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Jo Ann Hardesty Commissioner **Chris Warner** Director

PBOT Bureau and Budget Advisory Committee (BBAC)

Committee Chairs: James Ellis, Chair and Susan Johnson, Co-Chair

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, December 15, 2022, | 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. | Virtual meeting via Zoom

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TIME	**AGENDA ITEM**
4:00 p.m.	**Welcome and public comment** Speaker: James Ellis, BBAC Co-chair
4:10 p.m.	**Vision Zero reading**
4:15 p.m.	**Bureau Update by PBOT Director Chris Warner**
4:25 p.m.	**Budget update**
4:45 p.m.	**Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Center (CREEC) General Fund Ask** **Speakers:** Eva Huntsinger, Engineering Manager and Ken McGair, City Attorney
5:05 p.m.	**Derelict RV Program Update** **Speakers:** Dave Benson, Parking & Regulatory Manager and Mike Crebs, Parking Enforcement Manager
5:25 p.m.	**Closing and next steps**

Meeting Attendees

Committee Members Present	Committee Members Absent
Audrey Zhao	Jennifer Young
Maria Hernandez	Jodi Ballard-Beach
Dave Daley	Kara Helgren
David Stein	Meikelo Cabbage
Delanie Graham	Rambod Benham
Ignacio Simon	Simon Griffin
James Ellis	Tsering Sherpa
James O'Laughlen	
Josh Roll	
Mariah Dula	

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Rob Martineau
Sean Sweat
Susan Johnson
Theodore Labbe
Timothy Bowers
Trevor Luu

City Staff	Bureau
PBOT Director Chris Warner	Transportation
Tara Wasiak	Transportation
Matt Grumm	Transportation
Marianna Lomanto	Transportation
Jeramy Patton	Transportation
Catherine Ciarlo	Transportation
Megan Cummings	Transportation
Hannah Schaffer	Transportation
Eva Huntsinger	Transportation
Michael Crebs	Transportation
Dave Benson	Transportation
Katie Root	Transportation
Ken McGair	Office of the City Attorney

Other attendees	
Bryce Lieake	Ryan Sotomayor

Welcome, Public Comment and Check-ins

Susan Johnson, BBAC Co-Chair, welcomed committee members and guests, and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Public Comment: BBAC meetings are open to the public. Public comment is welcomed at meetings. No members of the public came forward to provide public comment.

Vision Zero reading of the names: PBOT Director Chris Warner read the names of the people that were killed due to traffic violence since the last BBAC meeting in November 2022 and the group honored them in a moment of silence.

Updates from PBOT Director Warner

Director Warner thanked Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty for her leadership these past two years. She took control of PBOT at the start of 2021, mid-pandemic. Her strong leadership has led PBOT on the path to a permanent Healthy Businesses and Plazas program. She secured funding for Vision Zero safety improvements. And she secured the deal with the Oregon legislature and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for a successful transfer of 82nd Avenue to the city which included $80 million from the state and $70 million from ODOT.

Director Warner announced PBOT Gravel Street Service kicked off a new season last month. This winter PBOT crews are grading and graveling residential gravel streets in Southeast, Northeast, and North Portland. Crews work on a three-year cycle.

Director Warner spoke about the most recent update on another key Fixing Our Streets project. PBOT released an updated design for the NE Killingworth paving project. After hearing from members of the community that they wanted protected bike lanes on the corridor, PBOT did additional outreach and have come up with a new design that includes parking protected bike lanes as well as other pedestrian safety improvements. One of the most exciting things about this engagement was the work PBOT did with Living Cully. As part of that work, the bureau saw broad support for bike lanes and pedestrian safety coming from the Spanish-speaking Cully community. As PBOT continues to expand its outreach and engagement with Portlanders, it's an important reminder that we must continue to grow PBOT's relationships beyond our traditional advocacy groups as the bureau works to achieve our transportation justice and climate goals.

Director Warner shared that the workers at Maintenance Operations are busy planning and analyzing weather forecasts, so PBOT is ready to keep roads passable for first responders and transit during severe weather. Director Warner thanked PBOT night crews who've already been applying anti-icer around the city on an almost-nightly basis as well as the street sweeping crews who will be finishing up PBOT's annual Leaf Day service this weekend.

Finally, Director Warner thanked the BBAC members for their interest in revenue and developing a revenue subcommittee. Director Warner pointed out that over the next two months, the committee will need to remain focused on this budget cycle and can shift to revenue after that. With so many challenges currently facing this city, one of the tasks the Bureau hopes committee members can begin to help with first is simply to raise the profile of this problem. Most folks don't understand that transportation has a funding problem. The Director indicated he hopes that the BBAC can help people understand the challenges that the bureau faces and that we will need to raise new revenue.

PBOT Budget Update

The PBOT Financial team, Jeramy Patton, Business Services Group Director, gave an update on the budget. The presentation slides can be found here. Jeramy spoke about PBOT revenue losses to date FY 19-20 through 21-22, noting losses amounting to 18% of anticipated General Transportation Revenue over past three years. He also noted reductions are required to balance PBOT General Transportation Revenue (GTR) forecast. PBOT staff are approaching reduction options strategically, moving away from across-the-board reduction targets. Jeramy noted the reductions overview by groups, and major programmatic cuts.

Jeramy highlighted the budget guidance from the Mayor. Reductions to General Fund supported programs are not required.

Bureaus are not allowed to request new General Fund resources in the Requested Budget, and requests for General Fund resources, Capital Set-Aside, and Cannabis Tax resources must be submitted by Commissioner-in-Charge in early March.

Jeramy asked BBAC for their support with the BBAC letter. The letter from the BBAC is an important communication tool to ensure that PBOT's budgetary needs are heard and addressed by City Council. Jeramy noted the bureau would appreciate BBAC's support in these areas:

- Implementation of the 40-cent parking meter increase
- Severity of revenue challenges/Importance of future alternative revenue sources

• ADA curb ramp funding from General Fund
• Moving non-PBOT expenditures to the General Fund
• Moving non-core expenditures to the General Fund

Jeramy also noted there will be other opportunities to engage Council and support PBOT on these key items include attending and speaking at budget hearings.

Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Center (CREEC) General Fund Ask Presentation

Eva Huntsinger, Engineering Manager and Ken McGair, City Attorney offered a presentation on the Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Center (CREEC) General Fund Ask. The CREEC is the legal group that sued the city for not providing curb ramps in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. This class action seeks to ensure that the City's corners are ADA compliant. The goal of this presentation was to inform the BBAC on the CREEC Settlement and its impact on PBOT's budget. The presentation slides can be found here.

BBAC members engaged in Eva's presentation by asking questions and offering comments on a wide range of issues. Some of the topics discussed include PBOT's process for handling maintenance deficiencies with ramps, PBOT's ramp installation prioritization process, as well as concerns with ramp installations compromising bike networks during their installations.

Derelict RV Program Update Presentation

Dave Benson, Parking & Regulatory Services Group Director, and Mike Crebs, Parking Enforcement Manager gave a presentation on the Derelict RV Program, which addresses the issue of broken-down recreational vehicles on city streets. This program works to identify, remove, and dismantle these vehicles to support neighborhood livability and promote public safety. PBOT works with people experiencing homelessness, local neighbors, the Portland Police Bureau, vehicle owners, and tow companies to remove these vehicles from City right-of- way, and either dismantle them or repair them to functional use.

Dave and Mike spoke about the work PBOT staff are doing around derelict RVs and the cost impact this has on PBOT. They have 10 FTE officers doing this work. These are Parking Enforcement officers who are now doing this work. It costs about 1.5 million dollars a year to keep up the program running.

BBAC members raised questions and comments during the presentation ranging what the program's potential expansion needs are and whether the job that the Parking Enforcement officers are doing with the Derelict RV Program, is within the scope of PBOT or there is a path for the City to deal with some of these issues in a systemic way.

The presentation slides from the Derelict RV program can be found here.

Meeting Reminders

- The next BBAC meeting will take place on Thursday, January 19.
- Sign up here to receive BBAC meeting notices and reminders.
- BBAC meetings are open to the public. BBAC meetings allocates the first minutes of each meeting for public comment. To submit written public comment electronically or to sign up to provide live comment at the meeting email: marianna.lomanto@portlandoregon.gov.