

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 21, 2026 SMILE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

1. **Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Scott Kelly, Transportation Committee Chair.** Three others in attendance; Judy Davis, Max Schwarz, and Andrew Holtz.
2. **Updates**
 1. **Oaks Park Congestion During Events** – Andrew reported that he’s been in contact with PBOT and requested they look into improving traffic congestion leaving from Oaks Amusement Park during peak periods, particularly at the end of summer days and after events. He said PBOT found a problem with the signal sensor at SE 6th & Tacoma and will be fixing it over the next few weeks. Andrew also noted that PBOT is working with Oaks Park on an event traffic control plan. Andrew will check back in a month or so on the status of this.
 2. **Crosswalks on SE 13th at Lambert, Bidwell & Lexington** – Judy asked about the status of these crosswalks, as well as requests for vision clearance of parked cars at Miller & 13th. No update was available at the meeting. [Note: Scott subsequently check with PBOT and learned that the new target finish date for the additional crosswalks is 3/31/26, but due to work backlogs they might not be completed until 10/26.]
3. **Portland Alternative Transportation Funding** – Scott briefly went through PBOT’s Alternative Transportation Funding Report and the group discussed the four highest ranked options in the report. It was generally agreed that a Transportation Utility Fee would be the easiest to implement, and a Street Damage Restoration Fee should also be implemented. The Retail Delivery Fee and Third-Party Food Delivery Fee options could potentially provide significant funding, but would be harder to administer and track. PBOT will be requesting input from the neighborhood associations and districts within the next 6 weeks.
4. **TriMet Service Changes** – The committee discussed the proposed TriMet changes. The only change in Sellwood/Westmoreland is that Bus 19 will be changed to Bus 4 and the eastern portion of the route will change (outside Sellwood/Westmoreland). Other changes to bus lines and the Max Green line will change outside our neighborhood. The committee discussed a draft letter being circulated by the Pearl neighborhood associations regarding funding for transit from ODOT, but no recommendation was made to sign onto the draft letter.
5. **The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.**