



Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District Association
Board Meeting
October, 15, 2019

IN attendance: From HAND board — Jon Adams, Daniel Amoni, Phil Cox, Chris Eykamp, Paul Jaeger, Mark Linehan, Kim Nurmi, Sue Pearce, Jill Riebesehl, Michelle Sprague, Michael Wade, Charlene Zaharakis. Other neighbors — Carl Nurmi, Gail Getz, Barbara Stross, Sarah and Alan Peroutka, Linda Nettekoven, Emily Platt, Sean Danaher, Mica Russo, Harold Treinen

Chris, board chair, opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

Carl Nurmi told those gathered that there had been a fatal overdose victim found in a neighbor's yard. He has been hoping for more regular crime reports.

Sarah Peroutka, a volunteer for the St. Philip Neri annual Thanksgiving dinner, said it would be happening from 11 to 1:30 on Thanksgiving Day. She said there are usually 100 attendees, and this year the parish will be giving out care packages with first-aid items, canned food, gloves, clean socks and fast-food-business coupons or gift cards. She said she hopes friendly neighborhood folks will come help with dinner and socializing among the guests. Any donations for warm, clean winter clothing are welcome and will be available for guests. For more details, contact St. Philp Neri at 503-231-4955. Two other organizations that can use help are Yellow Brick Road, which provides shelter for homeless youths, and Janus, which provides homeless support services. Sue Pearce moved, and Mark Linehan seconded that HAND donate \$250 to this year's dinner. The motion passed unanimously.

St. Philip Neri housing update: Linda Nettekoven said a meeting has taken place with HAND representatives, the Abernethy PTA and Catholic Charities (Travis Phipps and July Metz). Three architects with experience in affordable housing will provide preliminary designs; one will be selected soon. U.S. Catholic Charities has targeted Portland as a top target for reducing homelessness. The proposed development would provide permanent housing for about 20 residents, focusing on women with children. Support and security would be provided.

TriMet Update on the Divison Transit Project (DTP) and the Gideon Street bridge.

Thomas Scharff, TriMet community affairs representative, gave a general overview of progress on both projects. The DTP design should be finished by November with construction lasting until 2022, launch date fall of 2022. Novabus secured a contract for diesel-powered articulated buses. A bus garage is being built at SE 90th Ave. and Powell Blvd. The buses will have a 12 to 14 year life expectancy. The reason given for using diesel fuel is that at this point electric-bus technology can't power vehicles that large. They are looking at a non-diesel bus plan by 2040. The first five electric buses will be on Route 62, Murray Blvd, to test out the hills. The next five will be on Route 20, Burnside to Stark.

TriMet chose Raimore Construction as the bus line contractor. It is minority owned and has worked on many such projects. It meets new emissions standards for construction work and has a no-idling policy. The project will proceed from east to west, starting at the Cleveland park-and-ride.

Community support: Polling showed 93% favored some or all changes to the project; 60% prefer fewer stations; 70% of riders will have service near an existing stop; 95% of riders resident within three blocks of a stop.

River and rail crossings: The route will use the Tilikum Crossing at SE 8th and minimum delays are expected, perhaps adding one minute to the expected time. SE 11th will have a lane reconfiguration to expedite traffic, and there have been Brooklyn Yard switch improvements. The Gideon Crossing will be available for bicyclists and pedestrians.

11th and 12th route alterations: The left turn on Divison at SE 12th on eastbound lanes will be eliminated, with alternate routes at SE 7th/8th/10th. Westward traffic flow will be improved. Reroutes will vary event by event and will be coordinated by dispatch, as required by rail delays incidents. Bus Line 2 may use SE Ladd; Line 70 may use SE Ladd or SE 21st, depending on the north or south trips.

Stakeholder meetings are ongoing. An open house is scheduled for Nov. 14, and on Nov. 21, an advisory meeting.

Gideon Crossing project: TriMet is building the bridge and the Portland Bureau of Transportation will maintain it. The bridge is being built with deferred funds from the Orange MAX line. The Federal Transportation Agency mandates project completion by 2020. The driving motivation for the project was safety. TriMet contacted affected businesses December 2017, and has been keeping HAND and the Brooklyn neighborhood association up to date on the progress, including a walking tour August 2018. Work progress: utility relocation, foundations, structures, elevator, street restoration and finish work.

Bus reroute discussions: Many residents at the meeting had questions. They included the impracticality of left-turn removal off Division at 12th for local residents; questions about the circuitous alternative routes for neighborhood access; the reality of train delays affecting service; impracticality of left-turn removal for freight (change route from Ivon to Clinton); outbound train delays affecting traffic for as long as 45 minutes due to brake inspection and train building;

Other assorted comments and questions/answers:

Raimore will work with engineering for accessibility concerns during constructions.

Question: Is the left turn removal cast in stone? Answer: no

Reminder to riders to exchange tickets by the end of the year for the Hop Pass

A reroute takes the #70 off TriMet tracker (disappears completely) when the train stops. Chris said the #70 at that point becomes the #1.

Sue moved that a letter be written to TriMet with concerns about removing the left turn from Division to 12th; Kim seconded. The motion passed 12 to 1, with Daniel voting against.

Design Overlay Zone Amendments (DOZA), Linda distributed a letter regarding the September staff report. The letter urges DOZA to employ the ideas mentioned on pages 52, 23 of the DOZA report. Mark moved and Sue seconded that HAND support the letter. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jon Adams, compiled by Jill Riebesehl