



METRO

TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATES COMMITTEE

March 31, 2006

Metro Regional Center

MEMBERS PRESENT

Frank Angelo	Citizen
Scott Bricker	Citizen
Leland Johnson	Citizen
Nancy Kraushaar	City of Oregon City, representing Cities of Clackamas County
Dave Nordberg	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Ron Papsdorf	City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah County
Phil Selinger	TriMet
Karen Schilling	Multnomah County
Jonathan Young	FHWA

AFFILIATION

MEMBERS ABSENT

James Castaneda	Citizen
Brent Curtis	Washington County
Greg DiLoreto	Citizen
John Hoefs	C-Tran
Susie Lahsene	Port of Portland
Dean Lookingbill	SW Washington RTC
Mike McKillip	City of Tualatin, representing Cities of Washington County
John Rist	Clackamas County
Paul Smith	City of Portland
Mike Williams	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)

AFFILIATION

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Clark Berry	Washington County
June Carlson	Citizen
Linda David	SW Washington RTC
Marianne Fitzgerald	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Sorin Garber	Citizen
John Gillam	City of Portland
Margaret Middleton	City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County
Ed Pickering	C-Tran
Lainie Smith	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT – Region 1)
Ron Weinman	Clackamas County

AFFILIATION

GUESTS PRESENT

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Alex Campbell	City of Milwaukie
Jody Littlehales	Citizen
Julie Rodwell	ODOT
Cory-Ann Wind	DEQ – Northwest Region

STAFF

Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Ted Leybold, Jessica Martin,

CALL TO ORDER, DECLARATION OF A QUORUM & INTRODUCTIONS

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

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2006 MEETING

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Phil Selinger moved and Mr. Ron Papsdorf seconded the motion to approve the February 24, 2006 meeting minutes. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-3668, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE FY 2007 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Andy Cotugno presented Resolution No. 06-3668, which would approve the FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Mr. Cotugno noted that he understood that the UPWP was presented at the February meeting and several changes were requested. He asked the committee if the document before them (included as part of this meeting record) incorporated all requested changes.

ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Karen Schilling moved, seconded by Mr. Selinger to approve Resolution No. 06-3668. The motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO 06-3667, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CERTIFYING THAT THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Ron Papsdorf moved and Mr. Dave Nordberg seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 06-3667. The motion passed.

In referring to page 6 of Exhibit A to Resolution 06-3667, Mr. Selinger inquired as to why High Capacity Transit (HCT) was a category of its own. Mr. Cotugno responded that he would find out and get back to him.

STIP COMMENT LETTER

Mr. Ted Leybold appeared before the committee to present potential comments on the Region 1 STIP proposal.

ODOT Region 1 has a draft proposal for the major portions of the 2008-11 State Transportation Implementation Program (STIP). The proposal was created to respond to screening and prioritization criteria of the Oregon Transportation Commission. The Preservation and Bridge portions of the program were generated by their respective management systems and then reviewed by local staff. The proposed program needs to be further narrowed to available funding. Region 1 is requesting comments on the proposal and direction on how to narrow the program to available funding by April 14th.

A TPAC workshop was held March 20th to consider draft comments on the STIP proposal.

Mr. Leybold directed the committee's attention to a draft letter (included as part of this meeting record) to ODOT Region 1 staff on the draft STIP proposal, which summarizes the comments received at the workshop. He noted that the second paragraph in the comment letter proposes that JPACT have the opportunity to review the comments ODOT receives prior to the comments being submitted by Region 1 to ODOT headquarters for inclusion in the draft STIP.

Mr. Leybold reviewed each comment.

Regarding the first comment, which relates to the proposal of projects that are not already in the financially constrained system, Mr. Frank Angelo requested the letter better clarify the JPACT and Metro Council position.

Ms. Lainie Smith noted that the STIP couldn't be amended at this point because there is not a 20-year time frame left in the RTP.

Regarding the third comment, which asks whether there is adequate budget to perform the planning activities outlined in the 2006-07 UPWP, specifically the Highway 217 EIS and I-205/Powell Boulevard Interchange, Mr. Ron Papsdorf requested confirmation they were in the financially constrained list. Ms. Kim Ellis confirmed that both projects are on the list.

Ms. Karen Schilling requested that a portion of comment #4 (Fund STA Implementation Program) be amended to reflect the following:

Metro staff and TPAC are willing to work with ODOT staff in the development of a ~~funding program or a specific project proposal~~ for inclusion in the 2008-11 or 2010-13 STIP

The committee discussed the meaning of regional balance.

Because of the difference in safety issues faced by urban and rural areas, Mr. Scott Bricker requested that the comment relating to safety specify that JPACT and Metro Council are interested in local transportation staff working further with ODOT to identify and evaluate transportation safety issues that are unique to the urban setting.

ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Schilling moved and Mr. Ron Weinman seconded the motion to forward the comment letter as amended to JPACT. The motion passed with Ms. Smith abstaining.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-XXXX, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE 2006-09 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADD A PRESERVATION PROJECT ON HIGHWAY 213 BETWEEN I-205 AND CONWAY DRIVE

Mr. Leybold presented for approval Resolution 06-XXXX (included as part of this meeting record), which would allow the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to proceed with design and construction of the preservation project on Highway 213 between I-205 and Conway Drive.

ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Nancy Kraushaar moved and Mr. Ron Weinman seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 06-XXXX. The motion passed.

2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Ms. Kim Ellis appeared before the committee to present a 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update. Ms. Ellis directed the committee's attention to a memo (included as part of this meeting record) which summarizes recent plans and regulatory changes that have implications for the update to the RTP, which will be used to develop the 2035 RTP update work program and public participation plan, and provide guidance for updating the RTP policies, projects and implementation strategies. She requested that TPAC members review the memo and provide comments/additions by April 28th.

Ms. Ellis noted that the consultants from ECONorthwest have begun their discussions with JPACT and the Metro Council. She distributed a handout, which outlined the key issues they identified. A forum, consisting of JPACT, Metro Council, and community and business leaders is planned, which will help draft a work program and public participation plan. In mid-June, the draft work program and public participation plans are expected to be presented to the various Metro advisory committees, then to JPACT and Metro Council for their approval by June.

Ms. Ellis presented a PowerPoint presentation (included as part of the meeting record).

CONNECT OREGON UPDATE

Ms. Julie Rodwell, ODOT Freight Mobility Manager, appeared before the committee to present an update on *ConnectOregon*, a new state program to aid freight mobility. Ms. Rodwell gave a PowerPoint presentation that included information on the following:

- Program background
- Grants and Loans
- Managing the Projects
- Project Considerations (criteria)
- Project Review Process
- Project Evaluation
 - Four Groupings
 - Process in SB71
 - Refined Process
- Timeline

In response to Ms. Rodwell's presentation, Mr. Selinger voiced his concerns that applicants might not have been aware that the six criteria were given varying weights. Ms. Rodwell clarified that while the legislation and the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) directions did not weight the six considerations, the Freight Advisory Committee requested weights be assigned.

Speaking to the sixth project consideration, Mr. Selinger noted that you couldn't have a project in final design until you have funds identified and a great deal the transit projects are in conceptual design. Ms. Rodwell agreed that because there are so little transportation funds, the transit projects might have been worse off in that category as compared to the other projects that were nearly ready, just needing the last portion of funding. She did note that because project readiness was just one consideration, it shouldn't preclude any good projects.

Mr. Papsdorf noted that while projects in all modes had cost estimates based on concept designs, the transit projects seemed more often to be deemed as incomplete in terms of cost estimates. He urged Ms. Rodwell to double check the consistency of those initial screenings. Ms. Rodwell stated that a great deal of hard work went into making the review consistent. She noted that anyone wishing to make a comment should do so by the end of the day today.

AIR QUALITY

Regional Maintenance Plan

Ms. Marianne Fitzgerald appeared before the committee and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Regional Maintenance Plan (included as part of this meeting record). Her presentation included information on the following:

- Ozone Air Quality Trend
- Emission Results
- Emission Forecast
- Retain Existing Maintenance Strategies
- Proposed Rule Changes
- Proposed Contingency Plan
- Schedule

Air Quality Annual Update

Due to time constraints, Mr. Cotugno asked Mr. Mark Turpel to present the Air Quality Annual Update at the next regular TPAC meeting.

MTIP ALLOCATION UPDATE RE: 1-205/COMMUTER RAIL/N. MACADAM STREETCAR

Mr. Steve Siegel appeared before the committee to provide an update on the use of the MTIP funds for Commuter Rail, Portland Streetcar and I-205/Mall LRT projects. He directed the committee's attention to a memo (included as part of this record), which outlines the changes and impacts of those changes.

In his recollection of history, Mr. Scott Bricker noted that the City of Portland received \$10 million for N. Macadam (a consolidation of projects) but not for the streetcar specifically. Because of that consolidation process, the bike and pedestrian trail, an essential link to

downtown is currently at zero. Mr. Bricker stated that the City's commitment should not change even though the type of funds has changed.

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Martin
Recording Secretary