

PORTLAND FREIGHT COMMITTEE NOTES Meeting No. 221

WHEN: Thursday, January 6, 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

7:35 AM	Hot Topics, Points of Interest, Successes:	Jana Jarvis / All
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PFC members report on current activities from their respective industry and agencies.

- Tom Bouillion shared that the Port of Portland was a finalist for a \$100 million grant opportunity.
- Corky Collier raised concerns about emerging potholes throughout Portland streets.
- Kate Merrill noted that a broken elevator on the Bob Stacey bridge was becoming a safety concern for pedestrians and bicyclist.
- Jana Jarvis provided a brief update on the federal infrastructure package. She noted that the package includes a 38% increase in road and bridge construction.

8:00 AM	METRO's Commodities Movement Study	Tim Collins
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- Tim Collins explained that the purpose of the study was to evaluate the level and the value of commodity movement on the regional freight network. He added that the study would look at how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted freight truck travel, ecommerce, and delivery services.
- Mr. Collins stated that the community study would create recommendations for future regional policy and planning efforts, to improve commodity movement.
- Mr. Collins reviewed the study's scope of work and project management team members.
- He added that the model would be done in house and would include analysis help from DKS Associates.

8:25 AM	New Federal Grant Opportunities	Zef Wagner, Cameron Glasgow, Mark Lear
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- Mark Lear discussed an update to the infrastructure bill which included \$100 billion to fund new programs. He added that one of the top three-four new grant programs was a \$12.5 billion grant for bridge investments.
- Zef Wagner explained that PBOT had come up with a list of bridges eligible for the funding opportunities. He noted these bridges were all priority freight bridges.
- Zef provided an overview of five bridges PBOT staff were reviewing for federal grant opportunities.

8:40 AM Update on Portland Freight Plan

Gabriela Giron-Valderrama

Gabriela Giron Valderrama shared that the 2040Freight Plan infrastructure needs survey had been made public. She added that the survey had had around 275 responses so far.

- Mrs. Giron Valderrama announced that the 2040Freight team would be conducting focus groups for the plan. The focus groups would include community members from different backgrounds.
- Mrs. Giron Valderrama requested PFC members feedback by Jan 28th for both the 2040Freight strategy/action draft and the prioritization framework to support the prioritization of infrastructure projects.
- Mrs. Giron Valderrama announced that the 2040Freight team was working on refining the current freight classification network, and highlighted different locations, were the 2040Freight team was evaluating changes to the current designations.

9:10 AM Update on the E-Commerce Study

Sorin Garber

- Sorin Garber provided a brief background on the E-commerce study. He explained that the E-commerce study was first completed at the end of 2019 and sought to examine changes in the supply chain and delivery patterns. Mr. Garber added that the study included a peer review committee.
- Mr. Garber explained that a dynamic growth in e-commerce was taking place before the pandemic. He noted that industrial warehouse space in Portland and Vancouver had decreased to 7.2% in the third quarter of 2019, which had been the standard for decades, to 4.9% in the third quarter of 2021.
- He shared that nearly 6,000,000 ft.² of warehouse distribution and space was added in the Portland region in 2020. He added that more was currently under construction.
- Mr. Garber highlighted a variety trends in e-commerce. Among them were carriers increasingly shipping to consumers, companies outsourcing or creating their own fleets, and increasing awareness on lowering emissions and zero emission zones.

9:25 AM Public Comment

- Michelle Sprague: I live in the Clinton industrial area on southeast 13. I wanted to thank Kate for public comment in regard to the Bob Stacy Crossing. The elevators, the south elevator was broken from September to approximately November and

unfortunately, right after the South elevator was fixed, the North elevator has been broken but I wanted to bring out, unfortunately on the 17th underpass porta potty has been moved into the underpass and it is now blocking half of the route. Hand, which is the neighborhood association, has not been able to find out who can move the porta potty. So not only do the predestinarians and bicyclists have to use the 17th underpass, it is also blocked. So if anybody knows, and it is a city-owned porta potty, if anyone knows who moves those it would be great. Thank you.

9:30 AM Adjourn

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