

PORTLAND FREIGHT COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Meeting No. 252



This was an in-person meeting, while still providing a hybrid option for those unable to attend in person.

WHEN: Thursday, October 3rd, 2024 @ 8:30 AM

8:30 AM **Welcome and Introductions**

Jana Jarvis

8:35 AM **Hot Topics, Points of Interest**

Jana Jarvis / All

- Corky Collier provided information on the Montgomery Park Area Plan that will be recommended to council – voiced concerns regarding the impact on industrial land supply and the number of loading docks, particularly on Wilson St due to the proposed streetcar alignment.
- The OMSI District Plan could see impacts to sidewalk and bicycle access on Water Ave. Members expressed some interest to learn more.
- Multnomah County sent out a letter to the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) hub regarding a tank mitigation plan and to propose a new tax in the event of the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. Conversations around the impacts on fuel costs considering other existing regulations, such as from DEQ and FEMA, have been ongoing.
- Steve Kountz announced that was his last PFC meeting. Members thanked him for his service to the committee over the years.
- Restrictions on political campaigning – Denver Igarta reminded the committee of these restrictions as public officials and members of a city advisory committee.
- Driver Appreciation week was held in mid-September.

8:50 AM **North Portland Temporary Alternative Shelter Site (TASS)**

Hendrik Broekelschen (Portland Solutions), Brandy Westerman (Portland Solutions), Wendy Cawley (PBOT)

- See presentation for details.

Questions, Comments and Answers:

Is there a pre-emptive plan in case of illegal camping, including parked RVs, outside the site?

Hendrik Broekelschen: Our site provider, Urban Alchemy, will be doing walks around the site and will engage proactively with any individuals who choose to have an unsanctioned camp or RV within a certain perimeter of the site. We also have our own city response tools that can assist if there are any issues.

Comment: There remains an issue with 72-hour posting where no one can move people on if an RV were parked illegally.

Hendrik Broekelschen: We can only operate within our legal direction. We don't anticipate this will be a major issue, but we have tools to handle it.

Brandy Westerman: We dealt with this situation on NE 33rd Ave and PBOT proactively posted "no parking" signs so officers can ask a vehicle to move immediately. We're in discussions about doing this north of the site. There will be concrete barriers south of the site.

Is this a transition program or is this for permanent housing?

Brandy Westerman: The intent is to move people into permanent housing, and this is only a temporary transitional space. We anticipate most individuals will move on to the next step on their housing journey within 3-9 months or so.

Is this land zoned industrial?

Brandy Westerman: Yes.

If we put up concrete barriers, why would we need to reduce posted traffic speeds?

Brandy Westerman: There is only space for concrete barriers up to the railroad bridge. South of the bridge, lower traffic speeds will help with safety to reduce the severity of a conflict. There would be about a 20-second travel time increase by dropping the speed limit to the bridge from 45 to 30 miles per hour.

Comment: There would be a negative economic impact of lowering the speed limit and truck drivers are used to the speed limit here. If they get a speeding ticket, they could lose their livelihood. Maybe you should promise no enforcement.

Comment: Narrowing the lanes to 12ft could be difficult for wide loads.

Brandy Westerman: Lane width on the slough bridge is already 12ft and 11ft on Columbia.

Comment: The security perimeter should be expanded.

Have you met with the social service organizations in the area to get their input?

Hendrik Broekelschen: We've had a listening session and have upcoming meetings to continue engaging with those stakeholders.

How long is "temporary"?

Brandy Westerman: For the site, it would be up to our elected decisionmakers. For the guests, their stay is also temporary as a transitional shelter.

Have you considered constructing a better path on the eastern side of Portland Rd?

Brandy Westerman: There's a larger unfunded plan to make that connection and potentially have a path on the east side. Considering the shelter will be on the west side, it would be more expensive to propose a crossing and permanent infrastructure at this time.

9:25 AM Interstate Bridge Replacement Program (IBR)

Shilpa Mallem (IBR Design Manager), Casey Liles (IBR Delivery Manager) and Caitlin Reff (PBOT)

IBR staff will share an overview of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Draft SEIS).

- See presentation for details.

Questions, Comments and Answers:

Are there any plans for the I-5 interchange connecting east to 99E, Marine Dr and Vancouver Way?

Shilpa Mallem: We have a draft and videos available online so that you can see the proposed changes. We're not in the final design phase yet, so we're looking for input.

Comment: We would like a follow-up meeting to provide input.

Caitlin Reff: You can coordinate through me (PBOT) to get it set up.

10:05 AM HVUT Update

Mark Lear (PBOT)

**Due to time constraints, this agenda item was moved to next month's agenda.*

10:20 AM Public Comments

Jana Jarvis

- Question to the IBR team: In your findings on reduced crashes, did the SEIS look at the severity of those crashes, both historical and anticipated? Does that also consider the impact on congestion?

Shilpa Mallem: We do have that information for historical crashes. Looking to the future, we are concerned with reducing all crashes regardless of severity. We also do look at the correlation between crashes and congestion.

10:30 AM Adjourn

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