

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

May 10, 2006 – 5:00 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

Committee Members Present: Chuck Becker, Nathalie Darcy, Dave Fuller, John Hartsock, Jack Hoffman, Richard Kidd, Charlotte Lehan, Alice Norris, Chris Smith

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

Alternates Present: Larry Cooper, Lane Shetterly

Also Present: Hal Bergsma, City of Beaverton; Ron Bunch, City of Gresham; Al Burns, City of Portland; Carol Chesarek, Citizen; Danielle Cowan, City of Wilsonville; Brent Curtis, Washington County; Steve Durrant, ASLA/MTAC; Kay Durtschi, MTAC; Meg Fernekees, DLCD; Jon Holan, City of Forest Grove; Gil Kelley, City of Portland; Greg Miller, AGC; Laura Oppenheimer, Oregonian; Pat Ribellia, City of Hillsboro; Paul Savas, Clackamas Co. Special Districts Alternate; David Zagel, TriMet

Metro Elected Officials Present: Liaisons – Robert Liberty, Council District 6, others in audience: David Bragdon, Council President

Metro Staff Present: Kim Bardes, Miranda Bateschell, Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Pat Emmerson, Robin McArthur, Lydia Neill, Tim O'Brien, Ken Ray, Gerry Uba, Ray Valone, Reed Wagner

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

Chair Richard Kidd, called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. Chair Kidd asked those present to introduce themselves.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Deferred to the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

5. CONSTRUCTION EXCISE TAX

Ray Valone, Principal Regional Planner, gave the members an update on the two meetings for collection and distribution of the excise tax. He said that collection would start on July 1, 2006. He said that they were hoping to start distribution of funds as early as September this year. He talked about the need for intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) to make this happen and said that those were being worked on currently. He said that the next step would be to set up a process and that jurisdictions would need to provide numbers for Metro so that Metro could double-check those numbers to see if they were still valid.

Councilor Jack Hoffman, City of Lake Oswego, asked if there had been any negative feedback.

Reed Wagner, Council Policy Coordinator, said that there had not been much and that it was now a matter of working out the details.

Chair Kidd asked about the progress of the draft IGA.

Mr. Valone said that the draft IGA had been sent to the jurisdictions. He said he understood that some might take longer to finalize than others and that some would have to be approved by local councils, which could also extend the process.

Chair Kidd asked if on July 1st the fee would be collected based on the payment of a building permit or the submittal of a project.

Mr. Wagner said that the Construction Excise Tax (CET) group had agreed to do it with the payment date and not the application date. He said that they felt it would make it easier to process collection for them. He said that there were two jurisdictions that would need exceptions. He said that they would know a lot more on this on Friday of this week.

Chair Kidd said that if a person had a large project that was starting now there was no way that the project would get to the point of paying the fee before July 1st.

Mr. Wagner said that if a permit was paid for by July 1 then it would not be subject to the fee. If, however, payment was received on July 1st or thereafter then the fee must be paid. He said that most members of the CET group had said that would be easier for them to deal with from a process point-of-view.

Councilor John Hartsock, City of Damascus, said that once someone had applied for a plan check then new fees could not be added. He said he thought that only the fees that were in place when the person applied would be charged.

Mr. Wagner said the CET group wanted to try to align the implementation of the fee in the same manner that the state would add a fee. He said that those type of questions would be addressed on Friday when some CET group members met to work on the language of the IGAs.

Councilor Hartsock said that for some jurisdictions the budget pass through process of the collected tax would present problems.

Chair Kidd said that in the draft IGA there would be a statement that would allow jurisdictions to keep up to 5% of the fee to cover the cost of processing the tax.

Mr. Wagner clarified that a jurisdiction could keep up to 5% of the collected funds for processing unless they found that they could process the permit fees for less.

4. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Robert Liberty gave an update on Metro Council activity. He said that there had been budget amendments introduced formally to Council at the meeting the previous Thursday. He reviewed those amendments for the members and informed them that the Council planned to formally adopt the Metro budget in June. He said that at the Council meeting the following day the Council would be awarding grants associated with solid waste. He said that there was interest and discussion about a recent court case

pertaining to prevailing wage standards and government funded projects. He talked briefly about that case and how in that circumstance the judge had said it was not subject to prevailing wage. He talked about a new councilor project on regional medical facilities and a scoping exercise to determine and address the nature of Metro Council's possible role on that subject. He mentioned the Mayors/Chairs forum on May 19th and the New Look Regional Symposium scheduled for June 23rd. He said that the first meeting of the panel of Economic Advisors had taken place. He said that the Council had received the final report from Housing Choice Task Force. He said that the Council had directed staff to proceed on that matter.

6. NEW LOOK AT REGIONAL CHOICES

Robin McArthur, Regional Planning Director, distributed a New Look spreadsheet and New Look at Regional Choices Schedule. Those documents are attached and form part of the record. She reviewed both of those documents and discussed the anticipated outcomes.

Councilor Hoffman asked about the Regional Forum.

Ms. McArthur said that there were two forums planned: one for June 23rd and one in December.

Lydia Neill, Principal Regional Planner, distributed a handout, "Investing in Our Communities," and reviewed that handout for the members. That document is attached and forms part of the record.

Councilor Hoffman referred to a League of Oregon Cities, Local Focus, April issue article "From the Director." That article is attached and forms part of the record.

Tim O'Brien, Senior Regional Planner, reviewed the material included in the meeting packet.

There was discussion about what "great communities" meant. Mayor Alice Norris, City of Oregon City, said that they were essentially talking about creating new communities. There was discussion about land supply and when to bring in more land, the urban growth report, and criteria for making those decisions.

Kim Ellis, Senior Transportation Planner, gave a PowerPoint presentation. Copies of the slides from that presentation are attached and form part of the record.

Councilor Liberty asked the MPAC members if they believed the projects listed in the RTP would actually result in the 2040 Growth Concept. The members present all answered "no."

Chair Kidd said that the land planning group and the transportation-planning group had to get together to look at how the 2040 vision could be achieved with the dollars available. There was discussion on doing the planning in both areas in a different manner than had been done in the past to get better results. There was discussion about looking at the dollars available and then looking at the best use of those dollars to achieve the 2040 vision.

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, said that the current plan expired in March of 2008. If Metro did not have a federally approved plan to replace it, the federal dollars that go into construction stop. He said that they were under a real deadline to have that plan updated. There was discussion about the timeline.

7. MAY 19TH MAYORS/CHAIRS LEADERSHIP FORUM

Chair Kidd provided details on the Mayors/Chairs forum agenda for the members. He then gave a brief recap of his trip to Chicago and the Chicago National Forum on Regionalism. He said that he wanted to have the consultant from San Jose come to Portland and Metro to do the same exercise as they experienced at the Chicago Forum.

There being no further business, Chair Kidd adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Bardes
MPAC Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE RECORD FOR MAY 10, 2006

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

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
#5 Construction Excise Tax	April 2006	League of Oregon Cities, Local Focus, From the Director article referenced by Jack Hoffman	051006-MPAC-01
#6 New Look	May 2006/ongoing	A New Look at Regional Choices, Updating the Metro region's long-range plan spreadsheet	051006-MPAC-02
#6 New Look	May 2006	New Look at Regional Choices Schedule	051006-MPAC-03
#6 New Look	4/20/06	Investing in Our Communities, Outcomes for 2006	051006-MPAC-04
#6 New Look	5/10/06	Shape of the Region Goals for 2006	051006-MPAC-05
#6 New Look	5/3/06	2035 Regional Transportation Plan, A New Look at Transportation, Updating the Metro region's long-range transportation plan	051006-MPAC-06
#6 New Look	5/10/06	Letter and work program and public participation plan from Councilor Rex Burkholder re: Regional Transportation Plan to Regional Partners	051006-MPAC-07
#6 New Look	5/9/06	Metro's New Look at Transportation spreadsheet	051006-MPAC-08
#6 New Look	May 2006	Copies of slides from the Regional Transportation Plan PowerPoint presentation	051006-MPAC-09