



I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Executive Steering Committee

Meeting #6 Summary

MEETING DATE: December 14, 2020

MEETING TIME: 3:00 - 5:30PM

LOCATION: Zoom online meeting

This document is a summary of the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Executive Steering Committee meeting. The [meeting presentation](#) and [recording](#) provide additional documentation of this meeting.

Executive Steering Committee Members in Attendance

Chair: Alando Simpson, Vice Chair,
Oregon Transportation Commission
(OTC)

Leah Horner- Governor's Office,
Regional Solutions Director and Jobs
and Economy Policy Advisor

Lynn Peterson- Metro, President

Dr. Ebony Amato- N/NE Community
Development Initiative

Marlon Holmes- N/NE Housing Strategy

Nate McCoy- National Association of
Minority Contractors, Executive Director

Robert Camarillo—Oregon Building
Trades, Executive Secretary

Brendan Finn- Oregon Department of
Transportation (ODOT), Urban Mobility
Office

Jana Jarvis- Oregon Trucking
Association, President

Julia Brim-Edwards- Portland Public
Schools, PPS Board Member

Steve Witter, on behalf of TriMet
General Manager Doug Kelsey

Bryson Davis- Williams and Russell
Project

Staff Members

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

Megan Channell, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Director

April deLeon-Galloway, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Public Involvement and Communications Lead

Ericka Warren, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Executive Steering Committee Staff

Natalie Warren, technical support, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Owner's Representative Team

Alex Cousins, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Owner's Representative Team

Lindsey Mears, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Owner's Representative Team

Corinne Villavaso, technical support, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Owner's Representative Team

Katie Whittier, technical support, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Owner's Representative Team

Joseph Puente, notetaker, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Owner's Representative Team

Construction Manager/General Contractor Team

Matt O'Connell, Project Manager, Hamilton Sundt A Joint Venture team

Scott Williams, President, Hamilton Construction

Jeff Williamson, President of Transportation, Sundt

Jeff Moreland, President, Raimore Construction

Guest Presenters

Jeana Wooley, Independent Highway Cover Assessment facilitator

Nolan Lienhart, ZGF, Independent Highway Cover Assessment team

Kate Brooks, Independent Highway Cover Assessment team

Kate White, Independent Highway Cover Assessment team

Charles Kelly, Independent Highway Cover Assessment team

Agenda

- Welcome, Introduction, Principles of Agreement
- Public Comment

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- Receive a director's update
- Report on Independent Highway Cover Assessment
- Review public survey results
- Conclusion and next steps

Welcome, Introduction, Principles of Agreement

- Dr. Steven Holt welcomes the ESC members and ESC Chair Simpson acknowledged the history of and future opportunities with the project.

Public Comment

The following individual provided oral public comment:

- Joseph Cortright, an economist representing the No More Freeway Expansions Coalition provided the comments that wider right-of-ways are more disruptive and will increase air pollution. *See I-5 Rose Quarter Project – ESC Meeting (December 6, 2020), [\[video\]](#), 15:12*

Director's Update

Megan Channell, Project Director, provided an update and reminded ESC members about their critical role in connecting the project to economic opportunities, specifically through contracts with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises helping to build business capacity as well as jobs for minority workers.

Megan introduced the Construction Manager/General Contractor team: Hamilton Sundt A Joint Venture, in association with Raimore Construction.

- Matt O'Connell, Project Manager, Hamilton Sundt A Joint Venture team
- Scott Williams, President, Hamilton Construction
- Jeff Williamson, President of Transportation, Sundt
- Jeff Moreland, President, Raimore Construction

Megan spoke about the collaboration and coordination with Portland Public Schools to develop performance metrics defined around public health and climate action, which will be shared in early 2021.

Independent Highway Cover Assessment

Dr. Holt introduced Nolan Lienhart, Independent Highway Cover Assessment team, with Jeana Wooley, the new Independent Highway Cover Assessment facilitator.

- Nolan proposed two amendments to the Executive Steering Committee Charter.
- Nolan updated the committee on October's proposal regarding Highway Cover Coordinating Committee membership.

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- The Highway Cover Coordinating Committee will serve as the staff working group to support the Independent Cover Assessment process and will review and provide input on the deliverables to the Executive Steering Committee.

Following Nolan's presentation, members discussed and appointed Bryson to represent the Executive Steering Committee on Highway Cover Coordinating Committee.

Executive Steering Committee members highlighted the importance of independence and transparency in guiding the Independent Highway Cover Assessment team's work, and agreed to discuss this topic and the proposed charter amendments at a later date.

Record Review

- Charles Kelly, Independent Highway Cover Assessment Project Director, provided a summary of Highway Cover Coordinating Committee record review:
 1. Cost is an important aspect of the record review, and highway covers were included in the cost of the current project budget.
 2. The Independent Highway Cover Assessment team is primarily focused on highway covers. All surface-street issues fall into the domain of scenario building and assessment. The main stem of the freeway and the lanes are not within the domain of Independent Highway Cover Assessment.
 3. Record review was examined in a forward-looking way:
 - a. What community partners have said on the record
 - b. How to make project stronger

Framing the Record Review

- Kate White, Independent Highway Cover Assessment team, gave an overview of how the record review was conducted. The final cover recommendation report will be prepared for Oregon Transportation Commission review in June 2021.

Urban Design Review

Kate Brooks, Independent Highway Cover Assessment, summarized the analyses and observations included in the record review and provided examples. One of the analyses looked at urban form, the physical characteristics of a city (such as streets and buildings) from the past to present day.

- Executive Steering Committee members discussed connectivity in terms of safety, green space, usability and public health.
- Executive Steering Committee members asked about speed limits on ramps and clearance beneath the covers.

Public Survey Results

Lindsey Mears, I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Owner's Representative Team, presented an overview of survey methodology. The interview-based survey was conducted in September and included 605 adults across a tri-county area, which

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included an oversample of African American to scale in proportion to African Americans who used to live in the area. Its goal was to understand regional awareness of the project and its proposed changes.

Next Steps

Dr. Holt asked members to consider meeting more frequently or extend meeting time to create more opportunity for full discussion and allow adjustment to the charter or the scope of work for Executive Steering Committee. The project team will follow up on topics tabled during discussion and prepare them for consideration at the next meeting. The facilitators thanked committee members for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Adjourn

Note: The meeting was hosted as a Zoom Webinar format that enabled Executive Steering Committee 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 slides).