



METRO

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

July 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
Rob Drake	City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County
Fred Hansen	TriMet
Jason Tell	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT - Region 1)
Paul Thalhofer	City of Troutdale, representing Cities of Multnomah County
Roy Rogers	Washington County
Dick Pedersen	DEQ
Don Wagner	Washington DOT

MEMBERS EXCUSED

AFFILIATION

Bill Kennemer	Clackamas County
Royce Pollard	City of Vancouver
Maria Rojo de Steffey	Multnomah County
Bill Wyatt	Port of Portland
Steve Stuart	Clark County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

AFFILIATION

James Bernard	Cities of Clackamas County
Doug Ficco	Washington DOT
Dean Lookingbill	Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council

OTHER COUNCILORS PRESENT

Jeff Dalin	City of Cornelius
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GUESTS PRESENT

AFFILIATION

John Arroyo	NW Cement Producers
Kenny Asher	City of Milwaukie
Hank Ashforth	Portland Streetcar Inc.

GUESTS PRESENT (cont.)

AFFILIATION

Scott Bricker	BTA
Kathy Busse	Washington County
Roland Chlapowski	City of Portland
Olivia Clark	TriMet
Danielle Cogan	CRC
Jennifer Dill	PSU
Kevin Downing	Westmoreland
Cam Gilmour	Clackamas County
Frank Green	WSDOT - CRC
Jack Halin	Coalition for a Livable Future
Halah Ilias	Mayor's Youth Advisory Board
Reid Kells	Sellwood Moreland Improvement League
Mark Landauer	City of Portland
Lee Leighton	Sellwood-Moreland
Lance Lindahl	Brooklyn Neighborhood Association
Tom Markgraf	CRC
Steve Matthews	WSDOT
Ron Papsdorf	City of Gresham
Brad Perkins	Portland Streetcar Inc.
Lynn Peterson	TriMet Consultant
Marie Phillippi	Brooklyn Neighborhood Association
Austin Pritchard	SMILE
Karen Schilling	Multnomah County
Phil Selinger	TriMet
Chris Smith	MPAC
Lainie Smith	ODOT
Paul Smith	City of Portland
Don Stephens	Brooklyn Action Corps
Walter Valenta	CRC Task Force

STAFF

Andy Cotugno, Richard Brandman, Jessica Martin, Robin McArthur, Pam Peck, Ross Roberts

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rex Burkholder declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Rex Burkholder welcomed Mayor James Bernard, alternate to Councilor Lynn Peterson. He noted that Mayor Bernard would be representing the Cities of Clackamas County, as Councilor Peterson would be presenting the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Plan and Land Use Study, as a TriMet consultant.

II. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Reid Kells, 7723 SE 16th Avenue, Portland, spoke against Resolution 06-3713. He prefers that the inner South East light rail and Sellwood Bridge be a priority to Streetcar.

Austin Pritchard, 1636 SE Marion, Portland, testified in favor of reopening light rail in the South corridor thru McLoughlin.

Commissioner Sam Adams stated that there is four permit applications for commercial development on Hayden Island. Oregon Law requires a 45-day public notice in order for the Portland City Council to consider enacting a temporary moratorium – a development delay – on developments that have the potential to restrict access on or off the island, significantly increase traffic congestion on I-5 or threaten the Columbia River Crossing Project. He distributed (included as part of the meeting record) a copy of the Portland City Council Resolution No. 967, which confers the City of Portland the opportunity to consider the adoption of a temporary moratorium on certain development located on Hayden Island.

Several committee members expressed concern that they did not receive the resolution in advance and therefore not able to review with the cities they represent.

The committee continued discussing the resolution.

ACTION: Commissioner Adams moved, seconded by Mr. Bill Wyatt to support Portland City Council Resolution No. 967. The motion passed, with Commissioner Rogers, Mayor Paul Thalhoffer, and Mayor Rob Drake abstaining from the vote.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of minutes for the June 22, 2006 JPACT meeting

ACTION: Mr. Jason Tell moved, seconded by Ms. Lynn Peterson to approve the June 8, 2006 meeting minutes. The motion passed.

V. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

JPACT Finance

Chair Burkholder announced that there would be a JPACT Finance work group meeting on Thursday, July 27, 2006. Items for discussion would include development of legislative packages and potential funding sources for the next Legislative session as well as project updates from the Macquarie Group on I-205 and Sunrise.

Resolution 06-3717

Due to time constraints, Chair Burkholder stated that consideration of Resolution 06-3717 would be postponed until the August JPACT meeting.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 06-3713, For The Purpose of Adopting the Eastside Transit Alternative 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 Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). He presented a PowerPoint presentation (included as part of the meeting record), which included information on the following:

- Project Background and Overview
 - Origin of the Project
 - Federal Funding Sought
 - Transit AA Process Overview
 - LPA Adoption Process
- Alternatives
 - No Build Alternative
 - Full Loop Streetcar

- Streetcar Alternative, Minimum Operable Segments (MOS)
- Two-Way Grand Design Option
- Evaluation Results
- Locally Preferred Alternative Recommendation
 - Work Program Considerations

With several members of the public wishing to comment on this resolution, Chair Burkholder invited the public to testify.

Brad Perkins, 1722 NE Schuyler, Portland, spoke in favor of Resolution 06-3713.

Lance Lindahl, 4904 SE 16th Ave., Portland, spoke in favor of light rail going to Milwaukie. He asked that plans for the streetcar be put on hold in order to plan the MAX line and streetcar as a unified system.

Don Stephens, 908 SE Cora, Portland, spoke in favor of Resolution 06-3713.

Marie Phillippi, 4014 SE 9th, Portland, spoke of her concerns regarding public transportation in the inner South East area. With projects in competition for construction and operating dollars, she urged committee members not to make a financial commitment to the streetcar that would preclude light rail to the area.

Chris Smith, 2343 NW Pettygrove, Portland, spoke in favor of Resolution 06-3713.

Kevin Downing, 6202 SE 21st, Portland, spoke on favor of Resolution 06-3713, but requested that the Milwaukie Light rail project not be moved.

Lee Leighton, 6113 SE 17th Ave., Portland, spoke in favor of Resolution 06-3713.

Hank Ashforth, 825 NE Multnomah Blvd., Portland, spoke in favor of Resolution 06-3713.

Mayor Bernard stated his appreciation for the citizen comments. He stated his support for Resolution 06-3713, but shared his concern regarding the possibility of resources shifting away from the Milwaukie Light rail project.

Mr. Fred Hansen stated TriMet's strong support for streetcar. He called to the committees attention three significant conditions from TriMet's prospective: 1) the ability to make streetcar work on the alignment; including maintaining schedules in heavy truck and auto traffic, and pedestrian connections across MLK to Grand with particular emphasis on the needs of the elderly and disabled; 2) Identification of operating revenues; and 3) identification of local match necessary to meet the capital costs of the project.

Councilor Brian Newman stated his support for the project but noted that: 1) Operating funding is a serious concern; 2) He hopes that the next phase can be done as it relates to development agreements; and 3) A regional rail system should be looked at rather than looking at individual projects.

ACTION: Mayor Bernard moved, seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve Resolution 06-3713. The motion passed.

Resolution 06-3717, For The Purpose of Endorsing Regional Support Of The "Plug-In" Partners National Campaign

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was postponed until the next regular JPACT meeting.

VII. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Plan and Land Use Study

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was postponed until the next regular JPACT meeting.

RTO Program Overview

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was postponed until the next regular JPACT meeting.

RTO Evaluation Report

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was postponed until the next regular JPACT meeting.

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Martin
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR JULY 13, 2006

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

	ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
**	III	Resolution	7/6/06	To: JPACT From: Commissioner Sam Adams Re: Portland City Council Resolution No. 967	071306-JPACT-01
*	V	Minutes	6/22/06	JPACT Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2006	071306-JPACT-02
*	VI	Resolution	6/23/06	Resolution No. 06-3713, For the Purpose of Adopting the Eastside Transit Alternative Analysis Locally Preferred Alternative, Located Within The Portland Central City	071306-JPACT-03
**	VI	Power Point Presentation	7/12/06	To: JPACT From: Richard Brandman Re: Eastside Transit Alternatives Analysis	071306-JPACT-04
*	VI	Resolution	5/4/06	Resolution No. 06-3717, For the Purpose of Endorsing Regional Support of the "Plug-In" Partners National Campaign	071306-JPACT-05
*	VI	Fact Sheet	N/A	FAQ about Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles	071306-JPACT-06
**	VII	Power Point Presentation	7/12/06	To: JPACT From: Lynn Peterson Re: Seniors and People with Disabilities Transportation and Land Use Study	071306-JPACT-07
**	VII	Power Point Presentation	7/13/06	To: JPACT From: Pam Peck Re: Regional Travel Options Program	071306-JPACT-08
**	VII	Misc.	N/A	To: JPACT From: Pam Peck Re: RTO Application Summary	071306-JPACT-09
**	VII	Power Point Presentation	7/13/06	To: JPACT From: Jennifer Dill, PSU Re: RTO Evaluation Report	071306-JPACT-10
**	VII	Report	6/29/06	To: JPACT From: Jennifer Dill, PSU Re: 2004-05 RTO Program Evaluation	071306-JPACT-11

* Included in packet

**Distributed at meeting