



**METRO**

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATES COMMITTEE**

February 24, 2006

Metro Regional Center

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**AFFILIATION**

Nancy Kraushaar	City of Oregon City, representing Cities of Clackamas County
Mike McKillip	City of Tualatin, representing Cities of Washington County
Ron Papsdorf	City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah County
John Rist	Clackamas County
Phil Selinger	TriMet
Paul Smith	City of Portland

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**AFFILIATION**

Frank Angelo	Citizen
Scott Bricker	Citizen
James Castaneda	Citizen
Brent Curtis	Washington County
Greg DiLoreto	Citizen
John Hoefs	C-Tran
Leland Johnson	Citizen
Susie Lahsene	Port of Portland
Dean Lookingbill	SW Washington RTC
Dave Nordberg	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Karen Schilling	Multnomah County
Jason Tell	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT – Region 1)
Mike Williams	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
Jonathan Young	FHWA

**ALTERNATES PRESENT** **AFFILIATION**

Ed Abrahamson	Multnomah County
Andy Back	Washington County
Danielle Cowan	City of Wilsonville
Linda David	SW Washington RTC
Marianne Fitzgerald	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Sorin Garber	Citizen
Margaret Middleton	City of Beaverton
Satvinder Sandhu	FHWA
Lainie Smith	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT – Region 1)
Steven Matthews	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)

## **GUESTS PRESENT**

Kenny Asher  
June Carlson  
John Wiebke  
Susan Wright

## **AFFILIATION**

City of Milwaukie  
Citizen  
City of Hillsboro  
Kittleson & Assoc.

## **STAFF**

Kim Ellis, Jenny Kirk, Ted Leybold, Jonathan Makler, Jessica Martin, Robin McArthur, Deena Platman, Amy Rose, Norio Sugasawa, (Legal Intern)

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

Ms. Robin McArthur called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 9:35a.m.

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

There were none.

## **INPUT ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- Ozone Maintenance Discussion
- TriMet Annual Service Plan
- OTIA Update
- New Look Update
- Columbia River Crossing Update

## **MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2006**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Phil Selinger moved and Mr. Paul Smith seconded the motion to approve the January 27, 2006 meeting minutes. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 06-3559, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE FY 2007 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

Ms. Robin McArthur presented Resolution No. 06-3559, which would approve the FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Mr. Ron Papsdorf inquired about what should be included in the UPWP. Ms. Jenny Kirk responded that the UPWP primarily includes the transportation planning activities from Metro and other area governments that are of regional significance. Mr. Satvinder Sandhu added that anything that receives federal funds also needs to be included in the UPWP.

Ms. McArthur asked for edits and additions to the report. The following edits/additions were suggested:

- Adding a project description for the I-205/Airport Way project

- Adding a project description for US 26/Springwater EIS and preliminary engineering
- Correct spelling of TONQUIN trail on table of contents
- Page 77, first bullet under *Objectives/Products/Deliverables*: changing SW Boones Ferry Road to Scholls Ferry.
- Page 77, fifth bullet under *Objectives/Products/Deliverables*: add verb such as Evaluate.
- Incorporate updated version of *TriMet – Regional Job Access and Reverse Commute Program* section on page 88.

Ms. McArthur requested that all changes be submitted to Ms. Amity Lindsay by Friday of next week. The committee agreed to postpone approval of Resolution 06-3559, until the next meeting and all requested edits have been made.

### **MTIP POLICY REPORT REDUX**

Mr. Ted Leybold appeared before the committee to discuss the MTIP Policy Report. Last month, TPAC recommended forwarding the MTIP Policy to JPACT. At the February 9<sup>th</sup> JPACT meeting, the committee requested further analysis and recommendation prior to adoption of the Policy Report for the 2008-11 MTIP Program. Mr. Leybold directed the committee's attention to a memo (included as part of this meeting record), listing each of the issues JPACT requested further clarification on. He reviewed each issue and the committee briefly discussed.

The committee requested that the recommendation to JPACT list the current technical evaluation process and criteria that addresses the economic development policy objective. The committee also requested Metro staff provide technical guidance to project applicants on how to generate and provide information regarding the relationship between transportation projects and economic development and the retention/attraction of traded-sector jobs.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Sorin Garber moved and Mr. Phil Selinger seconded the motion to approve the MTIP Policy Report with the above stated changes. The motion passed.

### **REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN**

Ms. Deena Platman appeared before the committee to present information on the Regional Freight Plan. Metro is conducting a planning process that will focus on the transportation system as it pertains to the movement of freight and delivery of goods and services in the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region.

Ms. Platman reviewed the project objectives and work program (included as part of this meeting record). She noted that the primary tasks and objectives would be integrated with the RTP update process.

Ms. Platman presented the committee the selection criteria for a private-public task force (included as part of this meeting record), which would advise the development of the Metro-Region Plan for Freight and Goods Movement. She noted that the task force would be comprised of both private and public sector members representing the many elements of the region's multimodal freight system. The desired size of the committee would be 30 members – 20 from the private sector and 10 from the public sector. Two members of the task force would also serve on an advisory committee for the RTP. A separate Regional Freight Technical

Advisory Committee, comprised of public sector staff, would provide expertise to the planning analysis and conclusions.

Ms. Platman asked that recommendations for committee members be forwarded to her.

Mr. Selinger noted that *Warehouse/Distribution* was listed under the *Modal Criteria* section, but should be a separate category on its own.

Mr. Rist asked that the Oregon Ports Association and Oregon Trucking Association have representation on the committee.

The committee continued to discuss the make-up of the task force. Mr. Andy Back inquired as to whether the committee should contain a member representing an unrelated field, as he is not sure if the importance of freight is recognized beyond those who are in transportation related fields.

Mr. Papsdorf asked if the committee was doing a disservice to other system components (bike, pedestrian and transit) by singling freight out.

Ms. Platman noted that how the committee educates individuals of the importance of freight could be done through some overlap in the committee structure. However, by diluting the expert group, you run the risk of losing their influence. She stressed the importance of having a focus group that can tie results together. She concluded the presentation by noting that the plan will not solve any problems, rather, it will identify them.

## **METRO'S TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS PROGRAM**

Mr. Jon Makler appeared before the committee and presented a PowerPoint on Metro's Transportation Operations Program (included as part of this meeting record).

In June 2005, Portland became one of three regions in the United States that received a grant from the Federal Highway Administration to demonstrate a new term in transportation planning: the Regional Concept of Transportations Operations (RCTO). The grant will help the region further its efforts to maximize the value of existing infrastructure, as necessitated by the current funding situation. The grant funds have been used to hire Mr. Makler who will work with both the Portland Office of Transportation and Metro to carry out the work. The grant was secured through the efforts of TransPort, TPAC's ITS subcommittee. TPAC's approval will be sought for completed RCTOs. The RCTO development process will be stakeholder-intensive, representing an important opportunity to discuss what it means to "manage the existing system". Mr. Makler noted that this Spring, workshops will be held to craft the vision for the initial set of RCTO. He asked that TPAC members provide him with recommendations on who should participate.

## **2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

Ms. Kim Ellis appeared before the committee to present information on the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Update. Ms. Ellis noted that the consultant team is on board. The team lead by Terry Moore of ECONorthwest, with support from MIG, Kittleson & Associates, is well rounded and moving forward. Ms. Ellis directed the committee's attention to a handout illustrating the project timeline (included as part of this meeting packet). The current Regional Transportation Plan expires in March 2008. As part of the scoping phase, stakeholders will be

engaged in order to identify key issues, outcomes and questions that need to be addressed. Ms. Ellis mentioned that one challenge is how to address how to ensure we are coordinating and integrating the TSMO, Freight and Cost of Congestion Study.

Mr. Sandhu asked if the plan for public outreach would be separate or part of the scope of work. Ms. Ellis responded that they would be developed together and they are trying to find ways to be efficient about connecting with stakeholders in the region.

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

The Blue Print for Better Bicycling Report will be presented at a future TPAC meeting.

### **FREEWAY LOOP STUDY**

Mr. Steve Iwata appeared before the committee and presented a PowerPoint (included as part of this meeting record) on the Freeway Loop Study.

Mr. Iwata stated that the I-5/405 Freeway Loop Advisory Group (FLAG) completed its review of the near and long-term transportation land use, and urban design issues regarding the I-5/405 Freeway Loop. Appointed by Mayor Vera Katz and ODOT Director Bruce Warner, the 24-member group has studied the Freeway Loop since Fall 2003. The FLAG, which provided direction and oversight for the study, found that this freeway system is in urgent need of improvement.

Mr. Iwata presented a project summary report of the Freeway Loop Study (included as part of this meeting record). The summary includes information on:

- History/background of the Freeway Loop
- What happens if nothing is done
- Funding for freeway Improvements
- Key Findings about the Freeway Loop
- FLAG Recommendations

Mr. Smith noted that the Portland Freight Committee was concerned that I-5/I-84-Interchange was dropped from the appropriations list, as Commissioner Adams is receiving pressure to increase the importance of the interchange.

Mr. Iwata noted that the Loop is a complicated facility, with a large number of needs and some contradictions. He noted that it is important to recognize the immediate needs and the I-84 interchange has been a problem area from a capacity and accident standpoint.

### **ADJOURN**

As there was no further business, Ms. McArthur adjourned the meeting at 12:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Martin  
Recording Secretary