

Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C-4)
Thursday – April 7, 2011
Approved June 2, 2011

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BUILDING
150 Beaver Creek Road – Auditorium

Attendance –

Members: **Clackamas County:** Paul Savas (Co-chair) and Jim Bernard; **Canby:** Brian Hodson; **CPOs:** Charlene DeBruin (Eagle Creek Barton) and Tom Mack (Boring – Alt.); **Estacada:** Glen James (Alt.); **Hamlets:** Mike Wagner (Mulino) and Sue Heublein (Molalla Prairie); **Happy Valley:** Markley Drake (Alt.); **Lake Oswego:** Mary Olson (Alt.); **Milwaukie:** Joe Loomis and Dave Hedges (Alt.); **Molalla:** Deborah Rogge; **NCCC:** Wilda Parks; **Oregon City:** Betty Mumm; **Sandy:** Jeremy Pietzold and Bill King (Alt.); **Sanitary Districts:** William Wild (Oak Lodge); **West Linn:** Jenni Tan; **Wilsonville:** Tim Knapp; **Villages:** Bob Reeves; **Water Districts:** Ron Blake (Sunrise)

Staff: Gary Schmidt, Jared Anderson, Barbara Smolak, Mary Jo Cartasegna

Guests: Simon DeBruin (Eagle Creek Barton), Mary Lynn Jacob (Molalla), Warren Jones (Mulino), Randy Carson (Canby), Mark Ottenad (Wilsonville), John Valley (Senator Jeff Merkley), Jeff Gudman (Lake Oswego), Susan Hansen (Molalla Prairie), Bill Merchant (Beaver Creek), Sally Quimby (Stafford), Kim Anderson (Sunrise Water Authority), Kelly Brooks (ODOT).

1. Welcome/Introductions

Meeting called to order and chaired by Co-chair Paul Savas. Self-introductions made. 17 of 23 voting members present – quorum established.

2. Approval of February Minutes.

Minutes from the February 3, 2011 meeting were approved without change.

3. Clackamas Broadband Express Update

Dave Soloos, Project Manager, provided an update on the Broadband Express project, which will provide low-cost internet service to under-served areas of Clackamas County. Funded in large part by a \$7.8 million federal stimulus grant, the project will allow for construction of 184 miles of fiber infrastructure to connect key public agencies and services such as schools, police, fire, libraries, health care, governments, transportation and utilities to a secure, high-speed, cost-efficient network. The County will not provide any direct retail broadband services to the public. Private telecommunications companies will have open access to the infrastructure and will provide the retail services to the public, which will allow them to expand and enhance their services to customers.

4. Legislative Update

Elissa Gertler, Director of Public & Government Affairs, provided an overview of the County's FY '12 federal legislative agenda. The agenda includes funding priorities, policy issues, regional priorities supported by the County and informational items. The new political and budgetary environment – including the ban on appropriation earmarks in federal spending bills – has shifted the County's focus from securing new funds to protecting against spending cuts.

Troy Rayburn, Government Affairs Manager, highlighted the County's 2011 state legislative agenda and the process undertaken to develop the agenda. In light of the tough budgetary climate, the County's lobbying efforts are focused on preserving existing state/county shared revenue agreements.

5. C4 Metro Subcommittee Discussion

Elissa Gertler discussed the need to formally transition the existing Pre-MPAC/JPACT group into the C4 committee structure and rename it the "Metro Subcommittee." C4 bylaws provide for a Metro Subcommittee – comprised of C4 members whose cities are within the Metro boundary - that shall at a minimum elect representatives to Metro committees. In addition to electing representatives, the Metro Subcommittee will discuss issues of relevance to Metro jurisdiction cities, report findings to the full C4 Committee and make recommendations to Metro regarding the use of state transportation flexible funds. The subcommittee will meet the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 AM at Lake Oswego City Hall.

6. Subcommittee Reports/Discussion

Cities Subcommittee

Mayor Tim Knapp provided a review of the March 3rd Cities Subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee identified several topics for future discussion including provision of urban services to unincorporated areas; prioritization of funding requests for federal transportation funds distributed through Metro; identification of opportunities to expand tourism; identification of regional centers; and identification of brownfield sites ripe for industrial redevelopment.

Members indicated a desire to continue the discussion on urban services with an emphasis on creating a "transitional process" to cityhood. In particular, there is a need to identify a process to transition urban unincorporated areas to cityhood and establish structures, mechanisms and triggers to guide the process (e.g. once population of unincorporated area reaches X, the transitional process to cityhood begins). State law may be a barrier to creating a transitional process, since it does not allow for a transitional status and all incorporation/annexation must be approved by voters.

Non-Cities Subcommittee

Commissioner Paul Savas provided a review of the March 3rd Non-Cities Subcommittee meeting. Topics discussed included the formation of an Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) in rural Clackamas County, Hood River County and Rural Multnomah County to advise ODOT and the OTC on transportation needs; expansion of opportunities for citizen involvement in County operations; and improvement of communication between C4 members and those they represent (e.g. Fire Districts).

William Wild conveyed Special Districts' concern of not being included in the Cities Subcommittee, since they provide critical services to cities as well as rural areas.

7. Metro Update - None provided.

8. "One Minute Update" - All

9. VRF Presentation

Commissioner Jim Bernard provided a brief presentation on the proposed County vehicle registration fee (VRF) of \$5 per year per vehicle, which will be used to raise \$22 million to help pay for construction of a new Sellwood Bridge. The VRF was passed by the Board of County Commissioners in December 2010 and will be subject to public vote on the May ballot.

10. Adjournment: 8:30 pm