

Portland Streetcar Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 21, 2019, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Bogue Boardroom, 3rd Floor, Karl Miller Center, Portland State University, 615 SW Harrison Street

Members in Attendance: Lenny Anderson; Raymond Becich; David Brandt, Chair; Carolyn Brock; Michael Cannarella; Reza Farhoodi, Vice Chair; Sorin Garber; Susan Pearce; Zoe Presson; Debra Unverdruss; Stephen Weber; Erik Wilson

Staff in Attendance: Andrew Plambeck

1. Meeting Called to Order:

Brandt called the meeting to order.

Garber moved, and Weber seconded, to approve the minutes from January 17. The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Public Comment

Brandt provided an opportunity for public comment.

3. Streetcar Summit preview

Plambeck described the upcoming Streetcar Summit in Tucson, Arizona, and shared the conference agenda and discussed the presentations Portland Streetcar staff will be making. There will also be a tour of the Tempe streetcar project currently under construction. The group discussed Federal Transit Administration staff attendance and the presentations being made.

4. Northwest extension and equity analysis update

Plambeck gave an update on the FTA grant for the Northwest extension and land use analysis. He gave an overview of the equity analysis process currently underway and how it fits into the broader land use and zoning analysis. The group discussed potential for an urban renewal area, inclusionary housing, zoning scenarios, federal involvement in infrastructure funding and the upcoming City Council annual report.

The group also discussed the rail engineering piece of the project, the new Line 24 bus route, analysis of the east side portion of the corridor, other transit in and around the area, and the scope of work for City staff in the next few months.

5. Grand Avenue BAT lane project update

Plambeck provided an update on the Grand Avenue Business Access and Transit lane, which will begin construction in mid-March and be completed and operational by the end of April to provide a dedicated lane to allow the Streetcar and Line 6 bus to avoid queuing traffic trying to enter I-84. The group discussed photo enforcement of BAT lane compliance, signage for drivers, communications to promote the project and Enhanced Transit Corridors generally.

6. ODOT I-5 Rose Quarter environmental assessment comment period overview

Plambeck explained the I-5 Rose Quarter environmental assessment, the timeline for public comment and what the project means for Streetcar during and after construction. The group discussed ways in which the project can improve Streetcar operations after construction ends, lane configurations for transit on Broadway and Weidler, and what the CAC can provide as comment. Anderson moved, and Unverdruss seconded, to submit a letter capturing the CAC's comments on the project during the environmental assessment public comment period. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Other business

Brandt mentioned that tomorrow there will be a seminar by the Center for Transportation Studies at Portland State University on the use of communication and language in discussing public transportation and how to most effectively use it.

Brandt also explained that PSI staff and the Chair and Vice Chair will be meeting to discuss the committee's work and asked that members provide any input to him for that conversation.

Plambeck described a streetcar-involved collision this morning at SW 6th and Market in which a box truck turned into the front of the streetcar. Car 10 will be out of service for repair, and there were no serious injuries. The collision scene was cleared within 19 minutes.

Brandt said the next meeting will be March 21 but will need to be at a different location.

Brandt adjourned the meeting.