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## Central City in Motion Working Group

### Meeting #8

November 18, 2021

### Agenda

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5:30 p.m.	Welcome
5:35 p.m.	Public Comment
5:40 p.m.	Staffing Update Working Group Member Recruitment
5:50 p.m.	Temporary Bus Platform Evaluation
6:05 p.m.	2022 Projects
6:20 p.m.	Closing Roundtable

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*This meeting was held virtually over Zoom.*

**Committee Members Present:** Jamie Orrego, Susan Lindsay, Reza Farhoodi, Emily Guise, Izzy Armenta, Adam Zucker, Peter Fry

**Staff Present:** Gabe Graff, Briana Orr, April Bertelson, Luke Norman (TriMet)

#### Welcome

**Public Comment - None**

#### Staffing Update

- Timur Ender is leaving PBOT at the end of the month, headed to Turkey to be with family
- Brenda Martin has left TriMet, now at EnviroIssues
- Luke Norman will be our main CCIM contact for TriMet, Luke is a TriMet Service Planner

#### Working Group Member Recruitment

Briana noted that our Working Group Committee has had five people step down, will be going through a recruitment process in the next several months. Will be following up with an online application, please share with your networks!

Briana also requested if any other Working Group members were considering stepping down in the next year, to let us know so that we can fill future Working Group member positions with this recruitment.

Adam: Who left the Working Group?

*PBOT response (post-meeting):*

- *Alexandra Zimmerman*
- *Alice Longley Miller*
- *Joanie Wang*
- *Tara Mather*
- *Jillian Detwieler*



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## Bus Platform Evaluation (April B)

April shared updates on temporary bus platforms – we are evaluating both rubber (aka Zicla) and asphalt (several on SE Stark), two are coming on SW Alder.

We have several rubber platforms installed as part of Central City in Motion projects.

We have launched a user survey – we want to hear from everyone, people that travel by all different modes, from all ages and abilities.

[Click here to take the survey](#), and please share with your networks!

Survey is open November 3-January 3, 2022

April shared groups that we are visiting as part of our engagement effort: Bicycle Advisory Committee, Pedestrian Advisory Committee, TriMet Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT)

There is a user survey and a technical advisory committee, including engineers and TriMet and Maintenance.

Emily Guise: Issue I'd like to bring to your attention. I was biking past the platform at Hawthorne and 6<sup>th</sup> someone had flipped up the black part from the sidewalk to the platform area, which would create an accessibility issue. Someone had put it back down later.

Briana: It sounds like the "bridge" connecting the bike lane with the sidewalk. The reason it flips up is to allow for maintenance underneath the bridge, to clean out debris. But can see how this would be an issue. We will include that in the evaluation and flag it for our traffic engineers

Reza: Are the asphalt stops on Alder going to be near side or far side stops?

Timur: They are nearside stops.

Adam: I rode the ones on Hawthorne and NW – impressed with how it functions. Curious about the asphalt platforms – have those created any issues with the rain we've had?

April: there are signs of settlement build-up, that will be part of the evaluation to understand how the settlement builds.

Adam: Ensure that when it rains hard, it doesn't create flooding – if it is breaching platform/sidewalk

Timur: the slope for Alder is steep enough that we believe drainage should not be an issue.

Jaime – Do we expect in the future to add roofs on the platforms? Does not prefer to wait at bus stops without roofs/shelters.



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April: there is consideration for shelters and guidelines for where TriMet will locate shelters. Some of them already have shelters or shelters will be coming as a part of it. The Hawthorne ones at 6<sup>th</sup> - the shelter is on the sidewalk, and will remain on the sidewalk.

Gabe: On Alder – if the temporary platform works well, we'll come back and replace it, install a concrete curb extension and install a shelter at that point.

Chris: I've only seen the ones in NW – the bike lane leading up to it approaches on a curve. For the whole summer, it has been covered by leaves/debris. I'm sure the added complexity makes maintenance more difficult. Is there anything you are doing extra to make sure that these are maintained.

April – Maintenance is a part of our evaluation process.

We will forward the news blog to CCIM Committee.

## Project updates - what's coming up in 2022

Gabe shared an overview of projects completed, high level summaries of projects planned for construction in 2022, and a preview of outreach we have coming up in 2022.

Reza: Request – would the City consider moving tuff curb on Burnside Bridge from between bike lane and bus lane to between the bike lane and bus lane?

Gabe: We can share that request with the County.

Emily – Wasn't the Burnside bridge bus-only lane supposed to go further than Grand?

Gabe: Yes! This is an upcoming project. Many of our 2022 projects are connecting to existing work.

Gabe shared high-level summaries of the work, including:

- Alder – Line 15 – moving over to SW Alder from Salmon
- Collins Circle – Transit platform, give bus priority
- SW 4<sup>th</sup> avenue – our biggest project in terms of scope and scale; we've talked about that one before, but has a bus lane in southern section, along with protected bike lane, lights, repaving 4<sup>th</sup> - this will be major construction
- NE Couch – Westbound bus lane
- Signals going in on the Central Eastside
  - One on Irving for freight
  - Two on Salmon to connect people walking/biking



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Peter: Couch – is only two lanes right now. So it will be reduced to a signal auto lane. I personally don't believe that will work. Will this Bus lane allow freight? Encourage you to look at freight access.

Gabe: Couch is designed as a bus and turn lane from 12<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. So not for freight specifically.

Susan: 16th and Irving – today is an all-stop controlled intersection, is there something wrong with it?

Gabe: We will install a traffic signal. It is an on-ramp to I-84 eastbound.

Adam: Will we have more detailed slides of these projects?

Gabe: We don't have more detailed slides right now, but any of these projects if you have interest in the designs, or if you want a presentation on any of them, please let us know.

Adam: what does 7<sup>th</sup>/Sandy intersection include?

Gabe: Mostly paint, but one crossing improvement across Sandy that would include a concrete median island.

Jamie: is the traffic level the same as pre-pandemic?

Gabe: it's a little all over the place. Travel patterns have certainly changed. Driving is generally up, transit use is generally down. On local streets you'd see less traffic. It's a little bit of a mixed bag, it's hard to tell where we're going to land.

## Public outreach

Gabe provided an overview of planned public outreach as part of the 2022 project construction. Blue lines on those map – people that live/own property we'll send a mailer. We'll also be scheduling meetings.

## Hawthorne viaduct

Briana shared an overview of the engagement completed and feedback received. Overall heard a preference for more space to pass. Some shared a preference to reduce a travel lane. PBOT will share that recommendation with the County to consider for future. Briana shared design direction for the Viaduct that PBOT will move forward with, a design similar to SE Madison approaching 6<sup>th</sup> – two travel lanes, a shared bus-bike lane and a bike lane.

Emily: What's happening with the off-ramp? Can we add a yield to bikes/pedestrians at the ramp with a yield sign – make it clearer?



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Briana: We are primarily changing the angle of the approach for both people who bike and drivers. This should improve visibility. Will ask about yield to bikes/ped signs.

Chris – did you consider rapid flash beacon?

Briana: We did not, our scope was limited due to weight restrictions on Viaduct. Will share feedback with County, perhaps could include in future project.

Izzy – plastic turn calming devices?

Briana: I believe we used white plastic wands and the tuff curb, will confirm.

Adam – did you consider closing the ramp? Do any studies on diversion?

Briana: We did as part of the early traffic modeling. Modeling suggested that traffic would be diverted to 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> and then to Water. So we would move the turning conflict problem elsewhere and likely put more vehicles on neighborhood streets.

### **Closing roundtable**

Emily - Leaves and maintenance - need to be more proactive in the protected bike lanes and zicla platforms.

Briana: I will follow-up with maintenance on this. I also encourage you to call: PBOT's 24/7 maintenance dispatch line at (503) 823-1700 with any safety issues that need immediate addressing, including debris in the roadway.

Gabe: Or report online at: <https://pdxreporter.org/#Login> you can also add photos to your reports.



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