



**METRO**

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATES COMMITTEE**

January 6, 2006

Metro Regional Center

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**AFFILIATION**

Frank Angelo	Citizen
Scott Bricker	Citizen
James Castaneda	Citizen
Greg DiLoreto	Citizen
Leland Johnson	Citizen
Mike McKillip	City of Tualatin, representing Cities of Washington County
Dave Nordberg	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Ron Papsdorf	City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah County
John Rist	Clackamas County
Karen Schilling	Multnomah County
Phil Selinger	TriMet
Jason Tell	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT – Region 1)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**AFFILIATION**

Brent Curtis	Washington County
John Hoefs	C-Tran
Nancy Kraushaar	City of Oregon City, representing Cities of Clackamas County
Susie Lahsene	Port of Portland
Dean Lookingbill	SW Washington RTC
Paul Smith	City of Portland
Mike Williams	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
Jonathan Young	FHWA

**ALTERNATES PRESENT** **AFFILIATION**

Andy Back	Washington County
Danielle Cowan	City of Wilsonville
Linda David	RTC
Michelle Eraut	FHWA
John Gillam	City of Portland
Margaret Middleton	City of Beaverton
Ed Pickering	C-Tran
Ron Weinman	Clackamas County
Steven Matthews	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)

**GUESTS PRESENT**

**AFFILIATION**

June Carlson	Parsons Brinkerhoff
John Charles	Cascade Policy Institute
Kathryn Harrington	Citizen, Washington County
Jim Howell	AORTA
Henry Kane	Citizen
John Wiebke	City of Hillsboro

**STAFF**

Richard Brandman	Andy Cotugno	Tom Kloster	Ted Leybold
Jessica Martin	Robin McArthur	Pam Peck	Bridget Wieghart

**CALL TO ORDER, DECLARATION OF A QUORUM & INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Andy Cotugno called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 9:30a.m.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

*Mr. Henry Kane was acknowledged by Chair Cotugno after the Highway 217 agenda item.*

**INPUT ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The committee members discussed and suggested the following future agenda items:

- Damascus Concept Plan
- Portland: I-405 Loop Study
- TriMet: Elderly & Disabled Land Use and Transportation Plan

**MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2005**

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. John Rist moved and Mr. Phil Selinger seconded the motion to approve the December 2, 2005 meeting minutes. The motion passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-3656, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING PORTLAND REGIONAL FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2007 APPROPRIATIONS**

Mr. Cotugno presented Resolution No. 06-3656, which would provide the Oregon Congressional delegation with the region's priorities for transportation funding for use in the federal transportation appropriation process. At their December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, JPACT agreed to limit each jurisdiction or group of jurisdictions projects to 2. Mr. Cotugno directed the committee's attention to Exhibit A and asked for corrections to the list. Mr. Rist requested that the Beaver Creek Road project purpose column be changed to PE/EA from construction.

Mr. Ron Papsdorf stated that while reducing the project list was the right thing to do, he questioned why the Fairview Trail project was not added to the list, as it would be the only trail project under consideration thru this process. He asked that the project be reinstated in the

regions list of requests because of its unique ability to get earmarking funds thru a new SAFETEA-LU trail program.

Mr. Rist stated that he felt that the committee was diverting from the direction they've been given from JPACT and that if the region had decided to go after a special trail category that Fairview Trail might not be the one selected.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Frank Angelo moved, seconded by Ms. Karen Schilling to recommend the overall package to JPACT. The motion passed.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Papsdorf moved, seconded by Ms. Schilling, to forward to JPACT information on the Fairview Trail project. The motion failed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-3655, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERATION OF REGIONAL TRAVEL OPTIONS PROGRAM WORK PLAN AND FUNDING SUB-ALLOCATIONS FOR FISCAL YEARS 05-06 AND 06-07**

Ms. Pam Peck appeared before the committee to present Resolution No. 06-3655, which would provide certainty on funding sub-allocations levels for Regional Transportation Options (RTO) partner agencies and organizations. Ms. Peck presented a PowerPoint presentation (included as part of this meeting record) of the proposed work plans and funding sub-allocations of the RTO program. The presentation included information on the following:

- List of program partners
- Program components:
  - Program Administration
  - Evaluation Program
  - Collaborative Marketing
  - Regional Rideshare Program
  - Transportation Management Assoc. (TMA) Program
  - Region 2040 Initiatives Grant Program
- Program budget and funding sub-allocations
- Drive Less. Save More marketing campaign.

Ms. Peck noted that the marketing campaign would begin in February 06. The goal of the program is to increase awareness of the need to reduce drive-alone auto trips. She added that there would be a kick-off event in early February and would provide the committee with event details as soon as they are finalized.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Phil Selinger moved, seconded by Mr. Dave Nordberg to forward Resolution 06-3655 to JPACT. The motion passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-3658, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HIGHWAY 217 CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Mr. Richard Brandman and Ms. Bridget Wieghart appeared before the committee to present Resolution No. 06-3658, which would adopt the recommendations of the Highway 217 Corridor Transportation Plan.

Mr. Brandman provided some background information. In 2001, Metro led a regional effort to develop a strategy for completion of the 18 corridor refinement plans identified in the RTP. That analysis found significant congestion and land use needs and jurisdictional support for finding solutions in the Highway 217 Corridor. In order to provide access between key 2040 land uses including the Washington Square and Beaverton Regional Centers, the Lake Grove, Tigard, Sunset and Cedar Mill Town Centers, and Hillsboro, Tualatin, Kruse Way and other industrial and employment areas, a corridor planning study was initiated in 2003. The goal of the Highway 217 Corridor study was to develop transportation improvements that could be implemented in the next 20 years to provide for efficient movement of people and goods through and within the corridor while supporting economically dynamic and attractive growth within regional and town centers and retaining the livability of nearby neighborhoods.

The study's Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) consisted of elected officials and citizen members selected through a public solicitation process.

Ms. Wieghart distributed to the committee a one-page executive summary of the PAC recommendation, noting it would be used for presentation purposes. She directed the committee's attention to the Phase II Overview Report and briefly reviewed each of the alternatives, noting that all the options that were moved forward to Phase II included adding an additional lane in each direction.

Ms. Wieghart then directed the committee's attention to the Highway 217 Corridor Study Public Involvement Summary, noting that outreach to the public was extensive, including a public forum, speaker's bureau events, two open houses, a newsletter and an online questionnaire. Ms. Wieghart reviewed the key findings from the public outreach efforts, which included overall strong support for increasing roadway capacity in addition to finding a long-term solution. She noted the strong opposition to Option C, the express ramp meter bypass option, as people felt it would result in incidents of road rage. She also stated the uneasiness many people had with concept of tolling. Despite the expressed concerns about tolling, questionnaire participants selected tolling as the preferred alternate source of funding.

**MOTION:** Mr. Andy Back moved, seconded by Mr. Greg DiLoreto to recommend Resolution 06-3658 to JPACT.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Papsdorf stated it might be premature, given ODOT's reluctance, to endorse adding Highway 217 to the list of highways of statewide significance (*the second bullet point listed under #2 of the overall recommendations for regional consideration*) and that perhaps there would be an opportunity to add it thru a more comprehensive statewide process.

Mr. Rist stated his concern with TPAC making a recommendation to JPACT that is counter to their original direction when JPACT provided comments to the OTC on the STIP.

Mr. Lee Johnson commended staff and the PAC for their work on this report and recommended approving the recommendation.

Ms. Schilling, agreeing with Mr. Rist, added that ODOT is not supporting adding Highway 217 to the list of highways of statewide significance for good reasons. She noted that while the facility is important to fund, until there is direction, she would prefer removing that statement from the recommendation.

Mr. Frank Angelo, also a 217 PAC member, stated that he would like to see the entire recommendation forwarded to JPACT even if TPAC disagrees with parts.

Mr. Andy Back stated the recommendation should be forwarded as written to JPACT, though TPAC's discussion about the matter should also be conveyed to JPACT. He added that removing part of the PAC recommendation is not in line with what the committee is charged with.

Mr. Jason Tell suggested that the next best step the project could take would be to recommend it be included in the next tier of projects considered for the Oregon Innovative Partnership Program (OIPP).

Mr. Scott Bricker stated his preference for removing the bullet from the recommendation.

Mr. Mike McKillip suggested the project be added to the list of highways of statewide significance if the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) reopens it and that the region should be attentive to any actions at the state level that could lead to it being reopened.

Mr. Brandman suggested that rather than sending two separate recommendations to JPACT, a footnote be added to recommendation noting that TPAC had serious reservations with adding the project to the statewide significance list and note that TPAC would recommend adding it only if the list is reopened.

Mr. Cotugno summarized the three basic elements the committee wishes to include in the recommendation. They included:

1. ODOT and the region should develop a financing strategy for the corridor;
2. ODOT should seek to include the Highway 217 project in the next round of solicitations for the Oregon Innovative Partnership program in order to assess the private sector interest in financing the project; and,
3. If the list of highways of statewide significance is reopened, JPACT should consider nominating the project.

Mr. Cotugno recognized Mr. Henry Kane, who wished to speak to the committee about the project.

Mr. Kane stated his opposition to any option containing tolling. He provided written testimony (included in the meeting record), which states that tolling is not economic or practical and would do more harm than good.

Mr. Back suggested a friendly amendment be made that would keep the recommendation as presented, but add an asterisk listing TPAC's concerns as summarized by Mr. Cotugno.

Mr. Back, as maker of the motion, and Mr. DiLoreto, as seconder agreed to the friendly amendment.

**MOTION AS AMENDED BY FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:** Mr. Back moved, seconded by Mr. DiLoreto, to recommend the PAC recommendation as presented, but add an asterisk listing TPACs concerns as summarized by Mr. Cotugno.

**VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED:** Chair Cotugno called for a show of hands for those in favor in favor of the motion. With 10 members in favor, and 6 opposing, the motion passed.

### **BLUE PRINT FOR BETTER BICYCLING REPORT**

Due to time constraints, the Blue Print for Better Bicycling report, to be presented by Mr. Bricker was postponed until the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **MTIP POLICY OBJECTIVES**

Mr. Ted Leybold appeared before the committee to present a MTIP Policy Objectives update. Mr. Leybold noted that the committee would discuss the policy update to the 2008-11 Transportation Priorities program in order to make a recommendation to JPACT. He directed the committee's attention to page 6 of the draft report (included as part of this meeting record). He reviewed, and the committee briefly discussed each refinement issue.

### **ADJOURN**

As there was no further business, Mr. Cotugno adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Martin  
Recording Secretary