



**METRO**

**Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation**

**MINUTES**

January 19, 2006  
7:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

AFFILIATION

|                       |  |
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| Rex Burkholder, Chair | Metro Council  |
| Rod Park, Vice Chair  | Metro Council  |
| Brian Newman          | Metro Council  |
| Sam Adams             | City of Portland   |
| Bill Kennemer         | Clackamas County   |
| Roy Rogers            | Washington County  |
| Rob Drake             | City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County  |
| Lynn Peterson         | City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas County |
| Dick Pedersen         | Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)             |
| Fred Hansen           | TriMet   |
| Cathy Nelson          | Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT - Region 1)        |
| Paul Thalhoffer       | City of Troutdale, representing Cities of Multnomah County   |
| Don Wagner            | Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)        |
| Bill Wyatt            | Port of Portland   |

MEMBERS ABSENT

AFFILIATION

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| Maria Rojo de Steffey | Multnomah County  |
| Steve Stuart          | Clark County      |
| Royce Pollard         | City of Vancouver |

ALTERNATES PRESENT

AFFILIATION

|                  |   |
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| James Bernard    | Cities of Clackamas County                            |
| Dean Lookingbill | Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council  |
| Jason Tell       | Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT - Region 1) |

OTHER COUNCILORS PRESENT

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| Carl Hosticka | Metro Council               |
| Jef Dalin     | City of Cornelius           |
| Richard Kidd  | Mayor, City of Forest Grove |
| David Bragdon | Metro Council President     |

GUESTS PRESENT)

AFFILIATION

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| Gail Achterman    | Commissioner, Oregon Transportation Commission |
| John Arroyo       | NW Cement Providers Group                      |
| Jerri Bohard      | ODOT   |
| Scott Bricker     | BTA  |
| Bill Burgel       | HDR  |
| Kathy Busse       | Washington County                              |
| Roland Chlapowski | City of Portland                               |
| Olivia Clark      | TriMet   |
| Tom Cox           | Citizen  |
| Lee McDowell      | Mercer Industries                              |
| Dan Mercer        | Mercer Industries                              |
| Sharon Nasset     | ETA  |
| Dave Nordberg     | DEQ  |
| Ron Papsdorf      | City of Gresham                                |
| Deb Redman        | HDR  |
| John Rist         | Clackamas County                               |
| Phil Selinger     | TriMet   |
| Paul Smith        | City of Portland                               |
| John Wiebke       | City of Hillsboro                              |
| Dave Williams     | Parametrix                                     |
| Pam Wilson        | PacWest Communications                         |

STAFF

Richard Brandman, Tom Kloster, Jessica Martin, Robin McArthur, Pam Peck, Patty Unfred Montgomery, Bridget Wieghart

I. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Chair Rex Burkholder declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:15 a.m.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

**Oregon Transportation Plan (OTP) Update**

Chair Burkholder introduced and welcomed Oregon Transportation Commissioner, Ms. Gail Achterman.

Commissioner Achterman briefly provided some background information on the OTP. The plan is a 25-year statewide multimodal plan, which addresses all modes of transport on public, private, state and local systems. The plan was last updated in 1992.

Ms. Achterman presented a PowerPoint presentation of the public review draft of the Oregon Transportation Plan (included as part of this meeting record). The presentation included information on:

- Plan Oversight and Schedule
- Challenges
- Growing VMT and Funding Gap

- Opportunities
- OTP Analyses
- OTP Response
- Policy Themes
- OTP Investment Strategies
- Key Initiatives
- Potential Strategic Capacity Enhancement Investments

Commissioner Achterman noted that public transportation becomes even more important with an aging population, as seen in Baker County, OR, where public transportation has experienced exponential growth. She added that while there has been a tendency to build affordable housing where the land is the cheapest, those areas tend to have poor access to transportation.

Commissioner Achterman noted that this year, the 2006 Northwest Transportation Conference (NWTC) would be held at the Oregon State University CH2M-HILL Alumni Center February 7-9. The theme is *Road Ecology - Surface Transportation and the Environment*. Those interested in attending should contact Robert Bertini.

I. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS (Continued)

Chair Burkholder welcomed and introduced Ms. Cathy Nelson, the interim ODOT Region 1 Manager.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

**Minutes**

Due to time constraints, Chair Burkholder noted that approval of the December 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> minutes would be postponed until the next regular meeting of the committee on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Continued)

**Resolution No. 06-3656, For the Purpose of Approving Portland Regional Federal Transportation Priorities For Federal Fiscal Year 2007 Appropriations**

Mr. Richard Brandman appeared before the committee to present Resolution No. 06-3656 which would provide Congress and the Oregon Congressional delegation with the region's priorities for transportation funding for use in the federal transportation appropriation process.

Mr. Brandman presented a copy of the resolution, as accepted by TPAC, as well as an amended version of Exhibit A (included as part of this meeting record), which included several additions to the project list. Mr. Brandman briefly reviewed the changes, which included:

- Increase the TriMet Communications Systems project to \$18.75million
- Increase the City of Sandy Operations Center/Garage project to \$1.0145million
- Add a project category titled: Support for Washington/Clark County Priorities
- Add two projects under the new category titled: I-5 Trade Corridor and C-Tran Bus & Bus Related

Chair Burkholder announced he received a letter of support for Resolution 06-3656 from JPACT member Ms. Maria Rojo de Steffey, who was unable to attend the meeting today.

ACTION: Mr. Bill Kennemer moved, seconded by Mr. Fred Hansen, to amend Resolution 06-3658 with the proposed additions (as shown on the handout titled "Proposed Version of Exhibit A"). The motion passed.

ACTION: Mr. Sam Adams moved, seconded by Councilor Brian Newman, to approve Resolution 06-3658 as amended. The motion passed.

**Resolution No. 06-3655, For the Purpose of Consideration of the Regional Travel Options Program Work Plans 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. The goal of the program is to increase awareness of the need to reduce drive-alone auto trips. She introduced Ms. Pam Wilson with PacWest Communications who spoke briefly about the media campaign.

Ms. Wilson stated that there would be a kick-off event on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:15am at Washington Square. She encouraged all committee members to attend and pledge to reduce their single person car trips. She added that television commercials would begin to run February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

ACTION: Councilor Rod Park moved, seconded by Mayor Rob Drake, to approve Resolution 06-3655. The motion passed.

**Resolution No. 06-3658, For the Purpose of Endorsing the Recommendation of the Highway 217 Corridor Transportation Plan**

Councilor Carl Hosticka appeared before the committee to present Resolution No. 06-3658, which would adopt the recommendations of the Highway 217 Corridor Transportation Plan. Councilor Hosticka 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. He noted that the study's Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) consisted of elected officials, including two JPACT members Ms. Lynn Peterson and Mr. Rob Drake, and citizen members selected through a public solicitation process.

Mr. Brandman added that the recommendation before the committee is a multimodal recommendation. The committee examined arterials, bike, pedestrian and transit options. He also added that the public involvement process was extensive, including a public forum, speaker's bureau events, two open houses, a newsletter and an online questionnaire.

Ms. Wieghart stated that the resolution would adopt the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) recommendation as a guide for further work in the corridor. She directed the committee's attention to Exhibit A of the Resolution (included as part of this meeting record). She noted that the committee spent a great deal of time discussing the regional transportation finance issues within the region and statewide.

Ms. Wieghart reviewed Exhibit A, the executive summary of the PAC recommendation. She directed the committee's attention to the notes at the end of Exhibit A, which included:

1. ODOD did not endorse the recommendation, which would seek to add Highway 217 to the list of Highways of Statewide Significance.
2. TPAC had serious reservations with the recommendation, which would, seek to add Highway 217 to the list of Highways of Statewide Significance.

TPAC suggested alternative language to the recommendation, which included:

- If the list of Highways of Statewide Significance is reopened by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC), the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) should consider nominating the Highway 217 Project.
- ODOT and Metro should develop a financing strategy for this project
- ODOT should seek to include the Highway 217 project in the next round of solicitation or the Oregon Innovative Partnership Program (OIPP) to assess the private sector interest in financing this project.

Ms. Lynn Peterson, also a PAC committee member, stated that she supports all the recommendations except adding the project to the list of statewide significance, as it doesn't send a clear message about what our priorities are.

Ms. Nelson stated her support for TPAC's comments, in particular, seeking to include the project in the next round of solicitations for the OIPP.

ACTION: Ms. Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to amend Resolution 06-3658 to include TPAC's comments.

Mr. Roy Rogers stated it would be difficult for him to vote in support of the resolution as amended, as the Washington County Coordinating Committee reviewed the resolution prior to receiving TPAC's comments. He requested the opportunity to go back to the coordinating committee to discuss the added language.

ACTION: Councilor Rod Park moved, seconded by Mr. Kennemer, to postpone Resolution 06-3658 to the next JPACT meeting in order to review the language. The motion passed.

### **MTIP Policy Objectives Update**

Mr. Ted Leybold appeared before the committee to report on the 2008-11 Transportation Priorities Policy Update process. Mr. Leybold asked that JPACT members provide direction to TPAC staff on what their priorities are for this policy update. In order to stay in sync with ODOT's STIP process, he will be presenting a draft for adoption at the February 9<sup>th</sup> JPACT meeting.

### **JPACT / MPAC Meeting Issues**

Mayor Richard Kidd appeared before the committee to present information on Metro's Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) 2006 work plan. As Chair of MPAC, Mayor Kidd stated the importance of having MPAC's decisions dovetail with JPACT's decisions, as the job/housing balance immensely affects transportation. He directed the committee's attention to two handouts 1) 2006 MPAC Work Program Issues, and 2) 2006 JPACT Work Plan Topics (both handouts included with this meeting record). He asked the committee to review both lists and identify areas of overlap. He announced his plans to invite Chair Burkholder to the February 22<sup>nd</sup> MPAC meeting, to discuss each committee's role.

### **VI. OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

Chair Burkholder reminded the group that there would be a prep meeting for JPACT members traveling to Washington, D.C. on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the Council Chamber.

### **VII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

### **VIII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chair Rex Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Martin  
Recording Secretary