

PORTLAND FREIGHT COMMITTEE NOTES

Meeting No. 228

WHEN: Thursday, September 1st, 2022 @ 7:30 AM

WHERE: Virtual Zoom/ Meeting



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Time:

7:30 AM

Topic:

**Welcome and Zoom Meeting Protocol:
Minutes approved.**

Lead:

Gabriela Giron / Mark Lear

Jana Jarvis / All

7:35 AM

Hot Topics, Points of Interest

- Tom Bouillion (Port of Portland) shared a quick update on the new PDX terminal construction project.
- Tim Collins (Metro) mentioned that the Regional Freight model is completed as part of the Commodity Movement study. He plans to return in November and share the model output.
- Pia Welch announced that September 15 is the comments deadline on the Oregon Highway Plan - Policy Amendment 2022 (tolling). This amendment focuses on guiding rate setting and the use of revenues.
- Pia Welch, who has served as the Portland Freight Advisory Committee representative on the Bureau & Budget Advisory Committee (BBAC) for several years, has decided to step down. Pia's departure leaves a Freight Advisory Committee representative seat available.

7:45 AM

PBOT Project and Grant Support

**Mark Lear, Zef Wagner
(PBOT)**

- As a result of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, there is a significant increase in federal funding to support critical transportation improvement projects within the City of Portland. Therefore, PBOT staff is working on an ordinance to present to Council the following week, which focuses on three major infrastructure projects that would improve safety, multi-modal access, and asset condition:
 - Burgard Bridge Replacement, which is a critical link in the transportation network in North Portland, particularly for heavy freight movement, is in poor condition and seismically vulnerable.
 - Central Eastside Railroad Crossing Elimination Study to evaluate the persistent and growing issue of long freight train blockages of multiple at-grade railroad crossings in the Central Eastside and identify projects and strategies to address these issues.
 - Safe Systems on 122nd Ave to address needs on one of Portland's highest crash corridors.
- Additionally, the ordinance documents the City's support for ODOT's Reconnecting Communities grant application process for improvement at Rose Quarter.

8:10 AM

2040Freight Plan

**Gabriela Giron,
Francesca Jones, (PBOT)**

- Gabriela Giron provided an update on the 2040Freight actions/strategies and the Large Capital

Project list 2040Freight Plan.

- It was announced that in an effort to share ideas and feedback most effectively, an in-person workshop would be held on September 22nd at the Portland Building with all our advisory committees in one room: the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and the Portland Freight Committee.
- This workshop is an opportunity for all committee members and public members to provide feedback before the Internal Draft, which will turn into a public draft.

8:30 AM Modal Committee Review Process

**Francesca Jones, Denver
Igarta (PBOT)**

- Francesca Jones provided an updated timeline on the Modal Committee Review Process.
- A (supplemental) joint workshop will be held on October 25th with members of all three PBOT's modal committees (BAC, PAC, and PFC) at the Portland Building.
- The workshop will build upon the joint problem statement and list of objectives discussed during the modal committee's September meetings.
- In this optional joint BAC-PAC-PFC workshop, attendees will contribute to building robust pro and con considerations for all structure and process alternatives and ideas for ways to mitigate any cons to maximize the pros.
- RSVP to ensure representation from all the modal committees.
- The team compile additional feedback on these objectives and project statements to help identify potential improvements for the City's modal committees.

8:45 AM Renewable Fuels Standard code update

Andria Jacob (BPS)

- BPS opened public feedback on a proposed code amendment that would increase the required percentage of renewable fuels blended with petroleum diesel. The amendment does not specify which fuel.
- The proposal also includes a carbon intensity standard, which measures all total greenhouse gases emitted during the fuel's life cycle.
- Andria Jacob highlighted that City recognizes that the future of energy is electric, and renewable fuels are an interim step. This proposal aims to replace petroleum diesel with cleaner alternatives in the short term.

9:05 AM 7TH Ave and Sandy Ave Green Street Project

Katherine Rose (DePave)

- The DePave team provided an overview of the 7th Ave and Sandy Ave Green Street Project at SE 7th, Sandy Boulevard, and Washington St. intersection.
- The team showed the potential design options to get feedback from the PFC members. The design includes traffic calming, placemaking, and green infrastructure.
- The team encouraged the participants to take their Design Input survey published on the DePave website.
- PFC members encouraged the DePave project team to consider the freight operational needs of the businesses in the Central Eastside industrial district.

9:30 AM Adjourn

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

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