

Portland Streetcar Eastside Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 16, 2004, Lloyd Center Tower, 825 NE Multnomah, 2nd floor conference room, 2:00pm

Members in Attendance: *Hank Ashforth, chair; Rick Parker, vice chair, Mike Bolliger, Susan Pearce, Joe Vaughn for J.E. Isaac, Wayne Kingsley, Brad Perkins, Michael Powell, Dee Walsh, Bill Medak, Rod McDowell*

Others: *Lee Perlman, Joe Angel, Vern Rifer*

Staff Attendance: *Kay Dannen, Vicky Diede, Owen Ronchelli, Sloan Schang, Phil Sellinger, Dave Unsworth, Peter Finley Fry, Denyse McGriff*

1. Meeting called to order.

Rick called the meeting to order. Mike Bolliger pointed out an omission in the minutes of May 18, 2004. Correction: Congressman Blumenauer has been successful in adding an amendment to the T-21 House Bill which allows "small starts" projects, which would assist streetcar in their funding applications to the federal government. Another amendment proposed by Congressman Blumenauer is to modify cost-effectiveness calculations to include "economic development opportunities along the project corridor and local land use influences." All would assist Streetcar in being more competitive in the ranking process used by FTA to rate projects as to fundability.

2. Implementation Schedule for Eastside Streetcar:

Vicky briefed the committee on the implementation schedule for Eastside Streetcar. The schedule is based upon securing a Project Construction Grant Agreement from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The first steps are recommended to include Metro commencing alternatives analysis and Portland Streetcar, Inc., conducting the conceptual planning work to support streetcar development. Funds are currently in place for funding to Nov 04, but at that point large amounts of money need to be dedicated to Eastside Streetcar schedule, in order to keep the project on track. Hank reiterated that the Portland Development Commission (PDC) has placed the \$1.1 million URAC pledges from OCC and CEIC dedicated to Eastside Streetcar, not fundable until T-21 is passed. There is concern that this bill will not get passed this year. Hank has been working with Commissioner Francesconi to set up a meeting with the PDC commission and chair Hennessee. Scheduling has proven challenging. Hank has recommended that the committee appeal to the commission to agree to commit URAC dollars currently held in abeyance until T-21 is passed, towards the secured HUD grant to keep the project on schedule.

3. PSI Contract for Conceptual Planning:

It is recommended that the Eastside Steering Committee support the resolution that calls for Portland Streetcar, Inc., to contract with the City of Portland to conduct conceptual planning work on phase 4 of the Eastside Streetcar project. This scope of work calls for evaluation of the utilities, track placement on the street, financial plan, and Broadway Bridge engineering. Michael Powell made a motion to proceed with conceptual planning; Rick Parker seconded that motion and it was pass in full agreement by the committee.

4. Metro Alternatives Analysis:

It was recommended that the Eastside Steering Committee support the City of Portland contracting with Metro to commence the alternatives analysis for the Eastside Streetcar. Work in this contract is proposed to include a purpose and needs statement for the project, definition of the base line system, specification of alternatives, methodology to be used, and initial evaluation of economic development potential. Cost range is \$590,000 to \$990,000 with the amount and project approach to be proposed to be resolved by November 2004. Mike Bolliger made a motion to support Metro's first phase of the

alternative analysis study, which costs \$50,000. This motion was seconded by Michael Powell and passed in full agreement by the committee.

5. MTIP Request:

It was recommended that the Eastside Steering Committee support a request by the City of Portland for regional MTIP funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 to support the Eastside Streetcar study. Vicky Diede outlined the details of this application. Phil Selinger indicated that there is a lot of competition for this discretionary money and care should be taken in filling out the application. Vicky will work with Metro, TriMet and PDC to complete this application to meet the June 30 deadline. This application process is done every two years with funding allocations currently in place to 08-09. If Eastside Streetcar secures MTIP funding, it would need to swap out the project with another currently identified for funding. Michael Powell recommended that the committee support this request for application for MTIP funding; Dee Walsh seconded that motion and all committee members agreed to the motion.

6. MLK/Grand Traffic Study:

Peter reported on the past advisory committee meeting. Reaction from PDOT and the consultants hired to do this study is that Streetcar works in traffic on MLK/Grand. Refinement continues on several issues; turning movements, bridge-landing areas, Burnside/Couch couplet, block 76 development, etc. This traffic study is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2004.

7. Other Business:

Michael Powell recommended that it would be very important in furthering Eastside Streetcar interests, to provide development potential data for the Lloyd District and Central Eastside. Hank indicated that the 35 blocks for Lloyd Crossing has been completed by PDC and development potential in dollars could be projected. It has been projected that the project will be 50% residential and 50% commercial. This report is due for publication on July 1, 2004. Hank indicated the Lloyd District has lots of FAR capacity; whereas, MLK/Grand does not have as much. An RFQ has been done for the Oregon Convention Center to have a market analysis done – this work has just been started by Deb Meihoff at PDC. An RFQ is also out for the MLK/Grand link. Michael felt it would be very important to have those dollar amounts in order to support the MTIP application request. Currently there are 22,000 jobs in the Lloyd District.

8. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Steering Committee is to be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2004, at 2:00p.m. at the Lloyd Center Tower, 825 NE Multnomah, 2nd floor (next to Café Today).