

PORTLAND FREIGHT COMMITTEE NOTES

Meeting No. 232

WHEN: Thursday, January 5th, 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.	Gabriela Giron
7:35 AM	Hot Topics, Points of Interest	Jana Jarvis / All

- PBOT is looking at engineering solutions to address safety conflicts between vehicle and pedestrian movement at the Basin & Ensign St in the Swan Island neighborhood.
- The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) offers the opportunity to join the Fixing Our Street Oversight Committee. This Committee monitors revenues, expenditures, and implementation for the Fixing Our Streets program that funds road repair and transportation safety projects through a 10-cent-per-gallon gas tax. Information about the opportunity will be shared with the committee members.
- The I-5 Rose Quarter SEA PFC comment letter was finalized and shared with PBOT's Director Chris Warner. The letter will be posted online and shared by email with all PFC members.
- Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund (PCEF) staff will be convening roundtables for each funding priority (or topic) in the Climate Investment Plan to create robust first drafts for public review and comment. PCEF opened applications for members of the public to participate in the topic roundtables. Information about the applications has been shared the committee members.

8:00 AM

Regional Freight Delay and Commodities Movement Study

Tim Collins (Metro)

Metro staff provided a briefing on the findings and progress of the Commodity movement study, which includes a policy framework for commodity movement in the region; and a deeper understanding of how COVID-19 economic impacts have affected freight truck travel, e-commerce, and delivery service.

- Metro staff gave a briefing on the project, including:

- There is a lack robust data on e-commerce demand at the local level. However, local e-commerce demand is influenced by national/global economic and logistics trends. State and regional data on consumer spending, industrial real estate, and employment in key sectors suggest this region has had rapid growth in e-commerce like the nation has observed.
 - E-commerce requires more space than traditional brick-and-mortar retail. This is due to the distributed network of distribution and fulfillment centers used to position product and fulfill orders as close to the customer's location as possible, and a high proportion (30%) of e-commerce orders are returned, and thus, retailers need space to receive and process those returns.
 - The study is looking at 19 of 23 Regional Mobility Corridors are being used for studying commodity types and commodity movements.
 - Results for three mobility corridors located in the Portland area were shared including:
 - Rivergate to I-5
 - I-5 freight corridor from Portland Central City to Vancouver
 - Columbia Corridor - I-5 to I-205 north of I-84
- Tim Collins used the Metro study's website for to present some of the results.

Additionally, Metro has provided additional notes of their presentation.

8:30 AM Update on the Joint Transportation Committee *Rep. Susan McLain*

- Rep. Susan McLain provided an update on the 2017 transportation package and her perspective on transportation-related improvement, including:
- The transportation network is a system and thus, all pieces of this system should be supported
 - Th 2017 transportation package projects completed (e.g., Transit, Safe Routes and statewide projects)

Jana Jarvis

9:00 AM 2023 PFC meetings

- Gabriela Giron (PBOT) went through items and topics that were presented during the 2022 PFC meetings.
- PFC members suggested relevant topics should be presented or discussed at the 2023 PFC meetings, including:
 - Portland Harbor Update
 - Regional Transportation Plan – PBOT and Metro's update
 - Heavy Vehicle Tax Funds
 - Navigational aids used by carriers
 - Technologies /facilities that could support handoffs to smaller/fewer polluting

- vehicles
 - Update from Daimler on what vehicles carriers are purchasing, especially electric.
 - IBR project
 - I-5 Rose Quarter project
 - BPS Economic Opportunity Analysis
 - 2040Freight
 - Modal Committee Review
 - Commissioner's visit
 - Port of Portland – Cargo Trends Update
 - Metro Commodity Study Update
 - ODOT's tolling update
 - Union Pacific update
 - Albina Rail Yard At-Grade-Separation Grant
- Based on PFC members request, PBOT will provide an update at the February meeting on:
 - Heavy Vehicle Tax Funds
 - Regional Transportation Plan – PBOT's perspective
 - Additionally, Steve Kountz (BPS) will provide a presentation regarding the Economic Opportunity Analysis focus on Middle-wage and BIPOC wage disparity trends and projections in the March meeting.

9:30 AM Adjourn

Questions about this agenda or other questions about the Portland Freight Committee please contact:

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- Also, visit the Portland Freight Committee website at:
<https://www.portland.gov/transportation/freightcommiteee>