

Stakeholder Group Meeting Notes

Date/Time:	June 10, 2026
Location:	Portland City Hall, Room 24
Attendees:	City Staff: Nell Donaldson, Kevin Kraft, Troy Moon, Jeremiah Bartlett, Keith Gray Stantec: Jessa Berna, Liza Cohen Stakeholder Group: Zoe Miller, Cary Tyson, Reed Silvers, Guy Mpoyi, Quincy Hentzel, Henry Powell, Cashel Stewart, Glenn Fenton, Matt Drost, Myles Smith, Patricia Quinn, Nick Messina, Jon Kachmar, Christian Milneil
Purpose:	Introduce the project, discuss goals, begin to identify issues and opportunities

Introduction

The meeting began with an introduction to *Portland in Motion* and a review of the general approach to the city-wide transportation plan process. The team also reviewed the purpose and expectations for the stakeholder group:

- The group will meet 3-4 times over the course of the project.
- The group includes a broad range of transportation users and representatives.
- The group's feedback is a part of the plan's broader public engagement, and it is important that everyone's views are heard and respected.

Discussion Questions

The remainder of the meeting focused on a series of discussion questions. Stakeholder group members were divided into four groups to talk about the questions, record their responses on flip charts (see following pages), and then report back to share their group discussions. Below are some common themes that emerged for each question.

1. What is your top transportation goal for *Portland in Motion*?

- *A system that allows transportation choice.* Responses from all groups touched on this concept, with ideas about improving bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and enhancing public transit service.
- *An affordable transportation system.* Several groups highlighted the idea of household affordability and affordable access to transportation options.
- *A transportation system that supports people and places.* Several groups noted that the transportation system should help create complete neighborhoods and places where people want to be and work.

Groups also highlighted the importance of an implementable plan, policy solutions as part of the plan, and scalable solutions.

2. What transportation needs are not currently met well? *This can apply to you personally and/or to your constituents.*

- *Safety.* All groups mentioned safety as a significant need, including intersection safety, bicycle and pedestrian safety, safety on major corridors, speed limits, and safety for vulnerable populations, such as children.
- *Frequent, extended transit service.* All groups also highlighted the need for transit service improvements, focusing mostly on headways, hours of operation, and service coverage, but also network consolidation and accommodations at transfer points.
- *Long-distance commute options.* Several groups mentioned the need for more commuting options, including improvements for the train.

Other ideas around needs included funding, improved signals, striping, sidewalk accessibility, and parking management.

3. What is working well in Portland today?

- *Trails and walkability.* All groups highlighted the strength of the trail system, sidewalks, and walkability (particularly in certain areas of the city, such as the Old Port).
- *Transit.* All groups mentioned strengths of the local transit system, including Congress Street bus headways, ferry service, and noticeable improvements at METRO over the past 10 years.
- *Regional connections.* Several groups also mentioned regional transit as a strength, including connections to Boston (bus and rail) and the Jetport.
- *Specific projects.* Large capital projects were mentioned by several groups, including three groups who highlighted the Deering roundabout. Several groups also highlighted recent successful demonstration projects, Vision Zero work, and green infrastructure integration.
- *Vehicular travel.* Several groups noted that driving and parking are easy, suggesting that vehicular travel has been over-prioritized in the current system.

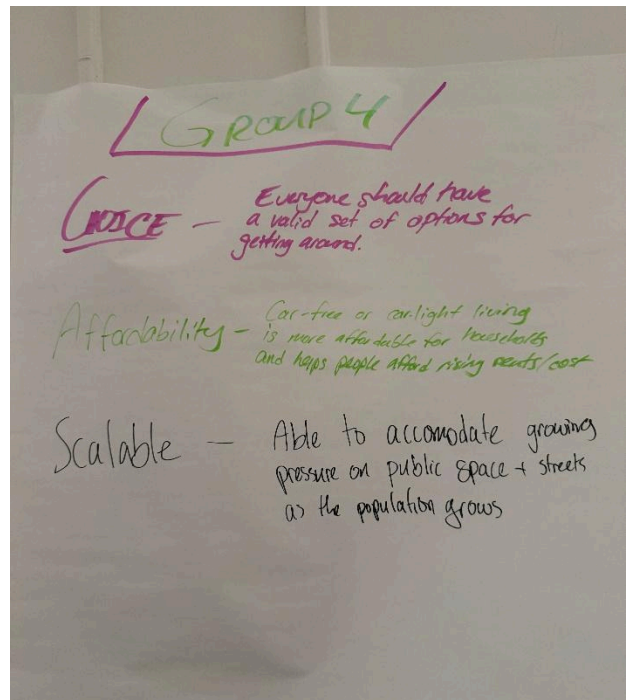
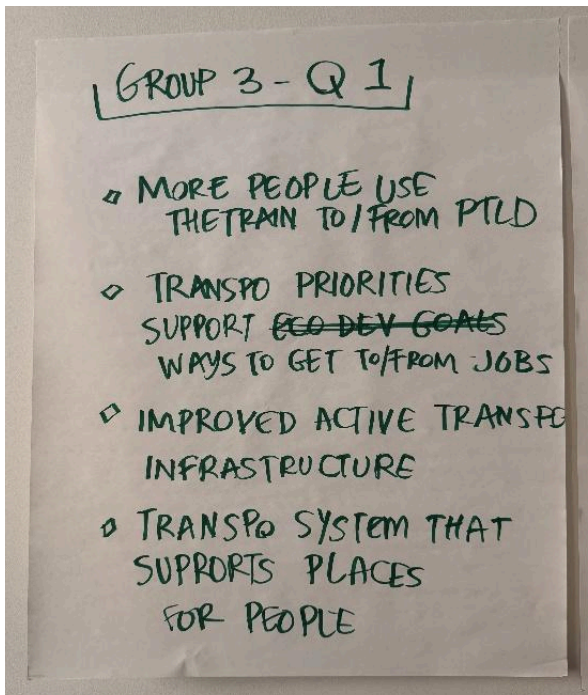
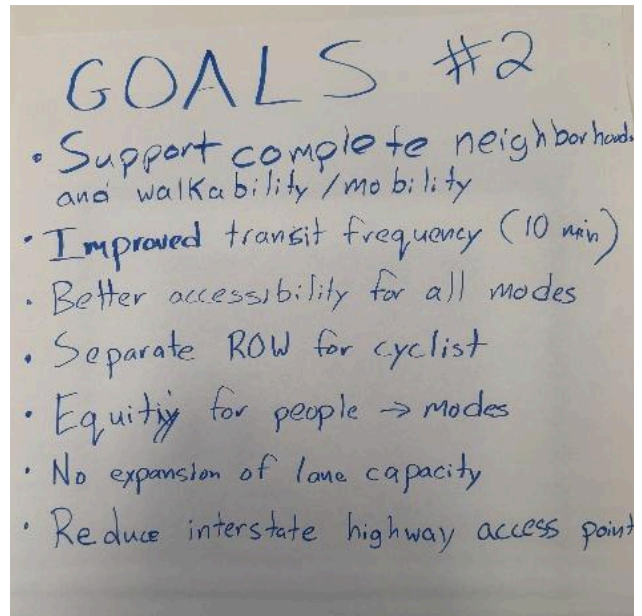
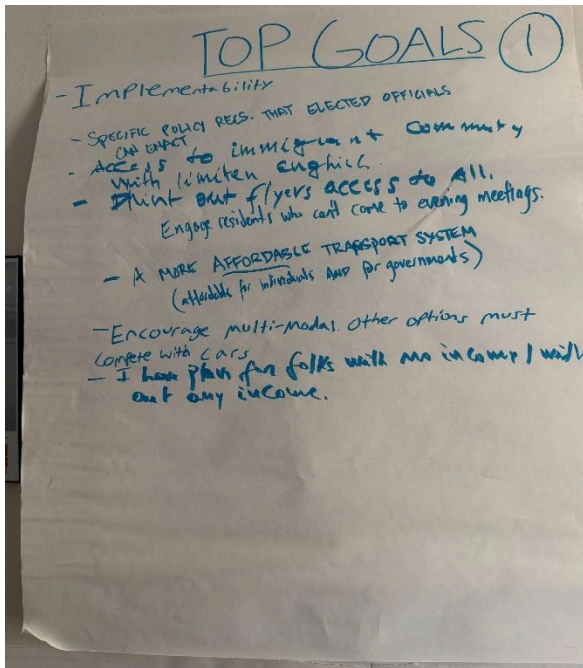
Other ideas included improved communication, especially with immigrant communities.

4. What transportation strategies have you seen work well in other communities that might work well here?

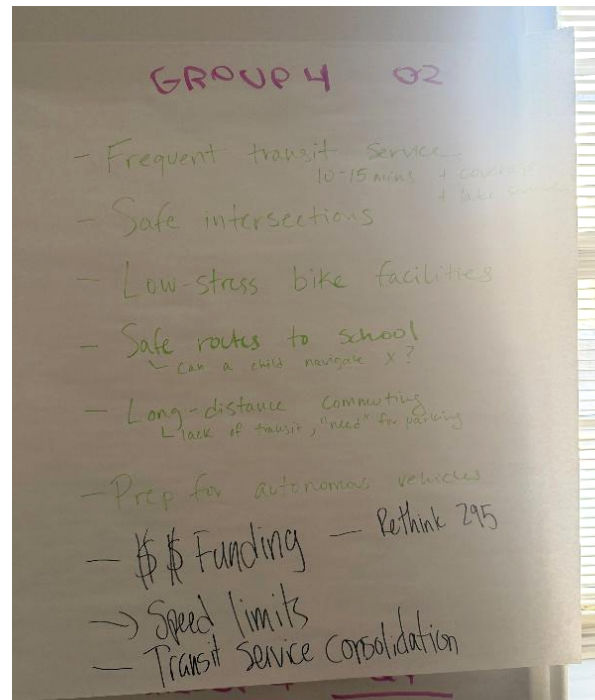
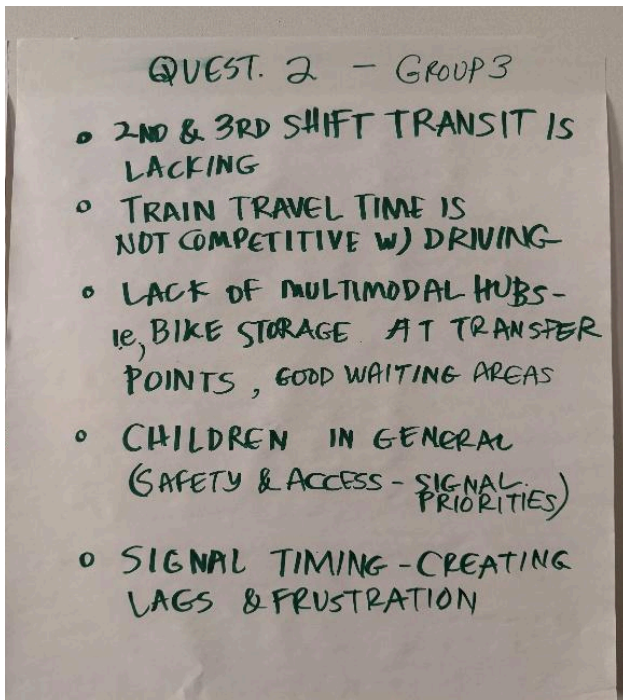
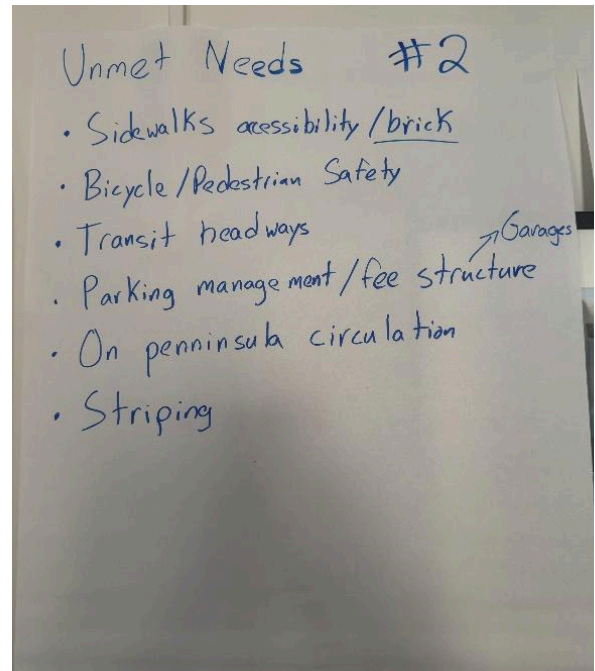
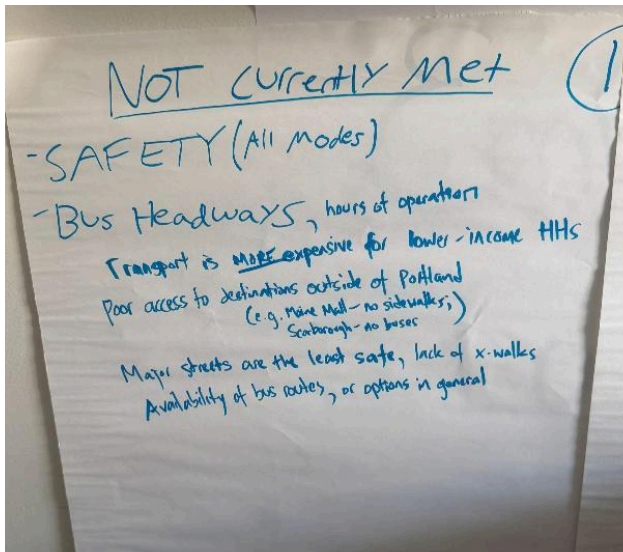
- *World-class transit.* All groups mentioned transit ideas from elsewhere, including sufficient funding, high frequency service (e.g. Bus Rapid Transit, trams), on-demand service and micro-mobility, bus-only lanes, real-time arrival information at stops, seating at every stop, connectivity between transit service, and mobility hubs.
- *Pedestrian prioritization.* Three groups highlighted pedestrian-related ideas, including pedestrian-only streets, traffic calming ideas, and changes to speed limits.
- *Bicycle prioritization.* Three groups also suggested bike-related ideas, including protected bike lanes, bicycle parking, and separated bicycle facilities.

Other examples from elsewhere included Vision Zero work, the concept of sponge cities, highway removal, one-way to two-way conversions, roundabouts, carshares and gear libraries, and wayfinding for all modes.

Question #1: What is your top transportation goal for Portland in Motion?



Question #2: What transportation needs are not currently met well? This can apply to you personally and/or to your constituents.



Question #3: What is working well in Portland today?

WHAT'S WORKING WELL (3)

Improved communication
METRO is better than it was ~10 yrs ago

Deering St. roundabout
Preston St. Ext. restriping

City, state make it
very easy to drive +
find parking in Portland.

Demo projects on Commercial + Munjoy Hill

Anderson St. stormwater project - ~~also~~ solved multiple
problems in one project. (traffic calming, trees, sewers)

immigrant feel more comfortable
navigating public transportation
Portland Trails

Working Well #2

- Walking
- Sidewalk network
- Bike paths/trails
- Mix of modes
- Ferry system
- Rail/Bus regional connections
- Traffic calming projects
- Deering Roundabout

(Q #3 - GROUP 3)

- GOOD TRAILS & GOOD TRANSIT - GOOD BONES FOR A MULTIMODAL SYSTEM
- POLITICAL WILL FOR VISION ZERO - IMPROVING POL. WILL
- GROWING AS A HUB WITH POP GROWTH IN THE REGION
- A GOOD BALANCE OF NATURAL & CULTURAL AMENITIES
- AN AMAZING TRAIL SYSTEM
W) EMERGING REGIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM - WITH REAL TRAVEL POTENTIAL

Group 4 Q3

- Distracted, reckless driving
- Trail maintenance + network growth
- Access to islands
- USM Roundabout
- 295 as a cut-thru
- Walkability of Old Port
- Milk St closure
- Congress St headways (transit)
- Connections (transit) to Boston
- Jetport ease → Jetport to 20+ locations

Question #4: What transportation strategies have you seen work well in other communities that might work well here?

