



METRO

TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATES COMMITTEE

January 27, 2006

Metro Regional Center

MEMBERS PRESENT

AFFILIATION

Frank Angelo	Citizen
Scott Bricker	Citizen
Greg DiLoreto	Citizen
Nancy Kraushaar	City of Oregon City, representing Cities of Clackamas County
Susie Lahsene	Port of Portland
Mike McKillip	City of Tualatin, representing Cities of Washington County
Dave Nordberg	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
John Rist	Clackamas County
Karen Schilling	Multnomah County
Phil Selinger	TriMet
Paul Smith	City of Portland
Jason Tell	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT – Region 1)
Jonathan Young	FHWA

MEMBERS ABSENT

AFFILIATION

James Castaneda	Citizen
Brent Curtis	Washington County
John Hoefs	C-Tran
Leland Johnson	Citizen
Dean Lookingbill	SW Washington RTC
Ron Papsdorf	City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah County
Mike Williams	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)

ALTERNATES PRESENT **AFFILIATION**

Andy Back	Washington County
Danielle Cowan	City of Wilsonville
Linda David	RTC
Sorin Garber	Citizen
Ron Weinman	Clackamas County
Steven Matthews	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)

GUESTS PRESENT

AFFILIATION

June Carlson	Citizen
Fred Eberle	ODOT
Joyce Felton	ODOT
Teresa Green	Student
Jim Howell	Aorta
Steve Iwata	City of Portland
David Kim	ODOT
Duane Roberts	Tigard
John Wiebke	City of Hillsboro

STAFF

Andy Cotugno, Tom Kloster, Ted Leybold, Jonathan Makler, Jessica Martin, John Mermin Norjo Sugasawa, (Legal Intern)

CALL TO ORDER, DECLARATION OF A QUORUM & INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Andy Cotugno called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 9:32 a.m.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

INPUT ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Due to time constraints, the committee did not discuss any future agenda items.

MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2006

ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Karen Schilling moved and Mr. John Rist seconded the motion to approve the January 6, 2006 meeting minutes. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

2007 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) INTRODUCTION

Chair Cotugno directed the committee's attention to the FY 2006-07 UPWP. He asked that committee members review the draft and provide comments. He added that the draft would go be reviewed at the Federal level on February 13th and is scheduled for approval at the February 24th TPAC meeting.

ODOT STIP – MODERNIZATION CANDIDATE LIST

Mr. Jason Tell appeared before the committee to provide an update on the 2008-2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Region 1 is now in the process of identifying, selecting and scoping candidate transportation projects to be funded with state and federal transportation dollars between 2008-2011. He directed the committee's attention to a copy of Region 1's candidate list of modernization projects. The list assumes approximately 150% of the

actual amount of funding available for modernization projects in Region 1 between 2008 and 2011. The candidate list of projects was generated from prior STIPs, the Regional Transportation Plan, local transportation system plans and the Oregon Freight Advisory Committee Recommendations for high priority freight mobility projects. Over the next few months, Region 1 will need to fiscally constrain the candidate modernization list to meet its funding target of \$74 million. ODOT is seeking comments to narrow the candidate list of modernization projects to the available funding level. Mr. Tell stated that ODOT would hold four open house meetings around the region to share information on various programs, funding and candidate projects. ODOT will also collect comments via mail and email. The comment period for the Candidate Project List ends April 14th.

He directed the committee's attention to the 150% list (included as part of the meeting record). He noted that of the almost \$74 million dollars, \$38 million is already allocated in the STIP to ensure projects currently programmed for construction are fully funded and remain on schedule. This leaves about \$36 million unencumbered dollars. Mr. Tell noted that had the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) not voted to increase federal highway funds to the Modernization Program to cover debt service payments on the Oregon Transportation Investment Act (OTIA) bonds scheduled to begin in 2008, the available funds would have dropped in half.

The committee agreed to finalize a formal comment on the candidate list at their March meeting in order to meet the comment deadline.

MTIP PROJECT DELIVERY REPORT - ACCEPTANCE

Mr. Leybold appeared before the committee to report on the MTIP Project Delivery Report. A special TPAC workshop was held on January 10th to further review and comment on the Final Report of the Local Project Delivery Subcommittee. A number of issues were identified at the workshop to possibly incorporate in the report. Mr. Leybold stated that the committee would be asked to consider adding the listed recommendations to the final report and then voting to accept the final report, which would provide direction on making improvements to the program. Mr. Leybold summarized and the committee discussed each comment.

MOTION: Mr. Mike McKillip moved, seconded by Mr. Sorin Garber to incorporate all the comments into the report.

Mr. Cotugno offered a friendly amendment to change the to last two comments:

- ~~Consider~~ Evaluate whether to allocate funding using a programmatic approach to bike, pedestrian and boulevard categories, which may reduce administrative costs and process time.
- Work with ODOT to evaluate whether to make a 2-year cycle 3 to 4 years as means of simplifying the process.

Mr. McKillip, as the maker of the motion, and Mr. Garber as seconder, agreed to the friendly amendment.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. McKillip moved, seconded by Mr. Back to approve the report as amended. The motion passed.

MTIP POLICY REPORT

Mr. Leybold appeared before the committee to present information on the 2008-11 Transportation Priorities Policy Update process. Mr. Leybold directed the committee's attention to a draft Policy Report for the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program. The report included existing policies for the program as adopted by JPACT and the Metro Council.

Mr. Leybold reviewed and the committee discussed each of the refinement issues. The committee further discussed the comments and recommended adding the following:

- Allowing existing project sponsors to apply for additional regional flexible funds when project cost inflation threatens deliver of a project when the project scores well and documents legitimate cost increases relative to unanticipated inflationary factors.
- Update the policy report to include a screening criterion that ITS elements of a project be included in a relevant plan and is consistent, or can be incorporated into the regional ITS architecture.
- Project measures outlined in the project solicitation packet should be updated to encourage integration of TSMO strategies.
- Consider the merit of a programmatic allocation for TSMO activities of a regional scale, similar to the RTO Program.

For future allocations, the committee is interested in further discussion with Transport on the development of a new program Goal and potential point allocation for integration of TSMO strategies into a project or program application.

The committee also recommended that JPACT have further discussion regarding:

- Existing policies related to UGB expansion areas
- Consideration of family wage jobs in addition to traded-sector jobs as a measure of economic development objectives.

MOTION: Mr. John Rist moved, seconded by Ms. Susie Lahsene to recommend the policy report for JPACT and Metro Council consideration. The motion passed.

RESOLUTION 06- 3664, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE 2006-09 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE HIGH PRIORITY PROJECT FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL SAFE, ACCOUNTABLE, FLEXIBLE, EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT (SAFTEA) AND THE OREGON IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITY FUND

Mr. Leybold appeared before the committee to present Resolution No. 06-3664, which would make available federal transportation project funding to local jurisdictions for specific projects as listed in Exhibit A (included as part of this meeting record). Mr. Leybold noted that each of the projects listed in Exhibit A, were determined to be exempt from conformity determination. A

separate resolution for projects requiring an air quality analysis will be presented at a future meeting.

ACTION: Mr. Paul Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Susie Lahsene to approve Resolution No. 06-3664. The motion passed.

OREGON TRANSPORTATION PLAN COMMENT LETTER

Mr. Tom Kloster appeared before the committee to present a comment letter on the Oregon Transportation Plan (OTP). The OTP is the state's long-range multimodal transportation plan for Oregon's highways, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, public transportation, airports, pipelines, ports and railroads. The OTP establishes policies, strategies and initiatives for addressing the challenges and opportunities in the next 25 years and guides transportation investment decisions. The plan provides the framework for the state's modal plans as well as MPO, City and County Transportation System Plans. ODOT recently completed a public review draft of the OTP and is seeking comments by March 1st. The current update adds more emphasis in sustainability, economic development and innovative partnerships. Mr. Kloster directed the committee's attention to the draft comment letter, which incorporated suggestions from the TPAC workshop, held on January 10th.

The committee discussed the comment letter and Mr. Garber suggested making the following changes:

- *The draft OTP marks a departure for the state's transportation system, with a ~~new~~ continued emphasis on.....*
- Mentioning companies that are not "green", but transportation-dependent industries (such as steel production and bulk commodities) should also be partnered with.
- Removing the comment that suggests developing a list of strategic capacity enhancements during the modal plans/implementation plan.

MOTION: Mr. John Rist moved, seconded by Mr. Phil Selinger to approve the draft comment letter.

MOTION TO AMEND MAIN MOTION: Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. Selinger, to amend the letter with his above stated comments.

MOTION TO AMEND #2: Chair Cotugno moved, seconded by Mr. Garber, to amend the letter to include a comment which mentions the cost congestion will have on the overall state economy.

VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED: Chair Cotugno moved, seconded by Mr. Garber to approve the comment letter as amended. The motion passed, with Mr. Tell abstaining from the vote.

METRO'S TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS PROGRAM

In June 2005, Portland became one of three regions in the US that received a grant from the Federal Highway Administration to demonstrate a new term in transportation planning: the Regional Concept in Transportation Operations (RCTO). The grant provides \$200,000 for two

years to demonstrate how a region can coordinate transportation operation. The grant partners (Metro, PDOT, ODOT and TriMet), in consultation with TransPort, chose to use the money to create a new position at Metro. Mr. Jonathan Makler, the new Transportation Operations Program Manager, appeared before the committee to present information on the program. He stated during the Spring, workshops will be held to craft the vision for the initial set of RCTO's, and that TPAC members will be asked for recommendations on who should participate. Due to time constraints, his full presentation will be given at the February 24th TPAC meeting.

BLUE PRINT FOR BETTER BICYCLING REPORT

Due to time constraints the Blue Print for Better Bicycling Report will be presented at the February 24th TPAC meeting.

FREEWAY LOOP STUDY

Due to time constraints the Freeway Loop Study will be presented at the February 24th TPAC meeting.

ADJOURN

As there was no further business, Mr. Cotugno adjourned the meeting at 12:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Martin
Recording Secretary