



Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Steering Committee  
Monday, June 1, 2015  
4 to 6:30 p.m.  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 9901 SE Caruthers St, Portland

*Committee members present:*

Shirley Craddick, Co-chair	Metro Council
Bob Stacey, Co-chair	Metro Council
Trell Anderson	Catholic Charities
John Bildsoe	Gresham Coalition of Neighborhood Associations
Lori Boisen	Division-Midway Alliance
Devin Carr	Student and transit rider
Bill Crawford	Southeast Uplift Neighborhood Coalition
Rick Doughty	Mt. Hood Community College
Jessica Howard	Portland Community College, Southeast
Kem Marks	East Portland Neighborhood Office and East Portland Action Plan
Neil McFarlane	TriMet
Diane McKeel	Multnomah County
Melinda Merrill	Fred Meyer
Raahi Reddy	Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon and University of Oregon
Vivian Satterfield	OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon
Lori Stegmann	City of Gresham
Leah Treat (for Steve Novick)	City of Portland
Rian Windsheimer	Oregon Department of Transportation

*Committee members excused:*

Shemia Fagan	Oregon State Legislature
Heidi Guenin	Upstream Public Health
Jason Howard	Johnson Creek Watershed Council

## **1.0 Welcome, introductions and agenda review**

Co-chair Shirley Craddick called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. and welcomed the committee members and public in attendance. Each committee member introduced themselves and noted their jurisdictional or community affiliation.

Ms. Dana Lucero presented an overview of agenda items and materials for the meeting. She reminded the committee members that today's decision is to seek consensus on the Transit Action Plan, which codifies decisions the committee has made to date and recommends advancing the Powell-Division project to the Project Development phase.

Co-chair Bob Stacey asked for any amendments to the March 16, 2015 Steering Committee meeting summary. With no amendments, the summary was approved unanimously.

## **2.0 Public comment**

Co-chair Bob Stacey inquired if there were any public comments. No public comments were submitted.

## **3.0 Understanding of Action Plans, next steps through winter, and 2016 and beyond**

Co-chair Stacey introduced Mr. Brian Monberg, Metro, to present an overview of Action Plans and future steps in the Powell-Division project.

Mr. Monberg reminded the committee of decisions that were made since February 2014. The decisions included establishing project goals and objectives, determining route options, bus rapid transit as the preferred mode, and developing action plans. He presented next steps for the Powell-Division project:

- **Summer and fall 2015** - Present Transit Action Plan to local and regional elected bodies for consideration and endorsement. Focus efforts on technical work as the project moves into Project Development.
- **Winter 2016** - Seek Steering Committee consensus on a Locally Preferred Alternatives which confirms mode, route and station locations.
- **Spring 2016** - Seek endorsements of Locally Preferred Alternative from local and regional elected bodies.

The committee members inquired about project's next steps and how current local transit service would fit with future transit design. One member of the audience raised a question on why Cleveland Avenue was a route option under consideration in Gresham.

Questions were raised by the members of the committee on how other bus service in the corridor (lines 4-Division and 9-Powell, in particular) would continue to operate after bus rapid transit service begins. Mr. Monberg responded that TriMet will undertake service planning in the one to two years before the project opens. He also pointed to the service enhancement planning efforts which create a vision for future service improvements in the corridor.

#### 4.0 Transit Action Plan

Mr. Monberg continued by presenting an overview of Transit Action Plan. He stated that the plan advances a bus rapid transit project with the general route of inner Powell Boulevard in Southeast Portland transitioning to Division Street in East Portland, continuing to Gresham Transit Center, and connecting to Mt. Hood Community College via Stark Street. He reminded the committee members and the audience that the Steering Committee has unanimously advanced the following options:

- Tilikum Crossing over the Willamette River
- 82nd Avenue as the preferred north/south Portland option
- Continuing to study 50th and 52nd avenues
- Main/223rd, Cleveland, and Hogan Road as north/south Gresham options to connect to Stark Street and Mt. Hood Community College

Mr. Monberg recommended the committee members support advancing the project into the Project Development phase. He explained that during the approximately a 2-year process, Project Development will ready the project for a federal grant application, final design and construction.

The committee members deliberated on the proposed actions and requested to make the following adjustments:

- T5: To include Outer Powell Transportation Safety Project (ODOT) and East Metro Connections Plan
- R7: To add “work with partners to ensure equity strategies are implemented” and “Metro will continue to coordinate with city and regional efforts”
- Create additional section, R14, that includes the following: “Promote economic growth and workforce development along the corridor. Pursue opportunities for local and other geographic-based hiring preferences. Timing 2015-2020. Monitor US DOT Ladders of Opportunity Contracting Initiative Pilot Program and consider Powell-Division project for program should the program continue. Track and support new rule making regarding geographic hiring provisions for labor on DOT-assisted projects.”

Co-chair Stacey called for consensus to support the Transit Action Plan with the above mentioned amendments.

To indicate their level of support, each member of the Powell-Division Steering Committee raised a color card. Each color represents the following:

**Green** – I support this

**Yellow** – I have concerns that will need to be addressed or am skeptical, but I will not block this

**Red** – I do not support this

All the committee members raised green cards, indicating unanimous support.

#### 5.0 Cities' action plans

Co-chair Stacey introduced Mr. Brian Martin, City of Gresham, to give an overview of the Gresham Action Plan. Mr. Martin walked the committee through the development of the plan. The action plan was based on studies of existing conditions and public comments about changes community

members would like to see near transit stations in Gresham. Strategies and actions in the plan address the following areas:

- Economic development
- Promote desired development
- Lively and active places
- Transportation
- Housing

In conclusion, Mr. Martin gave a brief overview of the timeline and next steps.

The committee commented on the plan's feasibility and requested the city do additional research on housing availability and vulnerability. In addition, members of the committee commented on the need to address bicycle and pedestrian safety, possibly to provide driver education, promote local businesses, and attract more jobs to Gresham areas.

Co-chair Craddick introduced Mr. Radcliffe Dacanay, City of Portland, to give an overview of the Portland Action Plan. Mr. Dacanay briefed the committee members on the development of the plan. The plan lists the near-term steps and investments that could be taken to help implement the community visions. Actions include investments in new programs, policy revisions and guidance for City staff to follow when working as part of the regional project team. The actions in this plan are organized to match the phases of the transit project:

- Project Development
- Construction
- Early Operations

He elaborated on specific strategies and actions for each phase, and concluded with an overview of timeline and next steps.

The committee members raised concerns for local businesses not being able to fit in and afford to stay in the Jade district after the project development phase, and asked to clarify definition of affordable housing. Additional concerns and comments included limited parking for high school students at the CLIMB center, improving pedestrian infrastructure around 130th and 140th streets, and nighttime safety provisions along the corridor. Requests were made to engage rental housing association and consider possibility of cluster housing in PDX and Gresham.

## **6.0 Bicycle and pedestrian policy framework: what we learned, heard and next steps**

Co-chair Craddick introduced Mr. Brian Monberg, Metro, to give an overview of bicycle and pedestrian policy framework. Mr. Brian Monberg gave a brief overview of bicycle and pedestrian system concepts. He noted that significant gaps and needs exist in the corridor. He then described the approach to developing the bicycle and the pedestrian components, which was shared members of bicycle and pedestrian committees during their development. These are intended to serve as a starting point to evaluate improvements, to help identify priority projects and funding.

## **7.0 Adjourn**

Co-chair Stacey adjourned the meeting at 6:23p.m.

Meeting summary respectfully submitted by:

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Yuliya Kharitonova

Attachments to the Record:

Item	Type	Document Date	Description	Document Number
1	Agenda	6/1/15	6/1/15 Steering Committee Agenda	060115PDSC-01
2	Document	3/16/15	3/16/15 Steering Committee Meeting Summary	060115PDSC-02
3	Document	May 2015	Transit Action Plan	060115PDSC-03
4	Document	April 2015	Gresham Action Plan	060115PDSC-04
5	Document	May 2015	Portland Action Plan	060115PDSC-05
6	Report	6/01/15	Public Engagement Report	060115PDSC-06
7	Report	May 2015	Transit Alternatives Evaluation Results Technical Report	060115PDSC-07
8	Report	5/5/15	Bicycle Element of the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project	060115PDSC-08
9	Report	5/13/15	Pedestrian Access Report	060115PDSC-09
10	Document	May 2015	Gresham Neighborhood Change Analysis	060115PDSC-10