

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

March 22, 2006 – 5:00 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

Committee Members Present: Chuck Becker, David Fuller, John Hartsock, Jack Hoffman, Charlotte Lehan, Richard Kidd, Alice Norris, Wilda Parks, Chris Smith, Larry Sowa

Committee Members Absent: Ken Allen, Richard Burke, Nathalie Darcy, Rob Drake, Andy Duyck, Bernie Giusto, Tom Hughes, Margaret Kirkpatrick, Diane Linn, Tom Potter, Katherine Ruthruff, Larry Smith, Erik Sten, Steve Stuart, (Multnomah Co. Special Districts – vacant, Governing Body of School District –vacant)

Alternates Present: Martha Schrader, Dresden Skees-Gregory

Also Present: Robert Austin, City of Estacada; Ron Bunch, City of Gresham; Carol Chesarek, Citizen; Valerie Counts, City of Hillsboro; Danielle Cowan, City of Wilsonville; Shirley Craddick, City of Gresham; Brent Curtis, Washington County; Kay Durtschi, MTAC; Meg Fernekees, DLCD; Stacy Hopkins, DLCD; Gil Kelley, City of Portland; Steve Kelley, Washington County; Linda Malone, City of Sandy; Katie Mangle, City of Milwaukie, Irene Marvich, League of Women Voters; Doug McClain, Clackamas County; David Zagel, TriMet

Metro Elected Officials Present: Liaisons –Robert Liberty, Council District 6 others in audience: Rod Park, Council District 6

Metro Staff Present: Kim Bardes, Dan Cooper, Kim Ellis, Robin McArthur, Linnea Nelson, Tim O'Brien, Kathryn Sofich

1. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS, ONE MINUTE LOCAL UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Richard Kidd, called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. Chair Kidd asked those present to introduce themselves.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

Mayor Chuck Becker, City of Gresham, wanted to make sure that his testimony on the Bond Measure at the previous meeting was clear; he said that he did support the Bond Measure.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Summary for March 8, 2006 and MTAC Appointment:

Deferred to the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

4. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Robert Liberty gave an update. Notes from that update are attached and form part of the record.

5. 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Councilor Rod Park gave an overview of the regional transportation situation. His talking points related to the overview are attached and form part of the record.

Councilor Liberty said that there would be \$4-\$10 million dollars to spend. What would that do for your city or county? He said that what Councilor Park had described was fundamentally different from how things had been done in the past. Don't look at the RTP as a bunch of projects that would be considered alone, but rather look at the whole region and use that as tool to plan. Take the RTP millions and look to what could be accomplished with it. Would it be a means or would it be the ends? He said that the Metro Council had discussed it and they felt it was a means. He said it would be a vote on what they wanted the investment to add up to. He said that this issue was very pivotal. He said that there was a lot of interest in having a bigger scale discussion and not treating this as a technical discussion but rather a regional investment priorities discussion to attain a certain quality of life for the region.

6. NEIGHBOR CITY PRESENTATIONS

Councilor Park introduced Mayor Austin and Mayor Malone.

Chair Kidd said that they had been invited to share growth issues about their communities.

Mayor Bob Austin, City of Estacada, distributed a handout, "City of Estacada Issues." That handout is attached and forms part of the record. He discussed the issues outlined on that handout for the members.

Councilor Park asked how the public felt about growth in Estacada.

Mayor Austin said that there were only a few so far who seemed opposed to that.

Mayor Becker asked what Estacada had looked at in terms of gas tax or opportunities to increase transportation revenues.

Mayor Austin said that they had decided on a gas tax rather than a transportation utility fee. He said that every time they got close to finalizing that tax, gas prices would increase, and it would be put onto the burner. He said that the city was hoping to get that tax passed this year. He said they were currently considering a one-cent tax or slightly more than that.

Chair Kidd asked about the density of the construction of 500 residential single houses.

Mayor Austin said that they were coming in at low densities, approximately 7500 sq. ft. lots. He said that the city was anticipating an increase in density in order to bring in more multi-family housing.

Councilor Liberty asked if the Estacada council had talked about an institutional relationship with Metro.

Mayor Austin said that they had not yet discussed it, but they were getting to the point to reach out. He said that they wanted to be less isolated but still maintain a green barrier. He said that Estacada schools had capacity to take on another 300-500 students.

Gil Kelley, City of Portland, asked what types of firms were filling in the industrial areas.

Mayor Austin described those industries. He said that many were metal related outfits.

Mayor Becker asked if Mayor Austin knew who was commuting out of the community for work.

Mayor Austin said he did not know, but it would be a good thing to survey citizens about. He said that he would like to see more of his community work close to their homes.

Mayor Linda Malone, City of Sandy, distributed a handout that focused on growth in the City of Sandy. That handout is attached and forms part of the record. She reviewed the handout for the members.

Chris Smith, Multnomah County Citizen Representative, said that both cities were located on a highway. He asked what that meant for their street grid and how it related to the highway. He asked about TriMet's service area and their transit system on the edge – how did they see the edge districts working together to help form a comprehensive network?

Mayor Malone said that Sandy had a fully up-to-date transportation master plan. She said that they hoped to someday have a truck bypass, and maybe a toll road bypass. She said that Sandy had just completed a north to south connection. She said they received money from ODOT that would fund the completion of a north to south connection out to highway 26 at Vista Loop. She said that the city was trying to provide options to the residents to avoid the highway. She said that on Friday and Sunday afternoons the residents were very aware that they live on a highway. She said that they had a bicycle and trail plan for future development.

Mayor Austin said that since Estacada was on the edge of a highway their situation was a little different. He said that there were currently other routes to get out of Estacada and thereby avoid the highway.

There being no further business, Chair Kidd adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Bardes".

Kim Bardes
MPAC Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE RECORD FOR MARCH 22, 2006

The following have been included as part of the official public record:

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
#4 Council Update	3/22/06	Councilor Robert Liberty Council Update for MPAC 3/22/06 talking points	032206-MPAC-01
#5 2035 RTP Update	3/22/06	2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update – MPAC talking points	032206-MPAC-02
#6 Neighbor City Presentations	March 2006	City of Estacada Issues	032206-MPAC-03
#6 Neighbor City Presentations	March 2006	City of Sandy Growth	032206-MPAC-04