

PAC MEETING #2

July 28th, 2020 – 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM Zoom web meeting

Meeting Purpose

Discuss transit needs assessment, discuss preliminary finding of outreach including online survey and listening sessions, and preview how the needs assessment will inform transit alternatives and solutions.

TIME	SUBJECT	LEAD PRESENTER	GUIDANCE REQUESTED
5:00	Welcome, Meeting Purpose, Agenda Review	Brett Setterfield, Clackamas County	Confirm Understanding, Questions for Clarification
5:10	Overview of Needs Assessment	Krista Purser, Kittelson	Is there anything you did not see that should be considered or anything you want to clarify?
5:50	Overview of stakeholder outreach and preliminary findings (online survey and listening sessions)	Susie Wright, Kittelson Russ Doubleday, Kittelson	Confirm Understanding, Questions for Clarification What are you interested in seeing in the survey summary?
6:10	Process for creating transit service alternatives	Susie Wright	Confirm Understanding, Questions for Clarification
6:20	Next Steps, Final Questions, & Adjourn	Brett Setterfield	

Attendance

PAC Members

- Ray Atkinson
- Stephen McMurtrey
- Glenn Koehrsen
- Bobbi Bryan
- Jackson Calhoun
- Michelle Emery

Additional Attendees

- Jamie Stasny Regional Transportation and Land Use Policy Coordinator at Clackamas County
- Garet Prior Policy Analyst at the City of Tualatin

Project Staff

- Karen Buehrig, Brett Setterfield, Ellen Rogalin Clackamas County
- Susie Wright, Krista Purser, Russ Doubleday Kittelson & Associates, Inc.

Needs Assessment Overview – Krista Purser

- Garet asked about underrepresentation as a criterion, and if the project team is looking at where people work, or just commuting patterns where people live.
 - Krista said that job locations were explicitly included in the needs analysis, and that commute demand between cities will be considered in the Future Solutions Strategy memo.
- Garet asked if the project team analyzed work locations in Washington County.
 - This was analyzed, yes. The analysis could see where people were going to or from various destinations in Clackamas County that connected with Washington and Multhomah County.
- Glenn noted how seniors did not appear to be included in the underrepresented group in the Needs. Having older residents driving is not ideal, and this is the fastest growing demographic in the county.
- Glenn reported that the SE Park Ave MAX station does not have parking available after around 5:30-6 AM.
- Glenn said that on Highway 213, there are bus stops with no shelters or walking access. From his house near Highway 213, he could drive to Mulino, but there are few accessible places outside of there.
- Garet requested adding a "underrepresented population" icon in eastern Tualatin. There is a large Latinx and lower income population adjacent to, and just west of the county line (65th Ave).
- Brett went down the list and asked people if they had questions or comments:
 - Ray said that from a Clackamas Community College student perspective, he knows that Canby students want better access to Wilsonville, while not as many asking for a route on I-205. He also asked about the Estacada-Oregon City line going to CCC, in addition to or in-place of downtown Oregon City
 - Jackson did not have anything to add. He introduced Walter, who is also a member of the Rex Putnam Earth Club.

- Walter didn't see a lot of needs specifically tied to or informed by students, but feels that they may have been missed.
 - Krista noted that students are included in the population assessment. Jobs don't include school commutes. Going into the next steps, the project team wants to be able to serve key activity centers that students will need as service opportunities are developed. The Needs Assessment is operating at a high level at the moment, but future service opportunities will get into more detail.
- Michelle wanted to clarify that there may be other needs in other places in the county. She knew of people who wanted to go from Sandy to Happy Valley.
 - Krista noted that Sandy's Transit Master Plan identified a need to connect to Clackamas Town Center, which would include Happy Valley and Damascus on the way.
- Michelle is impressed with the clarity of the presentation and the plan
- Stephen had nothing specific to add at this point in time. He agreed that this has been thorough work so far. He outlined that by 2040, he expects that in addition to McLoughlin and other transit corridors, there will need to be increased transportation access and service that also goes east-west. That should be discussed in talking about access.
- Bobbi mentioned that Glenn has covered her concerns. A client of hers uses the bus system there and wanted to purchase a home so she could access transit frequency, and she has had some frustrations about getting buses to stop for pick up or drop off. She needs there to be more than a shoulder on the side of the road, which isn't safe for a senior citizen. Safe access is really important.
- Glenn said that as he read the Needs Assessment memo, he saw that most people could reach Oregon City in an hour by transit in the county. That may be true from transit centers or downtown. He sees a big challenge with that assertion on transit is first mile/last mile access. Not everyone can provide door-to-door access. He's aware of the Oregon City shuttle project that is coming later this year. He sees the agencies buying bigger buses, which are not as nimble for this first mile/last mile concern.
- Garet said that this is really excellent work, and that Tualatin is very much in support of greater transportation options and transit between our city and Clackamas County.

Survey Results Overview – Russ Doubleday

- Glenn found the overview of the survey results to be both useful and concerning. He asked if we designed a system for the county today, would it look the same as it does today? He suspects no because of the large number of individual providers. He said that this group needs to think about whether we can make changes to the existing system to get in more in line to if we started from scratch today. That includes schedules, fares, etc.
 - Susie noted that this concern is the impetus for this project with so many providers as well as current and forthcoming technological improvements.
 - Susie added that there is history with how the county got to seven providers larger agencies may struggle to meet smaller community needs. But this also provides opportunities to help people operate together and fill in gaps.

Service Alternatives Preview – Susie Wright

• Glenn asked if it was possible to receive paper copies of future memos before PAC meetings. He would like to have it in his hand and have comments and questions beforehand.

- Brett said that the county will look into it. COVID makes it hard to get to the office to print.
- Karen said to let Brett know if any PAC member want a hard copy of something. The County will make something work. It may not arrive 7 days before a meeting given the challenges posed by the pandemic, but the county can make it work.
- Glenn said that this works for him.
- Ray said that students want fast service, but students live all over the region, not in clusters. There is a tradeoff between speed and coverage which he's struggling with at Clackamas Community College.
- Glenn said that there is an online meeting tomorrow with Commissioner Savas talking about transit. Is that meeting related to the county's Transit Development Plan, and should Glenn be attending to make comments to the TDP? What is the relationship between this and tomorrow's meeting?
 - Karen said that Commissioner Savas represents the county on a variety of transit boards and committees. He is looking for a broad sweep of things. This meeting is an opportunity to talk directly to the commissioners about their concerns. The county will share information from TDP meetings with the county commissioners.
- Glenn asked who he should direct questions to before the next meeting if he has questions
 - PAC members should contact Brett with any additional questions.