

Eastside Project Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 16, 2005, 825 NE Multnomah, Second Floor Conference Room, 2:00pm

Members in Attendance: Hank Ashforth, Mike Bolliger, Steve Fosler, Wayne Kingsley, Susan Lindsay, Bill Medak, Rick Parker, Susan Pearce, Brad Perkins, Chris Smith, Dee Walsh

Others: Vern Rifer

Staff Attendance: Richard Brandman, Kay Dannen, Vicky Diede, Mark Dorn, Peter Finley Fry, Rick Gustafson, Steve Iwata, Alan Lehto, Carter MacNichol, Denyse McGriff, Patty Montgomery, Ross Roberts, Mark Turpel, Dave Unsworth

1. Public Comment Opportunity.

As part of each future Eastside Project Advisory Committee meeting, members of the public attending the meeting will be given the opportunity to testify. It was noted that there was no public testimony given.

2. Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from February 16. The minutes were approved by majority.

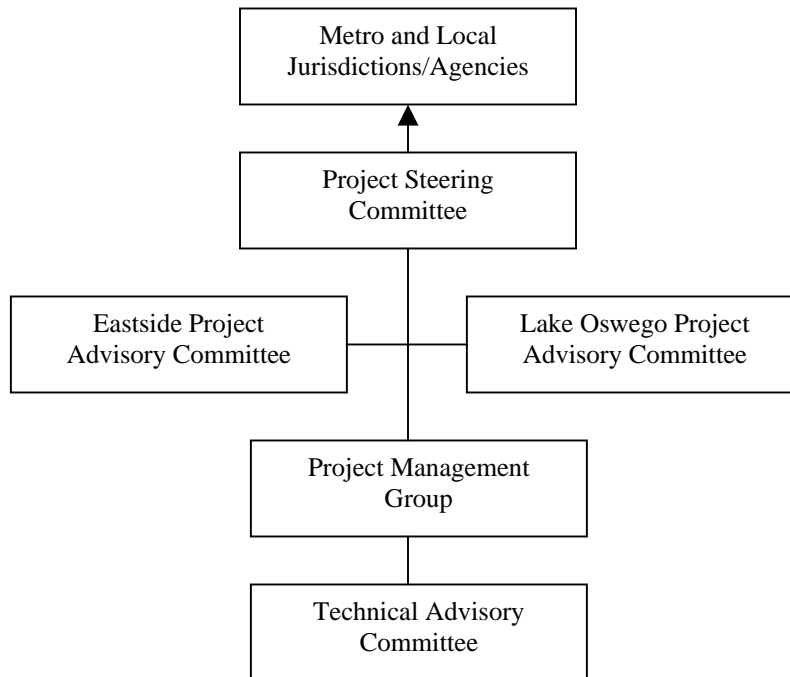
3. Conceptual Planning Report.

Carter MacNichol from Shiels Obletz Johnsen and Mark Dorn from URS presented a report on the initial evaluation of the streetcar alternatives. A review was done of the major issues that have been identified with regard to utilities, traffic and the Broadway Bridge. Broadway Bridge had tracks at one time, streetcar will utilize inside lanes. The lift span for the bridge was installed in 1912 and wheels that pull up the span are over-stressed. According to Multnomah County, any increase in weight would make the bridge fail. Cost to replace 4 wheels, \$1-1.2 million each. Brandman will discuss with Multnomah County a 20-year plan to replace wheels. Wayne Kingsley advised the group of the North Banfield/Greeley ODOT project, which includes 10 foot travel lanes. This portion of I-5 and 1-84 has been identified as the #1 congested freeways in Portland. Wayne suggested that the Portland Freight Committee be advised on the Streetcar project. Mark and Carter walked the committee through step-by-step the proposed alignment and identified potential stop locations, side of the street operations, potential utility conflicts, bus connection issues, slip ramp & bridgehead issues, UP railroad crossing, etc.

4. Transit Corridor Steering Committee.

Metro is in the process of forming the Steering Committee for the Eastside Corridor and Portland to Lake Oswego Corridor studies with a combined responsibility. Elected officials from participating jurisdictions will be included, as well as the chair of the Project Advisory Committee for each corridor. Study Committee structure is as follows:

Study Committee Structure



The Project Management Group (PMG) has been formed and will be meeting the 1st Wednesday of each month at 2 pm at Metro, Room 270. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has also been formed and will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 2 pm at Metro in Room 501. An Eastside Streetcar briefing has been scheduled with the Lloyd District TMA for April 7. Dave Unsworth and Rick Gustafson will be giving that briefing.

5. Criteria and Measures.

A draft report on purpose, need, goal, objectives and criteria, which is proposed to be used to evaluate options, was included in the handout packet. This criteria will continue to be revised throughout the Alternative Analysis process.

6. Conceptual Design Report.

Included also in the handout packet for committee members was the draft outline of the Conceptual Definitions of Alternatives Report along with maps of the corridor, which will be used at the planning April 26 public workshop.

7. Alternatives Analysis Workshop.

This public workshop is planned for Tuesday, April 26, 2005, 4:00-6:00pm at the Multnomah County Building in the Commission Chamber Room, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. The purpose of this open house is to inform the public about the potential options to be studied during the alternatives analysis phase, the timing and schedule for the study, the criteria by which decisions will be made, and to offer an opportunity for public input.

8. Federal Communications.

JPACT members visited Washington, D.C. the week of March 7, 2005. Members of the committee commented on those visits. Richard Brandman indicated that FTA is intrigued but not enamored by the land use development connection with Streetcar. All options have to be considered for FTA purposes. T-21 bill in the amount of \$284 billion passed the house last week. Within that bill was \$1 billion per year for 6 years for small starts and \$6 billion per year for 6 years for new starts. Senate has yet to act on the bill. More news to come.

Portland Streetcar, Inc. Agenda

1. MTIP Hearing.

The final recommendation from JPACT at Metro is expected to be announced at the March 17 meeting. Many members of this committee as well as the PSI board and Streetcar CAC either gave oral and/or written testimony. A special thank you to those who made the effort to testify in support of MTIP funding for Eastside and Lake Oswego.

2. Oregon Convention Center Urban Renewal 5-Year Plan.

The Urban Renewal Advisory Committee has included the Eastside Streetcar in their recommendation for the Portland Development Commission 5-year plan for the Oregon Convention Center district. A total of \$2 million for Eastside Streetcar has been recommended.

Next Meeting: April 20, 2005 at 2 p.m., 825 NE Multnomah, second floor.