

# Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) Minutes

**Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015**  
**6:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Development Service Building  
Main Floor Auditorium, Room 115  
150 Beavercreek Road, Oregon City, OR 97045

Attendance

**Members: Clackamas County:** Paul Savas (Co-chair); **Canby:** Brian Hodson (Co-Chair); Traci Hensley (Alt.); **CPOs:** Laurie Swanson; Marjorie Stewart (Alt.); **Damascus:** Diana Helm; **Estacada:** Brent Dodrill; **Fire Districts:** John Blanton; **Hamlets:** Rick Cook (Alt.); **Happy Valley:** Markley Drake; **Metro:** Carlotta Collette; **Milwaukie:** Mark Gamba; **Molalla:** Jimmy Thompson; **Sandy:** Jeremy Pietzhold; Carl Exner; **Sanitary:** Terry Gibson; **Transit Agencies:** Stephan Lashbrook; Julie Wehling (Rural); **Water Districts:** Hugh Kalani; **Wilsonville:** Tim Knapp; Julie Fitzgerald (Alt.)

**Staff:** Trent Wilson (PGA); Chris Lyons (PGA); Karen Buehrig (DTD)

**Guests:** Tootie Smith (Clackamas County); Shirley Craddick (Metro); Nancy Gibson (Clackamas River Water); Mark Ottenad (Wilsonville); Megan McKibben (Rep. Kurt Schrader); Ben Bryant (Happy Valley); Councilor Brenda Perry (West Linn); Jaimie Lorenzini (Happy Valley); Luke Norman (Clackamas Community College); Bob Cochran (Clackamas Community College); LeeAnne Ferguson (Safe Routes To Schools); Bob Martin (West Linn); Annette Mattson (PGE); Andrew Plambeck (ODOT); Rich Watanabe (ODOT); Zoe Monahan (Tualatin); Tracie Heidt (Canby); John Lewis (Oregon City); Anne Roth (Linwood PTA); Trey Higgemann (Linwood Student); Angel Falconer (Milwaukie PSAC); David Barenberg (West Linn Consultant)

## APPROVED MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance  
Welcome & Introductions

*Commissioner Paul Savas & Mayor Brian Hodson, Co-Chairs*

Housekeeping

Approved October 1, 2015 C4 Minutes

STIP Update

*Guests: Rich Watanabe and Andrew Plambeck – ODOT*

Andrew provide C4 members with an update on the STIP, which is Oregon's ongoing program to preserve and develop the state's road, public transit, bike and pedestrian infrastructure. The STIP outlines the state's transportation priorities for the next four years. November 20 is the deadline for Enhance proposals.

Potential Projects

Karen Buehrig discussed a list of projects that will be submitted for potential funding, most of which are contained in the C4 meeting packet.

In response to a question from Councilor Drake, Karen clarified that \$11 million is available for ODOT Region 1.

Mayor Gamba: Milwaukie is pursuing a bike/ped path to connect downtown Milwaukie to a residential neighborhood.

Mayor Knapp: Wilsonville is pursuing funding through ConnectOregon and the STIP for a trail connection under I-5 as well as a pedestrian bridge over I-5.

Councilor Perry: West Linn is pursuing a protected bike and pedestrian path along Highway 43.

Julie Wehling: The City of Sandy and Sandy Transit are applying for bus replacement.

John Lewis: Oregon City is applying for ADA, sidewalk, and lighting improvements along five blocks of Main Street.

Karen Buehrig: Clackamas County is applying for \$2 million for rectangular rapid flash beacons for pedestrians, which would pay for roughly 20 beacons spread throughout the county. Terry Gibson thanked the county for this, noting that it is very important along McLoughlin Boulevard.

Karen Buehrig: Clackamas County also is applying for a pedestrian overcrossing of I-205 near the Clackamas Town Center.

Karen Buehrig: Mentioned that the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department is planning to apply for funding to improve the Cazadero Trail so that it links to Estacada.

Clackamas Community College will be applying for ConnectOregon dollars to fund a CCC Transit Center. Karen Buehrig: Noted that Molalla is seeking funding for bike/ped improvements along OR-211.

Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS)

*Presented by LeeAnne Ferguson – Safe Routes Advocate*

LeeAnne gave a presentation on "Safe Routes to Schools For Every Kid." This effort seeks safe, convenient, and fun opportunities for children to bicycle and walk to and from schools as a means to foster livable, vibrant communities. Currently, advocates are focused on getting dedicated funding for making safety improvements in light of the lack of funding for education, equipment, and infrastructure. Specifically, advocates are seeking \$15 million in dedicated funding through Regional Flexible Funds, which would double the current investment.

Local residents, including a student, also spoke about their on-the-ground experiences with a lack of sidewalks and the resulting dangerous conditions for pedestrians.

Marijuana Jurisdiction Update

Commissioner Smith shared that the Board of County Commissioners has been hearing public testimony on recreational marijuana and that the county has been working very diligently on time, place and manner regulations. The County has chosen not to put this to the ballot since Measure 91 passed in the county.

Commissioner Savas noted that regulation of marijuana grows is the biggest challenge, given the various impacts associated with the practice including odor, noise and lighting.

Councilor Pietzhold and Mayor Hodson shared that the cities of Sandy and Canby will be putting the issue to the voters in 2016.

Councilor Thomson shared that Molalla will be creating corridors where dispensaries may be located.

Councilor Perry mentioned that West Linn has chosen not to give out licenses for dispensaries.

Mayor Gamba noted that Milwaukie has a code in place for medical marijuana and that the city is working on new code language for grows and processing.

Councilor Drake mentioned that Happy Valley is seeing opposition from shopping centers who do not want dispensaries.

John Lewis: Oregon City is likely to put the issue to voters in 2016.

Annette Mattson: There is a great deal of interest to rent properties where marijuana may be grown.

Councilor Fitzgerald and Commissioner Smith noted how a great deal of the marijuana revenues will need to be spent on regulation and enforcement.

Mayor Knapp: Wilsonville is awaiting a ruling on a Cave Junction case, which has the potential to affect how this issue is handled.

Mayor Gamba: The only revenue will come from retail sales.

Mayor Gamba and Commissioner Smith raised issues relating to how crops are taxed in Oregon and whether marijuana is treated the same way as other crops.

Councilor Thompson noted that Oregon saw much larger marijuana sales than Colorado.

#### 2016 State Legislative Priorities

Clackamas County shared that the first bill deadline for the upcoming session is November 24, 2015. Clackamas County produces a state and federal agenda every year that is approved by the Board of County Commissioners – which has not occurred yet. Issues that Clackamas County anticipates in the upcoming session include brownfield redevelopment, protecting justice reinvestment grant dollars, veterans' preference rules, updating recreational marijuana laws (including limiting promotion of products to youth), an increase in the state Transient Lodging Tax from 1% to 2%, and land use legislation promoting subregional consideration of housing and employment needs in the metro region. Clackamas County expects the much anticipated transportation package will be moved to the 2017 session, and that minimum wage will be the "hot topic" in 2016.

Wilsonville shared its bi-annual agenda, and recommended that every city consider and approve such an agenda on broad policy issues, which encourages long term planning and clear positioning during legislative sessions. Noted Wilsonville would likely disagree with the County on land use positions.

Happy Valley intends to look at ways to seek a permanent funding mechanism for a police district in order to keep their low city tax rate and avoid constant renewals of the district.

Milwaukie noted they were watching issues related to "carbon pricing" and the minimum wage increase.

City members also discussed the value of the League of Oregon Cities (LOC), and LOC's annual survey to develop broad policy for cities.

Many agreed the mediation between Lake Oswego, West Linn, Tualatin, and the County makes the "Stafford remand" issue hard to discern if it will be ripe for session. Metro feels the issue can be resolved locally through a technical fix.

#### Monthly Updates

##### R1ACT:

No update needed because of the STIP discussion.

##### Mayors Meeting Consortium:

Nothing to report but it was noted that the name should be corrected to the Metropolitan Mayors Consortium. Commissioner Savas suggested that the meeting be open to the public. Mayor Knapp mentioned that the mayors preferred a private meeting in order to discuss strategy, and Mayor Helm noted that the venue is a safe place at which mayors may freely share ideas.

##### JPACT/MPAC Update:

JPACT will be approving the 2018 RTP Update Work Plan, as well as discussing MTIP and RFFA policy options.

MPAC will be discussing the RTP update, as well as a solid waste roadmap and an industrial lands readiness project.

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