

**1. CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Goddard called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at Durham City Hall.

**2. ROLL CALL.** *Councilors Present:* Brian Goddard, Krista Bailey, Pat Saab, Matt Winkler, Joshua Drake, Susan Deeming.

*Councilors Absent:* Gary Paul

*Staff Present:* Linda Tate, City Administrator and Emily Baker, Administrative Assistant

*Public Present:* Fiona Cundy and Amparo Agosto from TriMet, Sylvia Depu, citizen

**3. PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES.** Commissioner Saab moved to approve the minutes from January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Goddard seconded the motion. All in favor (6-0).

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**4. PUBLIC FORUM.** None.

**5. SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR PRESENTATION BY TRIMET.** Cundy discussed the Southwest Corridor project, the need for a MAX line to Tigard, and the smaller infrastructure projects that will improve and sustain the corridor the MAX will run through. Commissioner Bailey asked about the partners for the project, to which Cundy said are Metro, Oregon Department of Transportation, Washington County, and the cities of Tigard, Durham, Portland, Tualatin, along with TriMet.

Cundy discussed how the project will affect housing along the corridor. Chair Goddard asked about high density and affordable housing, and Cundy said they are trying to maintain mixed use areas. Commissioner Bailey asked if there is a specific strategy for the development of housing and transit access along with construction of the overall project to be co-delivered. Cundy said there are different tracks for TriMet and the impacted cities to explore.

Cundy also pointed out the economic benefits of the project, including job creation. Commissioner Drake asked what percentage of the jobs would be permanent and Cundy said she is not sure, but would look into it. Commissioner Bailey asked about Metro's funding and how much will go to this project. Cundy said she believes about \$975 million. She went over the other local contributors. Commissioner Drake asked how much of the budget is contingencies and Cundy said the requirement for contingency generally starts at 20%, but through planning and design it can be whittled down.

Chair Goddard asked where construction would begin. Cundy said it will start with coordinating utilities along Barber Blvd, then the structures that need to be built. Chair Goddard and Commissioner Winkler asked about the layout of the Bridgeport Park and Ride at the end of the line. Cundy said there is planned to be a pedestrian bridge over Boones Ferry to connect a parking garage, where the current Tualatin Park and Ride is, with the station. She said that the parking garage would have 4 levels of parking on top of a bus drop off. Commissioner Drake asked what a similar example, for the proposed Bridgeport Park & Ride, would be. Cundy said Gresham Transit Center could be similar and is also considered residential. Commissioner Deeming asked about data around the current number of trips per day. Cundy said they use that data when developing the plan for park and rides and intersections along the route. Agosto said

the data for ridership at the different station is in the conceptual design book they provided the Planning Commissioners.

Chair Goddard asked about the impact on the residences and businesses that are in the path of the tracks and that are subject to eminent domain. Cundy said they have a team that is already working on this issue and that the final environmental impact statement will have the complete list of properties that will be impacted. She added that if it affects the structure they will do a full acquisition but there are a lot of areas where they just need a part of the property. Agosto discussed the process TriMet uses in reaching out to people whose property will be affected by the project. Chair Goddard asked about coming to a fair market value for the properties. Agosto said they are working with consultants and realtors. Commissioner Drake asked if the fact property owners do not have a choice in selling impacts the value. Agosto said the value is figured out between the person or representative for them and a TriMet realtor or consultant. Cundy said eminent domain was rarely used on the Orange line and that they are trying to make sure everyone is happy with the deal. Drake asked about the real estate value and the impact on the businesses' work. Agosto said they have consultants that will come in and figure out the details about how the business will be impacted. Commissioner Drake then asked about a timeline and Agosto said they will know after the vote on the Metro bond measure, but they are trying to sync up the time line of moving a business with the construction.

Commissioner Bailey asked how the project will impact the issues around commuting, and that the project may not be sufficient for the area it is in. Cundy said they adjust their model frequently. She said they look at areas like Barbur Blvd. along I-5 and see how many more people they can move through there with a MAX. Commissioner Bailey then asked if the park and rides are being designed with car drop off areas. Cundy said they are designing the park and rides to be accommodating for different types and modes of transportation. Chair Goddard asked about the ingress and egress of people entering and leaving park and rides during commuting hours. Cundy said that it is a large focus and that they are working to develop traffic models to understand the impacts. Commissioner Bailey said that it is one of the biggest concerns, because traffic is already so concentrated at Bridgeport. Commissioner Drake asked whether the traffic models account for tolling on I-5. Cundy said no, because Metro cannot put that in their planning yet. Commissioner Winkler asked if the long term plan is to connect it down to Wilsonville. Cundy said it is, eventually, but they had to reduce the size of the greater project due to budget. Commissioner Winkler then asked about working with the federal government and Cundy said they are working closely with people in the government who are being very helpful and working with TriMet to get the project funded. Commissioner Saab asked if the whole line will be opened at once or in segments and Cundy said it will be constructed in segments, but would be opened at once.

Chair Goddard asked what the time from Bridgeport to PDX. Agosto said the trip is approximately an hour to an hour and 15 minutes. Cundy said, currently, going from PSU to Tualatin requires 58 minutes even though it should only take 14 minutes by car, but with a light rail it would be 30 minutes, consistently.

Commissioner Winkler asked about security personnel planned for Bridgeport. Cundy said they do not usually have permanent security staff at stations. They have transit police from different jurisdictions around the area that go where needed as well as fare enforcement personnel. Commissioner Goddard asked about the crime statistics with TriMet and asked what will be done if crime does increase. Cundy said the final environmental impact report will look at crime rates. She said Milwaukie also had concerns, and their crime actually went down. Commissioner Drake brought up a concern about homeless camps coming into the area. Chair

Goddard discussed homeless camps in other areas of the Portland-metro area. Commissioner Winkler said that the homeless camps are already here, but the fear among people is the thought of homeless camps appearing in shared pathways. Cundy asked about crime rates in Durham and the Commissioners said it is very low.

**6. POTENTIAL DISCUSSION ON TREE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE.**

The Planning Commission agreed to continue the conversation after April, so the new members can have some time to get familiar with the Tree Ordinance.

**7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS / STAFF UPDATES.**

Baker discussed creating an Enterprise Risk Management Committee in the City, which would include a member of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Drake volunteered to be on the Committee.

**8. ADJOURN.** Commissioner Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Saab seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Brian Goddard, Chair**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Linda Tate, City Administrator**