

# MEETING AGENDA

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February 2, 2023

Project# 21023.043

Project Name: Main Streets on Halsey Cross Section and Street Design Plan

Meeting Name: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting #1

Meeting Location: [Microsoft Teams](#)

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## TAC members present:

Name	Organization
Matt Bell	Kittelison & Associates
Polina Polikakhina	Kittelison & Associates
Mike Abbate	Abbate Design
Andrew Holder	Greenworks
Eve Nilenders	Multnomah County
Sarah Selden	City of Fairview
Allan Berry	City of Fairview
Melissa Johnston	City of Troutdale
Marlee Boxler	City of Troutdale
Greg Dirks	City of Wood Village
John Niiyama	City of Wood Village
Travis Hulton	City of Troutdale
Arini Farrell	Multnomah County
Max Nonnamaker	Multnomah County
Lake McTighe	Metro
Michael Rey	TriMet
Kelly Reid	Oregon Department of Transportation
Lewis Kelley	Oregon Department of Transportation

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

- a. *Everyone introduced themselves and their connection to the community and NE Halsey Street.*

## **2. Project Overview**

### **a. Project background**

### **b. Project approach**

- i. *Matt presented project background, project approach, and previous plan history.*

## **3. Project Team**

### **a. Project Management Team (PMT)**

### **b. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

### **c. Project Advisory Committee (PAC)**

- i. *Matt introduced the project team and discussed the roles and responsibilities of the TAC and PAC.*

## **4. Project Schedule**

- a. *Matt provided an overview of the project schedule.*

## **5. Meeting and Milestones**

- a. *Matt provided an overview of the key project deliverables.*

## **6. Tech Memo #1: Plans and Policy Review**

### **a. Background document review**

- i. *Matt and Andrew presented the documents that were reviewed as a part of Tech Memo 1*

1. It was noted that Fairview had recently switched to use the city of Gresham's Stormwater design manual.

2. It was noted that Troutdale adopted using city of Portland Stormwater design manual.

### **b. Project equity goals**

- i. *Matt discussed the project equity goals that are guiding the project, noting that the goals are typical of most planning projects in Oregon.*

### **c. Project objectives**

- i. *Mike discussed project goals/objectives that will guide development of the plan, noting that there is a strong economic driver to the project, and asked for feedback.*

## **7. Tech Memo #2: Cross Section Deficiencies and Needs**

### **a. Street design standards**

- i. *Matt presented information from Multnomah County's Design and Construction Manual that defines a preferred roadway cross-section for NE Halsey Street.*

### **b. Existing conditions of the right-of-way**

- i. *Matt and Andrew discussed existing land uses, transportation facilities, and landmarks along the corridor.*

### **c. Community input**

- i. *Matt presented input received during 2016 workshop and 2020 Halsey Main Street survey, noting that safe crossings were identified as a critical need along the corridor.*

### **d. Recommendations from prior plans**

- i. *Matt presented transportation needs outlined in the Main Streets on Halsey Strategic Economic Action Plan.*
  - 1. Lake asked whether 11ft travel lanes would be considered for this project.
    - a. Matt replied that he would be supportive of considering this and that the Toolkit suggests narrower travel lanes as a traffic calming measure.
    - b. Eve confirmed that Matt is correct in saying that this treatment would be considered.

### **e. Key issues**

- i. *Matt highlighted the well-established natural and urban design element and discussed the key issues that could arise during the project.*

### **f. Cross section design objectives**

- i. *Matt presented the design objectives that will be the key to developing the plan.*
  - 1. Allan noted that the project needs to be sensitive to diverting traffic to NE 223<sup>rd</sup> Avenue as it runs through underrepresented communities.

## **8. Streetscape & Roadway Design Toolkit**

- a. *Andrew presented an overview of the Toolkit.*

## **9. General Discussion**

### **a. Are there any additional plans or policies we should consider?**

- i. Travis noted that Troutdale is in the process of adapting a new Parks plan that the team should consider (should be adopted in April).
- ii. Lake notes that the Regional Transportation Plan should be included and that it provides various designations for NE Halsey Street

### **b. Are you aware of possible limitations existing plans and policies might impose on the project?**

### **c. Do you have recommendations on the project objectives (Tech Memo 1) or cross section design objectives (Tech Memo 2)?**

### **d. Toolkit: which elements should we be considering or not?**

- i. Travis mentioned that the local community is very resistant to center medians treatments due to their impact on business access.
  1. Sarah asked if Travis could specify specific locations people mention when they talk about these.
    - a. Travis mentioned that people negatively comment on the recent Division improvements. Business owners share that customers have a hard time accessing the corridor.
  2. Lake shared that medians are one of the best safety treatments in reducing crashes for all users and suggested to still consider them.
  3. Lewis shared the city of Portland is well aware of the negative feedback from the Division project (east of SE 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue) and that they were used for a very specific reason.
  4. Michael shared the median treatments were used to reduce T-bone and left-turn crashes.
- ii. Greg mentioned that overall the study area residents are very resistant to treatments used in Portland. He suggested that the team should use other cities as example (e.g., Hillsboro, Tigard, Tualatin).

- iii. Kelly mentioned that in the Metro Regional Transportation Plan NE Halsey Street is identified as a major bikeway and asked for more separated facilities.
  - a. Matt expressed that separated bike lanes and shared-use paths will be considered.
2. Sarah asked if Lake knows what types of bike facilities are considered acceptable for major bikeways.
  - a. Lake shared that it includes facilities accommodating to people of age from 8 to 80.
- iv. Arini suggested we keep in mind the nature of east county and mentioned that is important to consider treatments to support multimodal journeys, and not just bicycles.
- v. Kelly mentioned that NE Halsey Street is classified as a high capacity transit corridor and that the plan should consider planning for enough space to accommodate that.
  1. Eve mentioned that Halsey Street is a tier three project, thus funding for it is far away.
  2. Lewis mention that the design should be coordinated with TriMet.

## 10. Next Steps

- a. **Public event #1: Please share the survey with your contacts**
- b. **Develop cross section and streetscape design alternatives**
- c. **Develop land use and transportation system alternatives**

## 11. Action Items:

- a. *Update Tech Memo #1 to reflect Fairview's use of Gresham Stormwater Design Manual and Troutdale's use of the Portland Stormwater Design Manual.*
- b. *Update Tech Memo #1 to include a summary of the Troutdale Parks plan and the Regional Transportation Plan.*
- c. Consider PAC input on multiple agenda topics throughout development of the plan.