



I-5 ROSE QUARTER
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Community Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC)

Meeting Summary

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2021
MEETING TIME: 4:00 - 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Zoom online meeting

This document is a summary of the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Community Oversight Advisory Committee meeting. The meeting [presentation](#) and recordings of the [Main Room](#), [Breakout Room 1](#), and [Breakout Room 2](#) provides additional documentation of this meeting.

Community Oversight Advisory Committee Members in Attendance

Michael Burch, NW Carpenters

Bob Carroll, IBEW Local-48

Art Cortez, LatinoBuilt

Katrina Cloud, Northwest College of
Construction

Kenechi Onyeagusi, Professional
Business Development Group (PBDG)

Pastor Matt Hennessee, Ministerial Alliance

Joe McFerrin, Portland Opportunities
Industrialization Center, Inc. (POIC)

James Posey, Coalition of Black Men

Felicia Tripp Folsom, Community
Member

Community Oversight Advisory Committee Members Not in Attendance
Lee Fleming, Multnomah County (Purchasing)
Staff Members

Johnell Bell, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Community Oversight Advisory Committee Facilitator

Dr. Steven Holt, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project

Monica Blanchard, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Deputy Director

André Baugh, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Owner's Representative Team

Corinne M. Villavaso, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Owner's Representative Team

Mike Baker, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Owner's Representative Team

Natalie Warner, Technical Support, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Owner's Representative Team

Dr. Steven Holt, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Executive Steering Committee Facilitator

Ericka Warren, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Historic Albina Advisory Board Facilitator

Joseph A. Puente, Technical Support, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Owner's Representative Team

Amber L. Smith, Technical Support, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Owner's Representative Team

Carolyn Heniges, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Team

Shelli Romero, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Team

Belinda Mutoni, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project CM/GC Team

Briana De Kalb, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project CM/GC Team

Brad Sullivan, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project CM/GC Team

Deb O'Dell, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project CM/GC Team

Jeff Moreland, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project CM/GC Team

Matt O'Connell, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project CM/GC Team

Tayo Adesida, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project CM/GC Team

Terrence Hayes, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project CM/GC Team

Jennifer Erickson, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project CM/GC Team

Agenda

- Welcome, Meeting Platform and Ground Rules
- Overview COAC September 16th Meeting Summary Notes
- Project Updates – Project Committee Updates
- Community Matrix Part 1-COAC Recommendations on Diversity Plan
- COAC Breakout Groups
- COAC Reports Out
- Public Comments
- Conclusion and Next Steps

Welcome, Meeting Platform and Ground Rules

Johnell Bell (Johnell), the Community Oversight Advisory Committee (Committee) facilitator, welcomed Committee members.

Johnell Bell provided an overview of the meeting agenda and reviewed the ground rules. He advised that the focus of the meeting was around the CM/GC Diversity Plan—COAC Recommendations on Diversity Plan.

Overview Community Oversight Advisory (COAC) September 16th Meeting Summary Notes

No comments from Committee were offered regarding the September 16 meeting summary notes.

Project Updates

- Megan Channell provided highlights regarding the finance plan. ODOT is developing the financing plan for Rose Quarter project, per direction of the OTC, that highlights the conceptual financing plan including range of funding possibilities for the project and updated cost estimate for Hybrid 3. The finance plan will include the CMGC estimates. This topic will continue to be an item where updates will be provided to COAC.
- Megan stated that the finance plan was supposed to be delivered on December 1 deadline but will now be delivered on January 13 per OTC direction. This will provide time for upcoming reconciliation federal bill that can potentially change the funding.
- Megan thanked the COAC and community for their participation in the diversity plan. Megan discussed the new policy that ODOT has implemented which will provide compensation for COAC members time investment to the committee. Said compensation will be paid retroactively from July 1, 2021. Paperwork will need to be submitted for the compensation to be distributed to COAC members.

- Megan stated that the Federal Investments & Jobs Act was signed and was passed, and will include \$100 Billion in transportation funding, which will also include for the Rose Quarter project. In line with this, Megan stated that COAC assistance and support is very helpful in securing future grants for project funding purposes. Megan has therefore asked COAC to consider writing a letter of support to the federal delegation, as it pertains to federal funding opportunities for the Rose Quarter project and provide information on how to assist.

Project Committee Updates

- Megan provided update on HAAB design influence of urban design of under crossings, which result in an opportunity to rethink the design, to create a more people friendly aesthetic. In this regard, HAAB is developing an Urban design process to include technical workshops to assist in completing the work.
- Megan reported that HAAB is redesigning the project values, especially around restorative justice and public health. Organization performance measures will be considered in how the project is meeting the project values. Metrics will be performed to see how ODOT are meeting the values as outlined. An update of restorative justice and community engagement will be done.
- Dr. Holt discussed that the preparation of the rebranding work, the design work for streetscape and coordination between COAC and HAAB.
- member inquired the IGA
 - Megan responded by stating that the governor's office is coordinating the letter of agreement and that it is still in progress. ODOT has engaged Portland and understand the need for reengagement, with a limited notice of proceed, and the IGA that will go to city council, which will help us move forward. Megan stated that she will provide updates in future COAC meetings.
- Member asked if ODOT has been coordinating with those who left Portland to go to Washington DC to see if we are using these relationships to help.
 - Megan responded that we have been interacting with them but not sure to what extent and will touch base with member regarding this.

Overview of Diversity Plan Matrix Comments

- Bill provided the update regarding the diversity plan meetings and have indicated that ODOT and the team has taken the COAC comments and have discussed them and connected the comments to the development of the diversity plan.
- A collection of the comments has been added to the community matrix, and the meeting will be purposed for going through the comments.
- Bill discussed the Input Incorporation Process as it relates to the progress that has been made in constructing, refining, and submitting the diversity plan for approval to Salem, which will include the comments from COAC, to be used in the implementation phase of the diversity plan.

- Bill discussed the slide “What follows the Diversity Plan Approval?” It was covered that the Appreciation Celebration is to thank everyone’s efforts in the diversity plan.
- Future events covered will the Joint Meeting (Diversity Plan, Finance Plan and Hybrid 3)

Bill asked if there were any questions/comments. None were received.

Topic: CM/GC Diversity Plan Community Matrix

Bill gave a brief summary of the speakers for this evening and the topics of the evening to Include:

Overview of Community Input 1

Overview of Community Input 2

Speaker 1: Briana De Kalb

Topic: Diversity Plan Questions, Comments, Recommendations

- Briana reviewed the comments received from COAC and ODOT’s responses to the questions in the Diversity Plan Questions, Comments, Recommendations slide. Information can be viewed starting at **28:33** of the presentation.

Speaker 2: Tayo Adesida

Topic: Transparency & Accountability Questions, Comments, Recommendations

- Tayo reviewed the comments received from COAC and ODOT’s responses to the questions in the Transparency & Accountability Questions, Comments, Recommendations slide. Information can be viewed starting at **32:22** of the presentation.

Speaker 3: Laura Ramirez

Topic: Wealth Creation Questions, Comments, Recommendations

- Laura reviewed the comments received from COAC and ODOT’s responses to the questions in the Wealth Creation Questions, Comments, Recommendations slide. Information can be viewed starting at **34:30** of the presentation.

Speaker 4: Rodney King

Topic: Cultural Inclusion, Preservation & Consciousness Questions, Comments, Recommendations

- Rodney reviewed the comments received from COAC and ODOT’s responses to the questions in the Cultural Inclusion, Preservation & Consciousness Questions,

Comments, Recommendations slide. Information can be viewed starting at 38:48 of the presentation.

Speaker 5: Terrance Hayes

Topic: Workforce & Anti-Harassment Questions, Comments, Recommendations

- Terrence reviewed the comments received from COAC and ODOT's responses to the questions in the Workforce & Anti-Harassment Questions, Comments, Recommendations slide. Information can be viewed starting at 40:00 of the presentation.

Feedback and Comments

- There were no feedback and comments. Bill Bruce proceeded to start the breakout groups.

Breakout Groups

Breakout Group Introductions

Breakout rooms were arranged in Zoom to facilitate discussion. Members were asked the following questions:

What are your main questions or concerns about the responses to the COAC Members (your) comments?

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Group 1 Breakout Recording

- Amber Ontiveros reported the discussion for breakout for Group 1. Amber mentioned that the group discussed the workforce and a possible tracking mechanism for tracking the workforce metrics. Financing for small businesses was also discussed in the group, which includes loans and possible sums of money that banks can provide to assist in this regard. An idea that was discussed was financing for workers to assist with prompt payment on the project.
- Amber discussed that the project is paying out of their pocket the cost to offset the lack of prompt payment on the project. Further discussion of outreach and cultural competency was discussed in terms of reaching out to black churches and businesses. An idea for protecting the workers on the project was creating an anonymous hotline to report discrimination and harassment on the workforce.

Group 2 Breakout Recording

- Briana De Kalb reported the discussion for breakout for Group 2. Briana discussed that an action item is that the slides will be sent to the COAC group for the community comments matrix, which will include adding the matrix itself to the Diversity Plan. It was also discussed the science behind the green sheet tool in reference to the 20% milestone for design.
- Briana also mentioned the discussion regarding the prompt payment issue, and questions posed related to what is different between this project and previous projects in relieving the prompt payment situations. Briana continued to discuss the options that are viable for ensuring prompt payment to include mobilization, which will provide faster payment. In addition, technical assistance will be provided in assisting the subcontractors to complete the necessary documentation to receive payment on time. Comments from ODOT in this regard were provided.

Feedback and Comments

- Member asked if the Owners Representative Team is working with the JV and are they working collectively together as a group?
 - Johnell yielded the floor to Megan Channell to answer the question.
 - Megan stated that we are one team that is working for the team, who is the public, which is the expectation that Megan has sent to the team.
- Member stated that the community questions have been taken very seriously.

Public Comments

No Public Comments

Conclusion and Next Steps

- Megan provided a special recognition for Kenechi – DJC Women of Vision Award, and leaderships, as well and Ericka Warren.

The next meeting will be held on December 16, 2021.

Adjourn

Johnell Bell adjourned the meeting at 5:58 pm.