



Community Oversight Advisory Committee

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MEETING #15 SUMMARY

Date: January 16, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Online Zoom meeting

This document is a summary of the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Community Oversight Advisory Committee meeting. The meeting [presentation](#) and [recording](#) are available on the project website.

COAC Members In Attendance

- James Posey, Portland NAACP
- Katrina Cloud, Northwest College of Construction
- Michael Burch, Community Member

COAC Members Not in Attendance

- Joe McFerrin II, Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (POIC)
- Felicia Tripp Folsom, The Contingent

I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Staff Members

- Johnell Bell, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, COAC Facilitator
- Megan Channell, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Director
- Carolyn Heniges, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Team
- Kerry Werner, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, Team Lead
- Mike Baker, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Team
- Ericka Warren, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, HAAB Facilitator
- Sharon Daleo, City of Portland, Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT)
- John Wolf, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, Design Team
- Dustin Murphy, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, CM/GC Team
- Jeff Moreland, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, CM/GC Team
- Bill Bruce, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, CM/GC Team

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- Angela Murphy, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, CM/GC Team
 - Ashley Henry, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, CM/GC Team
 - Natalie Warner, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, Technical Support
 - Monika Johnson, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, Technical Support
 - Sarah Gallagher, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, Notetaker
 - DeAngelo Moaning, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, Technical Support

Agenda

- Welcome, Meeting Platform and Ground Rules
- Project Update
- Historic Albina Advisory Board (HAAB) Update
- Design and Joint Venture (JV) Team Update
- Discussion
- Public Comments
- Next Steps
- Adjourn

Welcome, Meeting Platform and Ground Rules

Johnell Bell, COAC facilitator, welcomed the COAC members, project team and members of the public. He provided an overview of the agenda topics, Zoom access information, and ground rules guiding the COAC's participation for today's meeting. Johnell also gave the purpose of COAC's work and an overview of what COAC has accomplished thus far.

Agenda

Megan Channell, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Director, welcomed the COAC and noted that 2025 is the year construction begins. Megan then provided the following project updates:

- The Oregon Transportation Commission approved an additional \$250M to start construction this summer and provide investment in work that can be done concurrently with Federal funding.
- We will have Phase 1A starting this summer.
- Next step is regional approval planning working with Metro. This process will take place throughout February and March.

Project Committee Update

Ericka Warren, Historic Albina Advisory Board (HAAB) Facilitator, provided an update. The HAAB met in January 2025 and has eight meetings scheduled for the year. The HAAB is looking forward to working with the COAC and is excited that the project is moving forward.

JV Team Update

John Wolf, Bill Bruce, Justin Murphy, Ashley Henry, and Angela Murphy provided the following Design and Joint Venture (JV) updates:

- John Wolf – Design Project Manager, gave a design update. Previous work packages restructured to align with funding opportunities.
- New work packages:
 - » Phase 1A (Construction starts mid-2025): The scope of work will include stormwater and bridge preservation. The far north end near the I-405 interchange will involve a stormwater pond, pipe, and underground detention and treatment facilities. On the south end, work will include bridge preservation, seismic retrofits, and deck overlay on I-5 structure. Phase 1A package should be at 100% design by Q2 2025.
 - » Broadway Weidler Phase 1A will include designing and constructing the first 550ft. of the highway cover and is now funded for construction. This will take an initial part of the highway cover from the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant and House Bill 2017 funding to carry forward work including several sign structures and advanced signaling and intelligent operations systems. The scope will also include lowering the grade of I-5, completing the Southbound auxiliary lane and shoulder, widening existing structure over the Rose Quarter Transit Center, completing the Southbound auxiliary lane and shoulder, including necessary widening, and adding retaining walls. The major work elements include new highway cover from Broadway, local street elements impacted in area of highway cover construction, grading, packing, draining, and lighting on I-5, tunnel fire life safety elements, and retaining walls. The final design is planned for Q1 2027.
- Dustin Murphy, Deputy Project Manager, gave subcontracting and workforce elements update:
 - » Phase 1A Subcontracting Opportunities will include a stormwater scope, a signs package, a seismic package, and a bridge widening package.
 - » Outreach will take place now through early February.
 - Invitations to bid through early Feb 2025
 - Break ground July 2025

– Construction July 2025- December 2026

- Ashley Henry, Raimore Project Manager, gave an update on bids being advertised including traffic control, electrical, hydro demo, and other work scopes.
 - » Traffic Control (\$2M), Electrical
- Bill Bruce gave an update on what will be bid out. The total approximated value is \$41M, subcontracted value is \$21M, and anticipated DBE utilization is 23%.
 - » Pipeline projects are designed to prepare, train, and employ a skilled workforce, build capacity in the labor market, address skill gaps, create pathways, foster diversity, and focus on local economic impact.
 - » Angela Murphy is working on all outreach efforts done early on for the project.

Discussion

COAC member asked the following questions:

- Will Raimore be paid for all the static time they spent waiting to get this project underway?
 - » Megan Channell clarified that the JV has remained under contract with ODOT, so the Joint Venture has been paid for their time.
- Do we have any DBE locators or potholing?
 - » JV team responded this falls within Just Bucket's scope.
- COAC member: Can you be more specific about the landscaping?
 - » This is under Willie with Just Bucket; he may subcontract the scope out.
- COAC member: Is there any line item for clean up?
 - » The JV team responded we will need someone to help with this, there is opportunity here.
- COAC member: Have the subcontractors reached out to build African American community labor capacity?
 - » JV member Jeff Moreland responded he has confidence that the diversity plan will not be mishandled. We are monitoring at a high level to make sure Black truckers and landscapers are reached.
- COAC Member would like to see outreach to the Historically Black College Universities (HBCUs).
 - » Bill Bruce mentioned ODOT has agreed to the JV bringing on a Workforce Advocate and are in the process of selecting a new advocate.
- COAC member commented Northwest College of Construction (NWCC) is working to build the workforce pipeline.

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- » COAC Member mentioned ODOT should consider restructuring the COAC.
 - Megan Channel agrees that they want more COAC participation and make sure that we are rounding out the right level of expertise. Johnell and ODOT are working on expanded membership for COAC.
 - » One of the goals of RQ is to be a pipeline builder for future impact in ODOT and in the region.
 - COAC Facilitator Johnell Bell asked for ideas for potential COAC members.
 - COAC Member stated to make sure this group is aware of the draft tri- county reciprocity proposed language that could impact the pipeline and contractors.
 - » Sharon Daleo, City of Portland stated they have started putting together a briefing document to inform the new council about the project.

Public Comments

No verbal public comments were received during the meeting. A written public comment was received, which is included at the end of the summary.

Next Steps

The next meeting will be held on April 17, 2025. Megan thanked the intentionality of the COAC members.

Adjourn

Johnell Bell adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC COMMENTS

January 14, 2025

KYLIE PENLAND (1/13/2025)

***Email from Kylie Penland about HAAB and COAC Public Comment
(RQ-8261)***

Subject: HAAB & COAC Public Comment

Good Morning,

I had a few questions that I am hoping you can address as best as you can in either or both of their meetings this week.

Is there a more specific date of when construction for the project will begin? What specific area or areas is construction going to be starting in? Is this going to close access to any specific streets for any period of time?

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