



METRO

TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATES COMMITTEE

June 30, 2006

Metro Regional Center

MEMBERS PRESENT

Frank Angelo	Citizen
Greg DiLoreto	Citizen
Nancy Kraushaar	City of Oregon City, representing Cities of Clackamas County
Leland Johnson	Citizen
Dave Nordberg	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Phil Selinger	TriMet
Karen Schilling	Multnomah County
Lainie Smith	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT – Region 1)
Paul Smith	City of Portland
Ron Weinman	Clackamas County

AFFILIATION

MEMBERS ABSENT

Scott Bricker	Citizen
James Castaneda	Citizen
Brent Curtis	Washington County
John Hoefs	C-Tran
Susie Lahsene	Port of Portland
Ron Papsdorf	City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah County
Dean Lookingbill	SW Washington RTC
Mike McKillip	City of Tualatin, representing Cities of Washington County
Mike Williams	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
Jonathan Young	FHWA

AFFILIATION

ALTERNATES PRESENT

June Carlson	Citizen
Danielle Cowan	City of Wilsonville
Lynda David	SW Washington RTC
Jonathan David	Cities of Multnomah County
Steven Matthews	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
Margaret Middleton	City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County
Blair Crumpacker	Washington County

AFFILIATION

GUESTS PRESENT

Jennifer Dill	Portland State University
Lynn Peterson	Peterson Consulting
Chris Smith	Streetcar CAL
Jim Whitty	ODOT

AFFILIATION

STAFF

Richard Brandman, Andy Cotugno, Corie Harlan, Tom Kloster, Kate Lyman, Jessica Martin, Pam Peck, Ross Roberts, Kathryn Sofich, Bridget Wieghart, Caleb Winter

CALL TO ORDER, DECLARATION OF A QUORUM & INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Andy Cotugno 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

Due to time constraints, the committee did not discuss future agenda items.

MINUTES OF MAY 26, 2006 MEETING

ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Karen Schilling moved and Mr. Greg DiLoreto seconded the motion to approve the May 26, 2006 meeting minutes. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

VALUE PRICING UPDATE

Mr. James Whitty appeared before the committee and provided an update on the Oregon Innovative Partnerships Program (OIPP). His update included information on the following:

- Summary/Location of the three projects
- OTIG
- Macquarie Infrastructure Group
- Key Contract Features
- Contractual Responsibilities
- Near Term PDA Timelines

Mr. Cotugno listed the alternatives currently being evaluated in the I-205 and Sunrise projects and the committee discussed tolling policy issues.

Mr. Richard Brandman stated that a recent presentation regarding highway negotiations given by Goldman Sachs, one issue of importance included the length of the lease/agreement terms, which are 99 years for many toll roads.

Mr. Paul Smith added that Metro's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) states the tolling policy when a major, new highway capacity is added to the regional motor vehicle system, but not existing capacity and suggested the RTP re-evaluate that policy.

Mr. Whitty stated that he would be available to provide an update to the committee in late September after the Oregon Transportation Commission meeting.

RESOLUTION 06-3713, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE EASTSIDE TRANSIT ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE, LOCATED WITHIN THE PORTLAND CENTRAL CITY

Mr. Richard Brandman appeared before the committee to present Resolution No. 06-3713, which would adopt the Eastside Transit Alternative Analysis Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA).

Mr. Ross Roberts noted that the resolution before the committee endorses the recommendation for the Locally Preferred Alternative from the Eastside Transit Alternatives Analysis Steering Committee. The resolution will be forwarded to JPACT on July 17th along with resolutions from the Portland Streetcar Board of Directors, TriMet Board of Directors, Multnomah County Commission, and the Portland City Council.

Mr. Roberts presented a PowerPoint presentation, which included information on the following:

- Locally Preferred Alternative Recommendation
 - Mode: Streetcar
 - Alternative: Full Loop Streetcar
 - Interim Terminus: OMSI
 - First Construction Segment: Oregon Street
 - Alignment: MLK/Grand Couplet
- Capital Costs, Revenue Sources and Funding Gap
- Conditions to Extend to OMSI
- Work Program Considerations
- Next Steps in LPA Adoption
- Next Steps for Project

Mr. Phil Selinger noted that this is a great milestone and that the TriMet Board of Directors adopted a similar resolution yesterday. He added that while TriMet supports this project, finding a way to fund the operating costs is still a question that needs to be worked out.

Mr. Chris Smith, Portland Streetcar Advisory Committee, stated his support for this project.

Ms. Lainie Smith stated that ODOT supports the project. She noted that as the project moves forward in the Environmental Assessment process, new signals and signal modifications would need to be looked at to ensure that the signal timing and operations do not adversely affect the freeway ramps.

Mr. Leland Johnson added that both Grand Ave. and MLK Blvd have heavy commuting hour traffic. He inquired about the potential impact to the facility with the streetcar is operating on it. Mr. Brandman responded that because the streetcar operates like a bus, it wouldn't negatively impact traffic.

Mr. Paul Smith stated that the City of Portland is concerned with freight mobility and will be the lead in this study.

The committee continued discussion of the resolution.

ACTION: Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Selinger to approve Resolution No. 06-3713. The motion passed.

REGIONAL TRAVEL OPTIONS PROGRAM UPDATES

Resolution No. 06-3717, For the Purpose of Endorsing Regional Support of the "Plug-In" Partners National Campaign

Ms. Kathryn Sofich appeared before the committee to present Resolution 06-3717, which would endorse regional support of the "Plug-In" partners national campaign.

"Plug-In Partners" is a national grass-roots initiative to demonstrate to automakers that a market for flexible-fuel Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEVs) exists. The goal of the initiative is to encourage local and state governments to work with utilities and environmental, consumer and business organizations to demonstrate the viability of a market for PHEVs through development of rebates, "soft" fleet orders, petitions, and endorsements. In becoming a partner, Metro would pass a resolution of support, sign a letter of commitment, and make a "soft" fleet order. Making a "soft" fleet order says that Metro will "seriously consider" purchasing a certain amount of vehicles if they are produced by automakers. In addition, Metro would make a commitment to support local, state and federal policies that would promote flexible fuel plug-in hybrid vehicles and work with the local government, education, business, and environmental community to advocate for the purchase of flexible-fuel plug-in hybrid vehicles.

The committee discussed several of the questions listed on the FAQ sheet (included as part of the meeting record).

ACTION: Mr. Selinger moved, seconded by Ms. Smith to approve Resolution 06-3717. The motion passed.

RTO Evaluation Report

Ms. Pam Peck appeared before the committee to present information on the Regional Travel Options Program (RTO). She gave a brief power point presentation (included as part of the meeting record), which included information on the following:

- Drive Less.Save More Campaign background
- Program Partners
- Program Goals
- Program Components
- Evaluation Program
- Evaluation Next Steps
- Regional Travel Options Staff

Ms. Peck introduced Dr. Jennifer Dill who presented the Regional Travel Options 2004-05 Program Evaluation Report (included as part of the meeting record). Dr. Dill noted that the RTO program has gone through significant changes in the past three years and will continue to do so over the next few years. She added while the program has made significant progress due to a shift in objectives; there is still work to do in order to meet regional travel objectives for non-single occupant vehicles. Dr. Dill reviewed and the committee discussed the report's key findings and recommendations.

ELDERLY & DISABLED TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND LAND USE STUDY

Mr. Selinger and Ms. Lynn Peterson appeared before the committee to present the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Plan and Land Use Study.

Their presentation (included as part of the meeting record) covered the following information:

- Challenges
- Questions
- National/Regional Research
- Case Studies: Findings, Needs, Issues
- Corridor and Center Analysis: Gateway, Inner Division, Outer Division, McLoughlin Boulevard
- Corridor and Center Analysis: Findings
- Action Items

DIESEL RETROFITS

Mr. Ted Leybold appeared before the committee to briefly present information on diesel emission retrofits and CMAQ funding. He directed the committee's attention to a memo in their packet (included as part of the meeting record) and requested that they review the bullet points. He asked that comments be forwarded to him.

REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN UPDATE

Due to time constraints Ms. Deena Platman gave a brief update. She noted that in the meeting packet there is a membership list for the Regional Freight Technical Advisory Committee (included as part of the meeting record). She asked that committee members review the list and contact her with any questions. A more detailed update will be given at the July TPAC meeting.

TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS PROGRAM UPDATE

Due to time constraints this agenda item will be re-scheduled for the July TPAC meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Leybold distributed an information request memo (included as part of the meeting record) and requested committee members respond to the request by July 7th.

ADJOURN

As there was no further business, Mr. Cotugno adjourned the meeting at 12:02p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Martin
Recording Secretary