



Joint Historic Albina Advisory Group/ Community Oversight Advisory Committee

SUMMARY MATERIAL
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JOINT HAAB/COAC MEETING OVERVIEW

Date: May 13, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Hybrid Meeting: In-person meeting at Albina Library and on Zoom

This document is a summary of the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project's Joint Historic Albina Advisory Board (HAAB)/Community Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC) meeting. The [virtual recording](#) is available online.

ATTENDANCE

HAAB Members in Attendance

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| • Sprinavasa Brown | • Leslie Goodlow |
| • Andrew Campbell | • Kimberly Moreland |
| • Joy Alise Davis | • Kevin Modica |
| • Keith Edwards | • Dr. Carlos "CJ" Richard |
| • JT Flowers | • John Washington |

COAC Members in Attendance

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| • Michael Burch | • James Posey |
| • Katrina Cloud | • Janelle Waltz |
| • Felicia Tripp Folsom | • Cinna'Mon Williams |

Committee Members Not in Attendance

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| • Dr. Ebony Amato | • Bryson Davis |
| • Art Cortez | • Joe McFerrin |

I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Staff Members & Partners

- Ericka Warren, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, HAAB Facilitator
- Dr. Steven Holt, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project
- Monica Blanchard, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, Interim Project Director
- Rose Gerber, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project,
- David Kim, I-5 Rose Quarter Project Team, Director of Project Delivery
- Meliah Masiba, I-5 Rose Quarter Project Team, Government & External Relations Administrator
- Ted Leybold, Metro
- Jean Senechal-Biggs, Metro
- Brian Price, City of Portland, PBOT
- Caitlin Reff, City of Portland, PBOT
- Sharon Daleo, City of Portland, PBOT

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- Shawnea Posey, City of Portland, PBOT
 - Winta Yohannes, Albina Vision Trust
 - Angela Murphy, I-5 Rose Quarter Project Team, HSJV
 - Briana De Kalb, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, Construction Team
 - Jeff Moreland, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, Construction Team
 - Carolyn Heniges, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project
 - Serena Stoudamire-Wesley, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project
 - Isabelle Kennedy, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, Communications Team, Technical Support
 - DeAngelo Moaning, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, Technical Support
 - Benjamin Fleming, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, Notetaker

MEETING NOTES

Welcome / Introductions / Agenda Review

Ericka Warren, HAAB facilitator, welcomed the HAAB and COAC members, project team, and audience. Ericka informed attendees that some committee members would be participating remotely, shared the meeting agenda, and opened public comment before moving forward with the agenda.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Welcome and Introductions

Ericka Warren introduced Meliah Masiba, Director of Government Relations and External Affairs at ODOT, to discuss the importance of relationships to this project's work and to establish herself as a connection and resource for committee members. Meliah shared that ODOT has spent the past several months focused on stabilizing the agency's near and long-term budgets, and that this focus will extend through the remainder of the year. Meliah highlighted that the Transportation Vision Group formally kicked off in early March and shared information about the group for anyone who wants to follow its progress leading up to the 2027 legislative session, where funding for transportation projects will be a key focus area.

Q&A

- A committee member commented that the committee's ability to steward the project through the current funding landscape depends on better relationships than there have been between the project and legislature in the past.

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- » Meliah commented that turnover at the legislature creates opportunities for future education and outreach on transportation infrastructure.

Project and PMG Updates

Monica Blanchard shared updates on the work conducted during Project Management Group (PMG) meetings. The PMG met multiple times between February and April to advance the project, confirming Phase 1B and focusing on defining the upcoming Phase 1C. Through a series of technical discussions, the group evaluated potential scope adjustments, trade-offs, and constraints, ultimately agreeing with ODOT to keep the Phase 1C scope unchanged to honor prior commitments and maintain alignment with funding agreements. This phase represents the minimum viable next step and will deliver key improvements, including part of the highway cover, critical merge lanes, and redevelopment-ready land. With scope alignment achieved, the team is now shifting its focus to securing funding for Phase 1C, supported by input from America Forward and a broader stakeholder strategy. The rationale for maintaining Phase 1C as planned includes preserving partner alignment, ensuring continuous construction and workforce stability, avoiding rework, and building broader coalitions to support funding efforts.

- Felicia Tripp Folsom, the PMG liaison, shared that across the PMG meetings, she emphasized the importance of maintaining alignment with Phase 1C and prioritizing continuous work by project crews due to its significance to the community and project progress. Additionally, she recognized the need to build broader support by engaging external partners and coalitions, acknowledging that securing funding and completing the project cannot be achieved alone. Felicia also noted that technical support from the PMG has helped revitalize the project.
- A committee member emphasized that building and leaning on the coalition of project partners will be critical to telling the project story in 2027.

Q&A

- A committee member asked if HAAB and COAC members have a role in the PMG meetings and if this meeting serves as the official report out to committees.
 - » Ericka Warren clarified that the PMG is made up of project partners including ODOT, PBOT, Prosper Portland, Metro, Rip City Management, Oregon Trucking Association, and Hamilton Sundt Joint Venture. Community representation is comprised of JT Flowers and Winta Yohannes from Albina Vision Trust as well as Felicia Tripp Folsom and Bryson Davis from the HAAB and COAC.
 - » Committee members agreed that the work the PMG is doing needs to be reported back to committees and recommended a change in the committee structure by introducing committee chairs.

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- » PMG members Ted Leybold and Sharon Daleo described their responsibility in verifying funding availability, defining a clear scope, and ensuring alignment with the region's long-range plans. In response to committee members' questions, they expressed a commitment to gathering information from interested parties and ensuring their feedback be integrated into the PMG's work moving forward.
 - Committee members asked how the work is functioning within the current political context and how the project is marketing its progress through social media channels.
 - » Felicia Tripp Folsom responded that it is important to come to consensus among internal team and agency partners to eventually present a unified front to electeds. Meliah Mesiba added that by doing so, the project can gain political support and advocate for additional funding.

Construction Updates

Briana De Kalb presented recent construction updates, accomplishments, and upcoming closures and shared information on minor surface street closures, including the Holladay exit ramp and Lloyd Boulevard. Much of this work is in preparation for more major repairs that will take place over the coming months.

Q&A

- A committee member expressed concerns about traffic impacts on upcoming community events like Juneteenth and Good and the Hood. They also mentioned that businesses and communities along NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd have a long history of being disrupted, and that ongoing work should address these impacts and be proactive in engaging community members.
- A committee member suggested that community outreach around road closures was not conducted with enough notice to mitigate impacts on community events.
 - » Monica Blanchard responded that these smaller closures will not have major traffic impacts and are not expected to affect these events. Conversations regarding major closures will be discussed later in the meeting.

Summer 2026 I-5 Construction Closures

Monica Blanchard shared details on major I-5 closures scheduled for the summer of 2026. These include a weekend, overnight closure of I-5 in both directions in July to install a sign bridge, and a five-week, full-time closure of a 2,000-foot stretch of I-5 Southbound. The I-5 Southbound closure will begin on September 11 and last a maximum of five weeks. This closure may result in travel times 2-3 times longer than normal. Extensive planning and an alternatives evaluation identified this five-week closure as the most cost effective, efficient, and safe option to complete necessary repairs.

Rose Gerber shared information about the communications approach and schedule for these closures. The goal of the information campaign is to reduce demand through strategic engagement and help road users avoid surprises. Rose encouraged the HAAB/COAC to be involved by signing up for emails and text alerts and sharing information about the closures with their networks.

Q&A

- A committee member shared the need for more variable message signs located east of I-205 on project maps.
- A committee member asked if there would be any bus-only lanes implemented during the 5-week closure to encourage transit use and asked if there were any funds that could subsidize transit ridership to limit congestion and lower carbon emissions.
- Several committee members expressed concern about small organizations and businesses overlooked in the project outreach list.
 - » Ericka Warren shared that the project team has plans to work with the HAAB and COAC to identify gaps in outreach.
- A committee member expressed that the creation of the outreach list should have been part of the joint committee's work prior to it being shared, and that this is an example of communication being a challenge between the committees and the project team.
- A committee member urged the project team to use intentional, strategic, and creative avenues for engaging communities around the project and the closures, using public health and election campaigns as examples to follow. Several members shared that engagement efforts should more intentionally target smaller nonprofits and partners in the area, and that a variety of channels need to be used to reach seniors and other underrepresented groups in person.
- Several committee members shared concerns about the frustrations and impacts this closure could have on residents, local events, and small businesses. Members urged the team to discuss what potential solutions may look like, including incentives, travel alternatives, and partnerships. Committee members asked about mitigation for potential damages and cost-benefit analyses for the impacted communities. They shared concerns about the negative impacts being held against the project by its opponents and advised the project team to go beyond informing the community and actively mitigate impacts through strategic interventions.
 - » David Kim shared that the focus for ODOT has been on low-hanging fruit to reduce traffic volume and help communities plan ahead. He shared his commitment to doing a better job analyzing the impacts on local communities and has begun doing that work in partnership with Serena Stoudamire's team. He hopes to discuss

more opportunities to partner with agencies and businesses to implement the creative ideas (e.g. subsidized transit) discussed during the meeting.

- » Rose Gerber affirmed committee members' concerns and stated that she is treating the closures more like an emergency event than a standard construction delay, and that this will take months of preparation and collaboration with community members.
- » Committee members and the project team agreed to schedule a follow-up meeting next month to discuss plans for engaging a broader range of community members and responding to the concerns shared during the meeting.

Adjourn

Ericka Warren adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

CHAT TRANSCRIPT

MAIN MEETING		
Time	From	Message
5:10 PM	Andrew Campbell	Good evening all, Happy Wednesday.
5:18 PM	Meliah Mesiba	Director of External Affairs meliah.masiba@odot.oregon.gov 503.931.7267
5:22 PM	Leslie Goodlow	Who is that talking?
5:22 PM	I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project	David Kim
5:23 PM	Leslie Goodlow	Thank you, if folks can introduce themselves as they talk it would be helpful, because the room is very small on the screen and you can't tell who's talking.
6:10 PM	Ben Fleming	https://www.i5rosequarter.org/media/pqiju25k/i5rq_briefings_handout_05132026.pdf
6:13 PM	Andrew Campbel	Thanks Ben for that document. Some non-profits that are affiliated with some HAAB members is not on this list unfortunately. In addition to the ones that Leslie was asking about.
6:16 PM	Keith Edwards	I have to leave for another meeting. Keep up the good work and discussion.
6:19 PM	Andrew Campbell	Looking ahead at slide 29, it's interesting to note the absence of VMS or Portable Changeable Message signs east of I-205, particularly along I-84, Powell Blvd (aka Hwy

		26), and even Sandy Blvd in the Parkrose area. Having signage in these locations could be helpful in providing travelers with alternative route options and improving traffic flow during disruptions.
6:33 PM	Lesie Goodlow	That's great that you're working with the large events and organizations, my concern is for renters, small businesses, small events that will be impacted by traffic moving from I5 to city streets.
6:34 PM	Joy Alise Davis	Will there be any bus-only lanes in this strategy to encourage public transit use during these 5 weeks? I really wish we had 5 weeks of free transit to help limit car congestion and lower carbon emissions
6:37 PM	I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project	Replying to " https://www.i5rosequarter.org/media/pqiju25k/i5rq_... ": This is the handout that Rose is referring to.
6:48 PM	Andrew Campbell	Is there a plan to put signs east of 205 during construction?
6:53 PM	I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project	We are still finalizing the list of VMS signs that will be activated, but our traffic team is looking into this.
7:02 PM	Katrina Cloud	I have to run. I'll see you at the next meeting.
7:06 PM	Joy Alise Davis	Thank you
7:06 PM	Andrew Campbell	Thanks folks. Hopefully our input was helpful