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Boise Parking Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) | Zoom Meeting
June 20, 2023
6 – 7:30 p.m.

To watch meeting recording go to:

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Meeting Summary

Members in Attendance

Velmer Bridges
Chase Holenstein
Jackie Kirouac-Fram
Jesse Nobile
Jen Stack
Janet Teller

Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) Staff

Kathryn Doherty-Chapman (Project Manager)
Maria Hernandez Segoviano (Senior Community Engagement Coordinator)

Consultant Staff

Dr. Christine Moses (Envirolssues)
Owen Ronchelli (Rick Williams Consulting)

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Moses started the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

- Introduced Committee Chairs and purpose.

Public involvement Plan

- Kathryn shared the public involvement plan for the project, [see the presentation here.](#)
- Goals:
 - Build community awareness of the project.
 - Enable well informed participation from historically underserved communities to inform the project.
 - Gather and use public input during the decision process, maintaining transparency at each step.
- Level of participation from International Association of Public Participation Spectrum of Public Involvement. Inform, consult, involve and collaborate.

Engagement Activities:

- Briefings
- Listening Sessions
- Boise Stakeholder Advisory Committee
- Online engagement
- Open houses
- Survey

Summer Engagement Activities

- Summer activities goals:
 - Inform people of the project, goals, and timeline
 - Get people to take the survey
 - Get people to sign up for the email list
- Summer activities:
 - Good in the Hood - June 24/25
 - Mississippi Street Fair - July 15
 - Concert in the Park (Unthank Park) - August 25
 - Soul District MLK Jr. Dream Run - September 16/17

Key Discussion Points:

- Velmer reviewed and found a typo will email Kathryn.
- Jen suggested tabling at the SEI Homecoming on August.
- Jen suggested having a QR code for the survey out in restaurants to have people take the survey while they are waiting.
 - Kathryn agreed and is working on sending out flyers to businesses with information about the survey, including a QR code.
- Jen asked about a survey incentive like a gift card for the survey.
 - Kathryn shared about the new City gift card policy and isn't sure any can be offered at this time. She will check with leadership to see if a donated gift card could be used.

Work Group Planning

- Update- will start recruiting in the fall 2023, planning to start meetings in winter 2023/2024.
- Working groups will help the project team learn and the committee understand key issues from the perspectives of different community members.
- Can have up to 6 working group meetings. E.g. Three groups that meet twice or two groups that meet 3 times.
- Purpose of working groups:
 - Provide feedback, brainstorming ideas.
 - Identify unintended consequences from suggested strategies.

Key Discussion Points:

- How will we be reaching out to these working groups?
 - Kathryn shared in terms of recruitment, committee is welcome to help recruit. Project team has some relationships already to outreach for recruitment.
 - First thing to address is to understand how many times work groups are meeting, what is the focus of each work group.
- Janet had an idea that we would go to a church or a community group and listen to people there, is that the plan?
 - Kathryn shared that there are multiple ways to engage. We want to have in-depth topic meetings with different people; and also have listening sessions like Janet mentioned, where we go to an existing meeting or group and hear feedback.
 - Janet agrees that it would be valuable to go to an existing group and just hear from them - where we may have different perspectives in that room.
 - How far in advance do we need to put this out there - that we are looking for more input?
 - The committee should consider what they need to hear from, what they need to hear in order to inform their participation in this process.
 - The parking study data might show us what/where the focus areas might be.
- Velmer said that we should not forget to hear from delivery drivers like amazon, etc.
- Jackie is wondering if we are letting the data guide the working groups. She is still fuzzy on the origination of the process. Is there potential that the data will show there is not really a parking issue to manage. Will this process cease or are we confident that the data will show there is an issue.
 - Kathryn responded about the history: in 2013 the city was growing quickly - a lot of new buildings coming without off-street parking and people were experiencing parking challenges. The mayor directed PBOT to study this issue in 2016 and the neighborhood participated in the Centers and Corridors Parking Study and Toolkit development. The data at the time showed there was a lot of parking demand in the area, but didn't get into any proposed strategies.
 - This process may show that there is only a problem on a few blocks or only during a few hours. Either way, feedback received through the years indicates that a plan with parking management tools and strategies need to be vetted with the community now as the neighborhood will continue to grow and change. Having a plan that has been informed by the community with the goals and guiding principles as tools get implemented in the future.
 - Jackie said there's also tension with the healthy business permits (street seats) and parking which is new and something we will have to reckon with.

Parking Management 101

See the presentation on [Parking 101 here](#) on basics of how PBOT manages parking.

Key Discussion Points:

- Jackie asked about models or other cities that offer free permits, like with proof of residency or something.
 - Kathryn said staff will present case studies at the next meeting and look into that. Most permit programs in other cities charge for permits.
- Jess asked if the main recommendation that came out of the POEM process is to make it easier to create new meter districts?
 - Kathryn responded that the goal is to make it easier to price parking as that can help influence people to drive less. Not necessarily new meter districts.
- Jesse shared that parking on his street is not a problem; it might be a problem for businesses but not for him, so why is it his problem? Having to get a permit would be a headache.
 - Owen from Rick Williams Consulting suggested that one way to look at it is that permits help preserve parking for residents. It does add extra layers for residents but that's one way to look at it.
 - Janet agrees that parking is never a problem on her street, but it might be if there's parking management around the corner and shares the concern of adding headaches.
- How will we make decisions? Is it solely on the data or will be voting?
 - Kathryn responded that data would inform our decisions, but there are a lot of people we need to talk with to see if there are unintended consequences. We also don't know what the impact of Covid-19 pandemic will be on transportation and parking habits.
- Jen brought up the fact that it costs more for her family to take the bus downtown compared to driving. She would take the bus more often since it's so convenient. Are there plans to make a family rate or something so that more families could take the bus more often. It doesn't make sense when it's cheaper to park downtown and pay the meter than take the bus with 4 people.
- The parking study data will be ready in September, and we will go over the data at the September meeting.
- The next meeting in July will focus on the Intercept Survey data, case studies, and Parking Management 101 section 2.

Public Comment

None

Next Steps and Action Items

- Intercept survey data will be shared ahead of the July meeting.

Adjourned at 7:27 p.m.