



METRO

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

April 13, 2006
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

AFFILIATION

Rex Burkholder, Chair	Metro Council
Rod Park, Vice Chair	Metro Council
Brian Newman	Metro Council
Sam Adams	City of Portland
Maria Rojo de Steffey	Multnomah County
Bill Kennemer	Clackamas County
Rob Drake	City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County
Dick Pedersen	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Lynn Peterson	City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas County
Fred Hansen	TriMet
Jason Tell	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT - Region 1)
Royce Pollard	City of Vancouver
Roy Rogers	Washington County
Steve Stuart	Clark County
Paul Thalhoffer	City of Troutdale, representing Cities of Multnomah County
Don Wagner	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
Bill Wyatt	Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

AFFILIATION

Susie Lahsene	Port of Portland
Dean Lookingbill	Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council
Jay Waldron	Port of Portland

OTHER COUNCILORS PRESENT

Jef Dalin	City of Cornelius
John Hartsock	City of Damascus

GUESTS PRESENT

AFFILIATION

Kenny Asher	City of Milwaukie
Meeky Blizzard	Office of Rep. Blumenauer
Scott Bricker	Bicycle Transportation Alliance
Kathy Busse	Washington County

Roland Chlapowski	City of Portland
Olivia Clark	TriMet
Danielle Cowan	City of Wilsonville
Tom Markgraf	CRC
Dave Nordberg	DEQ
Ron Papsdorf	City of Gresham
John Rist	Clackamas County
Karen Schilling	Multnomah County
Phil Selinger	TriMet
Steve Siegel	Siegel Consulting
Lainie Smith	ODOT
Paul Smith	City of Portland
John Wiebke	City of Hillsboro

STAFF

Richard Brandman, Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Tom Kloster, Kate Lyman, Ted Leybold, Jessica Martin, Robin McArthur, Kathryn Sofich,

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rex Burkholder declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

III. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Burkholder congratulated Mr. Jason Tell on his new position as ODOT Region 1 Manager.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of minutes for the March 9, 2006 JPACT meeting

Resolution No. 06-3665, For the Purpose of Adopting the Policy Direction, Program Objectives, Procedures and Criteria For the Transportation Priorities 2008-11 Allocation Process and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

Resolution No. 06-3685, 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

Chair Burkholder asked the committee if any of the consent agenda items needed to be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.

ACTION: Hearing no objections, Chair Burkholder moved approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 06-3668, For the Purpose of Approving the FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Andy Cotugno appeared before the committee to present Resolution No. 06-3668, which would approve the FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Mr. Cotugno briefed the committee on the purpose of the UPWP (included as part of this meeting record).

ACTION: Councilor Brian Newman moved, seconded by Mr. Fred Hansen, to approve Resolution No. 06-3668. The motion passed unanimously.

STIP Comment Letter

ODOT Region 1 has a draft proposal for the major portions of the 2008-11 State Transportation Improvement Implementation Program (STIP). The proposal was created to respond to screening and prioritization criteria of the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC). The proposed program needs to be narrowed further 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.

Mr. Cotugno briefed the committee on the comment timeline and noted that providing input on a draft list of eligible projects this early on in the STIP process is a new step for the committee. Mr. Hansen and Mayor Rob Drake voiced their support for this new approach.

A TPAC workshop was held March 20th to consider draft comments on the STIP proposal. Metro staff introduced a set of potential comments for consideration by workshop participants. TPAC then considered and recommended a revised letter for JPACT consideration at its March 31st meeting.

Mr. Ted Leybold directed the committee's attention to the draft letter and list of comments (included as part of this meeting record). He reviewed the letter and comments and the committee discussed.

Mr. Jason Tell stated that the letter, rather than being a priority statement, seemed to focus more on raising issues.

Mayor Drake concurred, but noted that because this region has such important issues, he interpreted the letter as a friendly reminder to ODOT of the issues this region faces.

The committee continued discussion of letter's purpose.

Commissioner Roy Rogers stated that the letter is indistinct, and he would prefer to send ODOT a letter solely thanking them for the opportunity to comment.

Commissioner Steve Stuart stated his dissatisfaction with adding to ODOT's 150% list and then developing a separate 100% list.

Councilor Lynn Peterson noted that projects on the 150% list are from ODOT's prospective and the letter states that there will be additional projects that the committee would like to add. Councilor

Peterson stated that she is not willing to prioritize the list as is, as it might not contain all of her priorities.

Commissioner Rogers agreed with Councilor Peterson, but noted that having two project lists in competition with one another doesn't make sense.

Commissioner Kennemer noted that this is just the first of many steps and the committee should make their partners aware of all the projects of interest, before beginning the refining process.

Mr. Hanson noted that he did not think of it as two separate lists, as unless there is a fundamental policy difference, he would expect ODOT to defer to the project list created by JPACT.

Commissioner Stuart stated his preference for sending either a prioritized list of projects or a letter stating the committee's principles.

After continued discussion, Chair Burkholder stated that the cover letter could be revised to include a paragraph that would state: *As JPACT works with ODOT to develop a recommendation, in addition to addressing the OTC's criteria for prioritizing projects and consider the candidate projects identified by ODOT to date, the committee also intends to address the principles and project issues specified in the comment list.* This revision would satisfy two issues: 1) making a public comment and; 2) alerting ODOT that there are key issues the committee is wrestling with.

MOTION: Councilor Newman moved to adopt the letter with the aforementioned changes. Councilor Peterson seconded the motion.

MOTION TO AMEND MAIN MOTION: Commissioner Sam Adams noted that while the region is the largest contributor of gas tax to the state, he feels there are inequities in what is given back. He moved to include a statement in the letter mentioning the need for a more proportionate gas tax distribution, which was seconded by Councilor Peterson.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND MAIN MOTION: The motion unanimously passed.

MOTION TO AMEND #2: Commissioner Kennemer moved to remove comment #1, which was seconded by Commissioner Adams.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND #2: The motion passed, with Commissioner Stuart and Councilor Newman opposing.

MOTION TO AMEND #3: Commissioner Kennemer moved to add language to Section D, stating that JPACT is interested in participating in further coordination between the OIPP process and the prioritization of corridor planning work for the I-205 corridor.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND #3: The motion unanimously passed.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: Chair Burkholder moved to approve the main motion as amended. With Commissioner Rogers and Commissioner Stuart voting no, and Mr. Tell abstaining from the vote, the motion passed.

VII. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

Chair Burkholder announced plans for an upcoming RTP workshop. The workshop will take place on Thursday, April 20th at 8am at the Oregon Convention Center. The purpose of the workshop will be to gather input from participants on the design of the outreach effort and to talk about and come to an agreement of key issues. Stakeholder groups have also been invited to the workshop in order to foster a diverse and robust discussion.

MTIP Allocation Update re: I-205/LRT Commuter Rail / N. Macadam Streetcar

Mr. Cotugno updated the committee on a change in the use of 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 meeting record), which details the changes and impacts of those changes. He asked the committee if they felt comfortable with this as an informational item, or if they preferred it be brought back to them for action. After reviewing the changes and impacts, the committee felt it would not be necessary to revisit the issue at a future meeting as an action item.

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Rex Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Martin
Recording Secretary