

PORTLAND FREIGHT COMMITTEE NOTES

Meeting No. 224

WHEN: Thursday, April 7, 2022 @ 7:30 AM

WHERE: Virtual Zoom Meeting



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<u>Time:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>	<u>Lead:</u>
7:30 AM	Welcome and Zoom Meeting Protocol: Minutes approved.	Nubia Milpas
		Jana Jarvis / All

7:35 AM Hot Topics, Points of Interest:

- Jana Jarvis announced that Kate Merrill would be stepping down as vice chair for the Portland Freight Committee.
- Tom Bouillion shared that the Port of Portland was in the process of applying for a grant for Terminal 6. He added that he was looking for a letter of support from the freight committee.
- Corky Collier announced that the Columbia Corridor Association would be hosting a regional transportation summit online.

7:50 AM Safety Reconfiguration of the N Lombard Street Overcrossing Bridge Roger Geller

- Roger Geller explained that the N Lombard overcrossing was a weak link in the bikeway connection between St. Johns and the jobs and recreational opportunities in the peninsula. He noted that the existing conditions call for a protected bike lane.
- Mr. Geller provided an overview of the proposed design. He noted that the North Lombard St. Bridge deck would have people biking on the north side of the bridge, it would combine bike lane width north side of the bridge for a protected or buffered lane for people biking northwest. He added that people biking southeast would use the existing sidewalk.
- Mr. Geller explained that the proposed design would only have one left turn lane from Columbia onto Burgard and one through lane. He stated that PBOT's analysis was based on traffic counts taken in January 2020. Mr. Geller added that the loss of traffic lanes would be inconsequential to traffic because the Lombard Columbia intersection currently operates under capacity.
- Mr. Geller discussed the stakeholder outreach and engagement for the project.
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8:10 AM TriMet Better Red Project Libby Winter

- Libby Winter explained that the Better Red project sought to extend the Max red Line west to serve 10 more stations and improve schedule reliability for the entire MAX

system.

- Ms. Winter provided an overview of the project benefits and the areas where construction will take place.
- She explained that the project would leverage 100 million dollars of federal funds toward three main construction areas. Construction would take place in the Fair Complex/Hillsboro Airport Station, Portland International Airport, and Gateway.
- Ms. Winter discussed the estimated project schedule. She explained that the Gateway and Fair Complex/Hillsboro Airport Construction began in 2021 and would end in 2024. The Portland International Airport construction began in 2022 and would end in 2024. She provided a brief overview of interruptions and closures that would take place during the construction of the projects.

8:40 AM City Charter Review

Commissioner Melanie Billings-Yun

- Commissioner Melanie Billings-Yun provided a brief background on the City Charter Review process. She explained that the charter commission was made up of 20 volunteers that applied and were selected to participate in the commission. She shared that the charter was currently in Phase 1 of the review. Phase 1 included reviewing changes to the form of government and zoning.
- Commissioner Billings-Yun announced that the commission had voted on their initial draft proposals on March 31, 2022. She explained that the pilot referral deadline was June 29, 2022. If 15 or more of the 20 commission members voted to approve the draft it would go straight to the electorate and would not need to be approved by the City Council.
- Commissioner Billings-Yun shared the concerns and feedback the commission had received from the public. She stated that the commission had engaged more than 6,000 Portlanders in their outreach efforts.
- She explained that the commission was looking into a hybrid version of the mayor-councilor form of government.

9:10 AM Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT) Update

Mark Lear

- Mark Lear provided a brief overview of 8 projects funded through the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax. Mr. Lear announced that he would discuss Phase 1 of the Cornfoot Project, the proposed construction schedule for 2023 projects, and the remaining HVUT 2 balance in future committee meetings.

9:15 AM Columbia/Lombard Wayfinding Project

Andrew Aebi

- Andrew Aebi discussed proposed street name changes on North Columbia Boulevard and North Lombard Street.
- Mr. Aebi announced the lane closures that would take place to change the freeway signage.

9:25 AM Public Comment

- Doug Allen shared concerns about the Better Red project. He stated that the project would not improve reliability.
- Michelle Sprague stated that PBOT's Vision Zero Website did include goals related to urban freight movement. Ms. Sprague explained that she would like to see more inclusion of freight-related safety concerns in Vision Zero goals and projects.

9:30 AM Adjourn

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