



I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Historic Albina Advisory Board

Meeting #13 Summary

MEETING DATE: November 16, 2021

MEETING TIME: 4:00 – 6:20 PM

LOCATION: Zoom online meeting

This document is a summary of the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Historic Albina Advisory Board meeting. The [meeting presentation](#) and [recording](#) provide additional documentation of this meeting.

Historic Albina Advisory Board Members in Attendance

- Sprinavasa Brown
- Andrew Campbell
- Andrew Clarke
- Bryson Davis
- Keith Edwards
- Sharon Gary-Smith
- Leslie Goodlow
- Estelle Love Lavespere

Historic Albina Advisory Board Members Not in Attendance

- Dr. Ebony Amato-Blackmon
- Kevin Modica
- Pastor Richard Probasco
- Dr. Carlos Richard
- Carl Talton
- John Washington

Staff Members

- Ericka Warren, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Historic Albina Advisory Board (HAAB) Facilitator
- Dr. Steven Holt, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Advisor
- Johnell Bell, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Community Oversight Advisory Committee Facilitator
- Megan Channell, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Director
- Tia Williams, ODOT Urban Mobility Office Communications Director
- Alex Cousins, advisory committee support, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Owner's Representative Team
- Natalie Warner, technical support, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Owner's Representative Team

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- Aliza Whalen, notetaker, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Owner's Representative Team

Agenda

- Welcome, Introduction, Agenda Review
- Public Comment
- Project Updates
 - Director's Update
 - Response to prior HAAB questions
- HAAB Charter Revisions (Decision)
- HAAB Survey Results and Restorative Justice Project Value (Discussion)
- Performance Measures Introduction: Mobility Focus and Climate Action and Improved Public Health (Information/Discussion)
- Next Steps/Adjourn

Welcome, Introduction, Agenda Review

Ericka Warren, Historic Albina Advisory Board Facilitator, welcomed participants, provided an overview of the meeting, and outlined the seven principles of agreement.

Public Comment

- Diane Meisenheiber commented about the possibility of moving forward with the highway cover without the auxiliary lanes for the project. See *I-5 Rose Quarter Project – Historic Albina Advisory Board Meeting (November 16, 2021)*, [[video](#)], 8:55

Members of the Historic Albina Advisory Board discussed the possibility of expanding the one minute limit for public comment.

Project Updates

Megan Channell, Project Director, provided an update on the intergovernmental agreement with agency partners, the status of the conceptual finance plan, ODOT's equitable compensation policy, and the status of the Diversity and Subcontracting Plan. James McGrath gave an update on the design collaboration forum, which will convene on the first Tuesday of each month and is intended to broaden the group of collaborators so that it can make relevant design decisions and incorporate culturally appropriate designs. The design team will be back in December with more information and for more feedback. The team is also developing a program to engage broader audiences through other types of forums.

Tia Williams, ODOT Urban Mobility Office Communications Director provided an update on the federal infrastructure and jobs act and asked whether the board would support efforts to write a letter to request funding for Rose Quarter. She also remarked that the

project team is working on project rebranding with PDX Black Excellence, and that a design that reflects the board's feedback has been selected. The anticipated rollout is in early January.

Ericka added that a majority of Board members expressed a preference for logo design number 3, which was the design that was advanced. She reiterated that the board's voice continues to be important as the project progresses.

- Sharon Gary-Smith appreciated the update and said she looks forward to being engaged. She also asked Megan if the Diversity Plan is only for this project or for all ODOT projects going forward.
 - Megan replied that the Diversity Plan and Subcontracting Plan is specific to the I-5 Rose Quarter Project, developed by the Construction Manager/General Contractor. Raimore is taking the lead on putting the plan together, with a focus on the workforce and disadvantaged business enterprise program. This is the first time that ODOT has done a diversity and contracting plan to this level and it aspires to use this model for subsequent projects going forward.
 - Sharon expressed that there are many folks who can help to inform how to move hope into action, and how to be deliberate and intentional.
 - Megan affirmed and looks forward to continuing to partner with this board as well as the Community Oversight Advisory Committee.
 - Keith Edwards appreciated Sharon's question and hopes folks from the community will have an opportunity to debrief on outcomes of the Plan.
- Sprinavasa Brown asked if the letter for the federal infrastructure bill is specific to this project or for ODOT in general.
 - Tia answered that it is specific to the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project. Federal investment could create more leverage to create community benefits.
 - Sprinavasa asked if ODOT is requesting funds for multiple projects.
 - Tia responded that ODOT did receive a funding allocation and will submit requests across projects. She will be back for more updates as details evolve. Shelli Romero, ODOT staff, added the bill will have different buckets of funding and projects will be matched based on the criteria.

HAAB Charter Revisions

Ericka provided updates on revisions to the Historic Albina Advisory Board Charter, such as the project team's commitment to provide regular briefings on highway cover governance and programming, structural design details of highway cover, the project funding and financing plan, and the project design and construction schedule. Ericka asked for any additional questions before formal adoption at the Board's next meeting.

- Keith Edwards expressed concern that there is no leadership in the City to support the community, so he would like ODOT to make sure there is some type of leadership and that community's concerns are being heard and goals met.
 - Megan affirmed ODOT's commitment to continue to push for a strong community voice and to continue to advocate for diverse representation from the Historic Albina community for highway cover governance.
 - Sharon Gary-Smith commented she likes that the Charter language is tightened, clarified and specific. It should have as much clarity, definition, and agreement as possible so that the work fits with the community.

HAAB Survey Results and Restorative Justice Project Value

Ericka shared results from the restorative justice survey that the Board participated in. Main themes that emerged included prioritizing building the Black Community over profit; creating opportunities for home, property and business ownership; committing to mechanisms to rebuild and maximize generational wealth through ownership and jobs; accelerating closing the wealth gap between the Black and white communities; and embody the values of the Historic Albina Community. Results showed that most members agreed with the commitments.

For outcome priorities, members wanted ODOT to do what is necessary to earn community trust and advance short- and long-term action for community stability, economic wealth and opportunity. Members also wanted access to family-wage jobs, healthcare, education and affordable business space; opportunities for wealth generation through partnerships; and to maximize project job opportunities.

- Keith Edwards expressed appreciation to the project team for hearing the Board. He would also like to hear from young folks.
 - Ericka responded that there are exciting conversations with Sprinavasa to include the youth voice in the design and in shaping their future.
 - Sprinavasa replied that she would be happy to share more at the Board's December meeting. She also wanted to know which other members work with youth, so they can coordinate time to discuss cross-organizational youth engagement opportunities.
 - Sharon Gary-Smith said she would love to hear what older community 'caregivers' and the 'youth/inheritors' think of the board's efforts on restorative justice.

Ericka reiterated that the project team is listening to and elevating the board's concerns on how it can improve the project and incorporate members' voices. The team cannot restore everything through this project, but it wants to ensure that the community benefits in a measurable way.

- Andrew Clarke said that he is excited that the project is moving onto the next phase. He is interested in participating in the design process and lending perspective from experience in his own business.

Performance Measures Introduction: Mobility Focus and Climate Action and Improved Public Health

Monica, Deputy Project Director noted that one aspect of the Board's purpose in the Charter is to adopt performance measures. The team considered all of the Board's desired outcomes and collaborated with experts when developing the list of metrics. The process began about a year ago, starting with a list of over 100 measures that is now narrowed down to 26. Considerations in the process included outcome fit, implementation, reporting, partnerships, mix of types, and timeframes to create a holistic list. Consistent measures over time will help ODOT continue to do things differently and track benefits beyond the project, as part of a broader regional system.

The project team will continue to refine measures to reflect the board's feedback. The final result should be a list that the Board supports. The team will work on setting goals and numerical values after receiving feedback from the Board. The team is also ready to start defining the process for tracking measures.

- Keith Edwards asked if there has been collaboration with public transit or an evaluation of community behaviors and habits regarding transit usage.
 - Monica replied that the team can get more information from TriMet on this topic. TriMet helped create these measures as part of the technical team.
- Keith added he has concerns about health impacts and asked if there is an established baseline for Harriet Tubman Middle School and the community nearby. Improvements should enhance their longevity and health.
 - Monica noted the measures do talk about installing more monitoring devices. Portland Public Schools has worked with a local university on this baseline which the team will further incorporate into this effort.
 - Keith added the team should track children's health over time.
 - Sprinavasa Brown agreed with Keith's comment and supported collecting more comprehensive information and data over the next few years.
 - Sharon Gary-Smith commented that documenting and sharing data on those who have had sufficient exposure could be troublesome and have significant implications. Some anecdotal evidence of health disparities should be available already from other sources. She asked what could be responses that align with restorative justice.
 - Sprinavasa asked how to learn more about the climate measures.
 - Ericka responded that the full measures and background information were provided as part of the Board packet.
 - Monica added that the team will share more information about Greenroads in the future.

Next Steps/Adjourn

Ericka stressed that the project team is looking for the board's input to guide and hold this project accountable. She is excited to kick off the Design Collaboration Forum, occurring the first Tuesday of each month. The board will continue to move forward with shaping the project performance measures, shaping the highway infrastructure design, providing direction on highway and local streets solutions, and providing feedback on community inputs.

Ericka reminded members that Board will meet next on December 14 instead of December 21. She thanked Megan, Monica, James and Tia for continuing to be advocates for the community and the members for serving the community. She reminded members to please send paperwork so they can be compensated.

Ericka adjourned the meeting at 5:31 pm.

Adjourn

Note: The meeting was hosted as a Zoom Meeting format that enabled Historic Albina Advisory Board members to unmute their microphones and use web-cameras to participate in the meeting. Attendees, or public observers, remained in "listen-only" mode and without access to video-sharing functions (attendees were able to view the presentation slide.

Historic Albina Advisory Board Response Matrix

ODOT is committed to being held accountable to the community, in particular the historic Albina community, for actions we take in response to the feedback we've heard. This matrix is a living document that will be updated following every meeting of the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Historic Albina Advisory Board. The matrix lists specific information requests, action items, and project recommendations and ideas ODOT has received, and did not address directly as part of the meeting, from the board and documents how ODOT is responding. For a complete record of the discussions from each meeting, see the summary for each past meeting posted on the [events page](#).

Timing Key

Near Term: Zero to six months

Long Term: Six months to one year

During Construction: Activities to take place during or specific to construction

Out of Scope: Beyond ODOT purview, or requires times or resources from other community or agency partners

Date	Source	Comment	Response	Timing	Responsible Party	Status
11/16/21	Keith Edwards	Has there has been collaboration with public transit or an evaluation of community behaviors and habits regarding transit usage?	<p>Yes. TriMet participates on the project's Project Management Group, Technical Leadership Team, and the Transit Subteam. The performance measures themselves were reviewed by TriMet at a Technical Leadership Team meeting (and also discussed at a high level at the Project Management Group). In transit subteam meetings, the project team works closely with TriMet to evaluate impacts, solutions and opportunities for transit related to the project.</p> <p>The project team is also working with TriMet to provide more information about transit ridership in the Albina area at a future meeting in order to inform the Board's work on performance measures.</p>	Short-term	Project Team	In Progress