

# Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) Minutes

**Thursday, March 3, 2016**

**Time:** 6:45 p.m. to 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); John Ludlow; **Canby:** Traci Hensley (Alt.); **CPOs:** Marjorie Stewart (Alt.); **Hamlets:** Rick Cook; **Happy Valley:** Markley Drake; **Lake Oswego:** Jeff Gudman; **Metro:** Carlotta Collette; **Milwaukie:** Mark Gamba; Wilda Parks (Alt.); **Molalla:** Jimmy Thompson; **Oregon City:** Dan Holladay; **Port of Portland:** Emerald Bogue;

**Sandy:** Jeremy Pietzold; Carl Exner (Alt.); **Sanitary:** Terry Gibson; **Transit Agencies:**

Vanessa Vissar (Urban); Stephan Lashbrook (Urban Alt.); Julie Wehling (Rural); **Villages:** Joe Mazzara; **Water Districts:** Hugh Kalani; **West Linn:** Jenni Tan; **Wilsonville:** Tim Knapp

**Staff:** Gary Schmidt (PGA); Trent Wilson (PGA); Chris Lyons (PGA)

**Guests:** Mark Ottenad (Wilsonville); Jaimie Lorenzini (Happy Valley); Ben Bryant (Happy Valley); John Lewis (Oregon City); Megan McKibben (Cong. Schrader); Zoe Monahan (Tualatin); Stephen Williams (Clackamas DTD); Nellie deVries (CCBA); Annette Mattson (PGE); Michael Raub (Hamlet of Mulino); Seth Atkinson (Sandy); Sam Haffner (Governor's

Transportation Vision Panel); Bob Martin (West Linn); Luke Norman (Clackamas Community

College); Fran Mazzara; Maureen Ludlow

## **Approved minutes**

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

## **Welcome & Introductions**

*Commissioner Paul Savas & Councilor Traci Hensley, Co-Chairs*

## **Housekeeping**

Feb.4, 2016 Minutes approved.

Trent Wilson provided an update on the results of the C4 Retreat doodle poll. The C4 retreat is confirmed for June 24 and 25. Trent will send out Save the Date email early next week.

Mayor Holladay expressed concern that the US Mayor's Conference was the same weekend, but no proposal to change the date followed.

## **Governor's Transportation Vision Panel**

*Presented by Sam Haffner, Governor's Office*

Sam Haffner provided a background on the history of the Vision Panel. The effort originally began under Governor Kitzhaber's Administration with a goal of determining where the State of Oregon would like to be on transportation in 30 years.

Sam also discussed the Key Preliminary Findings of the Vision Panel, including:

1. Reduce roadway bottlenecks and enhance freight network alternatives;
2. Invest in strategic intermodal freight infrastructure;
3. Invest in transit service improvements targeting road congestion and system gaps;
4. Invest in bicycle and pedestrian improvements targeting safety, system gaps, and road congestion;
5. Invest in seismic resiliency;
6. Make Oregon a transportation innovation 'hub';
7. Increase the flexibility of K-12 student transportation services across the state;
8. Facilitate jurisdictional transfers

The Governor's Transportation Vision Panel is currently hosting a series of eleven regional forums across the state to seek local input and solutions on regional needs and priorities. The Vision Panel will use the input to refine their recommendations to the Governor. The Metro area meeting will be held on March 14.

Sam commented that the Vision Panel's work is serving to begin a conversation toward a 2017 legislative package. He also mentioned that the preliminary Vision Panel report will be provided to the Governor in the spring of 2016.

## Update from 2016 State Legislative Session

Chris Lyons, Clackamas County Government Affairs Manager, provided an update on the results of the 2016 state legislative session, which adjourned Sine Die today. The following notable issues were passed by the Legislature during the 32-day session:

- Affordable Housing (lifting the ban on inclusionary zoning and construction excise taxes; new tenant protections; addressing voter-approved annexation ordinances; a pilot program to expand UGBs for affordable housing)
- \$500,000 for Willamette Falls Locks & Canal repairs
- A new property tax incentive program for brownfield cleanup
- An increase to the State Transient Lodging Tax
- A referral to the November ballot that would dedicate 1.5% of lottery funds for veterans services
- New tax credits for film & video production
- An increase to the state's minimum wage with a new three-tier structure
- A renewable energy bill that phases out coal power by 2035 and mandates the state's two largest utilities get 50% of their electricity from renewables by 2040 Other proposed legislation that failed to pass included:
  - An employee tax for transit districts
  - A bill to expand TriMet's ability to invest bond proceeds on transportation facilities on which it does not physically operate
  - Legislation to provide additional clarity for the hiring of veterans by public employers
  - Legislation to grant permissive authority to Metro to look at subregional land needs when evaluating a potential expansion of its urban growth boundary
  - Tobacco retail licensing by the state

## C4 Action Item Discussion

Trent Wilson noted that C4 expressed at the 2015 retreat an interest in establishing a county-wide process to advocate for local transportation projects at the state and federal levels. C4 members shared various priority projects, including:

- Sunrise Corridor to Highway 26 or 177nd
- Oak Grove project to Lake Oswego bike bridge
- Arndt Road to Highway 99

- West Linn Cycle Track
- I-205 expansion, including a possible transit component
- Lifting the ban on private bus transportation

The group agreed that congestion is a policy priority.

Trent Wilson noted that projects are valuable to have ranked and that other C4 goals are aimed at ranking local projects from the Transportation System Plan. Today's discussion should focus more on how to coordinate working together to strategically position for state and federal funding.

C4 members discussed the role of the group and whether recommendations about project rankings should be sent directly to the ACT or go to the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Savas will seek clarity from the ACT on whether they would prefer to receive recommendations from the County or coordinating committee, in general.

Members also discussed whether the state, region, or county are prepared and/or positioning themselves to compete for federal (FAST Act) monies. Commissioner Savas also mentioned the possibility of bonding locally for some larger projects, including I-205, 217, and the Rose Quarter.

## **Clackamas County Road Funding Update**

*Presented by Trent Wilson*

Trent Wilson shared that the Board of County Commissioners voted to put an advisory vote on the May ballot for voter-approved funding for road maintenance. Commissioner Savas also shared that he views this as an educational opportunity for voters.

C4 members noted that a 'no' vote could mean different things and be interpreted differently. They also suggested that cities begin discussing this and thinking about how they might spend their share of the funding. Mayor Knapp also recommended that individual cities could describe on the voter pamphlets how they would spend the funds.

Through of a show of hands, C4 was nearly unanimous in supporting a Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) over a gas tax.

## **Monthly Updates**

- R1ACT – The next R1ACT meeting is on Monday, March 7. At this meeting, members will receive some preliminary information about the ConnectOregon project submissions. The projects within Clackamas County

include: the transit center at Clackamas Community College; a Wilsonville trail improvement from memorial park to Boones Ferry Park; a bike hub in Mt. Hood Villages; and a new transit operations center in Molalla for the South Clackamas Transportation District.

- Metro Mayors Consortium – The Metropolitan Mayors and Chairs met with Metro on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary process.
- JPACT/MPAC Update
  - MPAC: On March 23, Janette Sadik-Khan, former commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation, will be presenting on New York's experience in making progress on transportation issues.
  - JPACT: No update.

## **Adjourn**