

## Work Session Notes

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Members Present: Chuck Green (Chair), Franklin Johnson (Vice Chair), Nancy Dong, Cass Freedland, Amy Gross, Meghan McCarthy, Larry Smith, Tanya Stewart and Pamela Wheeler

Absent: None

Staff: Susan Ellinger and Jenna Kay, Community Planning

### 1. Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Tolling Program

- Hannah Williams, Garet Prior, Zoie Wesenberg and Gillian Garber-Yonts attended and gave a presentation on the proposed tolling program and potential impacts on older adults and specifically those with fixed incomes.
- A copy of the presentation is located under the 4/2/2022 work session section on [this](#) page of the county website.
- Q&A after the presentation included the following key themes:
  - There was a question about whether older adults would get a break of some kind on the tolls. The project team is looking beyond income levels to also consider race, people who are older and younger, people with disabilities, and households without cars.
  - There was a question about race being considered and if the project team could talk more about that. The project team is trying to reach community groups they haven't historically reached before. There are community liaisons connected with communities of color, underserved communities, people with a disability, people who are low income, people who are older, and youth. The liaisons are linked into the community they serve and it seems to be helping with outreach. ODOT is trying to get to better outcomes with better outreach. The project team will be organizing discussion groups in April to get specific community driven input.
  - There was a question about consideration of volunteers crossing the bridge without generating income such as crossing for employment purposes. The tolls would travel with the vehicle and not the purpose for the crossing, however, the project team is thinking about options for the pricing.
  - If commission members have additional ideas or questions, they can send them to county staff who can forward them to the ODOT project team.

### 2. Transportation System Plan (TSP) update

- Gary Albrecht with Public Works gave a presentation on the TSP.
- A copy of the presentation is located under the 4/2/2022 work session section on [this](#) page of the county website.
- The Commissioners did not have any questions regarding this presentation.

### 3. March 16, 2022 work session notes review

- There were no suggested changes to the notes.

### 4. Public Health Advisory Council nomination discussion



- Members discussed the nomination of a member to represent the Clark County Commission on Aging on the Clark County Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC).
- This is a new position and will be a three year term. COA has had a public health liaison that listened in to PHAC meetings, but this position will provide an aging representative as a voting member.
- Dr. Alan Melnick, the Clark County Public Health Director, is scheduled to attend the regular COA meeting and answer questions about the position.

5. **Subcommittee reports**

- CoA member applicant review committee
  - There are three positions with a term that ends on May 31. The application deadline was April 4.
  - Future meetings include one to discuss individual scoring and determine candidates to invite to interviews on April 27 and a second to conduct candidate interviews on May 3.
- Aging Readiness Plan subcommittee update
  - The RFP was issued on April 6 and responses are due May 4.
  - A pre-submittal meeting was held for potential RFP responders on April 14.
  - Future meetings include a pre-scoring meeting on April 25, a chance to discuss scoring and select interviewees on May 17 and interviews with prospective consultant candidates on May 26, 2022.

6. **Schedule Updates**

- Monthly topics & calendar
  - Staff continues to work on the monthly meeting topics with the members that volunteered to lead each discussion.
  - A copy of the most recent monthly topic list is located under the 4/20/2022 work session section on [this](#) page of the county website.
- City presentations
  - Several presentations scheduled for April and May, still working to coordinate with some jurisdictions.
  - A copy of the most recent schedule is located under the 4/20/2022 work session section on [this](#) page of the county website.

7. **Public comment debrief**

- No public comments were received this month

8. **Other**

- Jenna announced that there will be a Planning Commission Hearing on the Housing Options Study & Action Plan on April 21
- Staff shared that commissions now have the option to switch from fully remote meetings to hybrid meetings, where individuals can choose to attend remotely or in-person. Chuck requested to add this item to the regular meeting agenda to gauge commission members' preferences.

9. **Upcoming meetings/topics:**

- May 18, 2022 - Commission on Aging Meeting, topic TBD
- June 15, 2022 – No regular meeting. Commission retreat.

10. **Adjournment:** the work session adjourned at 4:25 pm.

*The Clark County Commission on Aging provides leadership in community engagement and advocacy of Clark County's Aging Readiness Plan, especially for those 65 and over who plan to age in the place of their choosing.*