



METRO

TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATES COMMITTEE

August 25, 2006

Metro Regional Center

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Bricker
Leland Johnson
Mike McKillip
Dave Nordberg
Ron Papsdorf
Phil Selinger
Rian Windsheimer
Paul Smith
Ron Weinman
Jonathan Young

AFFILIATION

Citizen
Citizen
City of Tualatin, representing Cities of Washington County
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah County
TriMet
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT – Region 1)
City of Portland
Clackamas County
FHWA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Frank Angelo
Greg DiLoreto
Nancy Kraushaar
James Castaneda
Brent Curtis
John Hoefs
Susie Lahsene
Dean Lookingbill
Karen Schilling
Mike Williams

AFFILIATION

Citizen
Citizen
City of Oregon City, representing Cities of Clackamas County
Citizen
Washington County
C-Tran
Port of Portland
SW Washington RTC
Multnomah County
Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Ed Abrahamson
Lynda David
John Gillam
Robin McCaffrey
Margaret Middleton
Andy Back

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County
SW Washington RTC
City of Portland
Port of Portland
City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County
Washington County

GUESTS PRESENT

Gregg Everhart
Rob Foster
Syreya Sarkar
Gregg Snyder
Chris Smith

AFFILIATION

Portland Parks & Recreation
City of Forest Grove
Cascade Policy Institute
RTO Subcommittee, Multnomah Co. Citizen Rep
Citizen

STAFF

Robin McArthur, Bridget Wieghart, Pam Peck, Jon Makler, Deena Platman, Ted Leybold, Tom Kloster, Jessica Martin

1. CALL TO ORDER, DECLARATION OF A QUORUM & INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Robin McArthur called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 9:33a.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

3. MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2006 MEETING

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Dave Nordberg moved and Mr. Phil Selinger seconded the motion to approve the July 28, 2006 meeting minutes. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

4. INPUT ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additions or discussion of future agenda items.

5. REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN UPDATE

Ms. Deena Platman appeared before the committee to present a Power Point (included as part of the meeting record) on Planning for Regional Freight and Goods Movement. Her presentation included information on the following:

- Why Plan for Regional Freight and Goods Movement
- Collaboration is key to success
- Relationship to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- "PAC" Decision-making process
- Phase Schedule
- Phase I Update

Because an outcomes-based approach is being used to update the RTP, there will need to be some tough decisions made at the end of the process to determine how dollars are allocated. Mr. Andy Back cautioned dedicating a great deal of effort into a plan that may get dismissed. Ms. Platman responded that others have raised this concern and only the absolute priorities are being focused on.

Mr. Scott Bricker stated his interest in hearing more about how the plan intends to encompass a multimodal freight transportation system.

Ms. Robin McCaffrey agreed with Mr. Bricker's comments but added that while it is important to look at a multimodal freight system, the reality is that most freight does and will continue to move by truck.

Mr. Mike McKillip added that one of the biggest challenges will be informing and convincing people of the value of freight investment as it relates to quality of life issues, especially when up against transit, bike and pedestrian improvements.

6. RTO COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Ms. Pam Peck appeared before the committee to present information on the committee structure of the Regional Travel Options (RTO) subcommittee and referred to a memo included in the packet (part of the meeting record). In 2005, TPAC requested the bylaws for the RTO Subcommittee be updated. The new structure of the RTO program created the need to determine how to best meet the oversight needs of the revised program. Ms. Peck outlined the current challenges and concepts for addressing them, which includes elevating the stature of the RTO Subcommittee to include members with greater budgetary authority within their organization and integrating the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO).

She introduced Mr. Greg Snyder, RTO Subcommittee member who provided his perspective. Mr. Snyder urged the committee to consider the recommendation before them, which would better link RTO Subcommittee members and TPAC as well as reduce the number of committees/working groups.

Mr. Ron Papsdorf stated that the work the committee does is valuable and valued by TPAC. He suggested that the RTO Subcommittee and RTO Senior Managers be combined and combine the three separate committees into one which reports to the Senior Manager committee.

Mr. Selinger also voiced his support for the work the committee has done. He questioned how the committee could build a more meaningful connection with TPAC rather than just presenting to the committee every three months or so.

Mr. Ron Weinman questioned the rationale behind integrating TDM and TSMO, as there are different people who make up each group. The committee discussed the integration portion of the recommendation.

Ms. McArthur requested that a diagram of the committee structure be distributed at the next regular TPAC meeting.

Ms. Peck added that a resolution would be presented to the committee at the meeting in September.

7. RTP UPDATE: DEFINING OUTCOMES

Mr. Tom Kloster appeared before the committee to present information on integrating the outcomes based approach to update the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). He directed the committee's attention to the second page of a memo (included as part of the meeting record) that describes a recommended approach to guide RTP research and policy development, and targeted stakeholder engagement activities during Phase 2 that will address identified policy gaps and integration of an outcomes-based framework to support those activities. He briefly reviewed each of the identified policy gaps. He directed the committee's attention to Attachment 3 of the memo and reviewed the timeline, noting that there would be several upcoming TPAC workshops and possibly a Transportation Summit in December.

For the 2035 RTP Update, Metro is developing a System Conditions Report that will provide a snapshot of the existing transportation system. Completing the System Conditions Report depends largely on the collection and organization of data. While Metro has much of the data it needs there are some topics that need to be addressed including pavement and bridge conditions

as well as safety and congestion hot spots. Mr. Jon Makler asked that any bridge and pavement data be submitted to him by Monday, September 18th.

He also asked TPAC for volunteers to form an ad-hoc task force that will discuss the process for using and supplementing each local inventory of safety and congestion hot spots. He noted that the task force might meet three times this fall in order to create lists and maps of target locations.

8. MTIP REVIEW OF DRAFT TECHNICAL SCORES/FIRST CUT LIST

Ms. McArthur stated that today the committee would receive an update on the status of the Transportation Priorities allocation process and have an opportunity to provide any additional direction to technical staff regarding development of a First Cut List recommendation.

Mr. Ted Leybold directed the committee's attention to the draft Diesel Retrofit and CMAQ Funding Evaluation Report (included as part of the meeting record). He noted that the 2005 federal legislative act "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users" (SAFTEA-LU) includes specific regulations regarding the status of diesel retrofit projects in the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funding program, however there has not yet been guidance received from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). He added that two applications have been received and they need to develop a way to evaluate them. He asked that TPAC recommend an evaluation method to JPACT and Metro Council on current applications and requested that comments be forwarded to him by September 10th.

Mr. Leybold directed the committee's attention to page 2 of the cover memo (included as part of this meeting record) and reviewed the program objectives, factors used to develop narrowing recommendations, and explanation of Metro staff project/program recommendation. The First Cut target amount was calculated as 150% of available funds (\$68.1 million) plus one half of planning, diesel retrofit, new program proposals and project development application amounts (\$6.3 million). Half of the planning, diesel retrofit and project development costs were added to the traditional First Cut target of 150% of available funds due to the new policies and administrative emphasis on project development increasing the number of these types of applications submitted in this funding cycle. In the past, Metro staff has not recommended cutting any of the planning activities during the first cut. Planning activities were not technically evaluated in a quantitative manner. Selection of planning activities were done based on feedback from the public comment period and from policy bodies based on qualitative criteria and their relative cost and importance to candidate construction projects.

The committee discussed whether technical staff should consider narrowing the Planning, Project Development, Diesel Retrofit, and/or Programmatic applications as part of the First Cut Recommendation and whether 150% of expected funds, reduced by the existing commitment to repay bond debt should be a firm target for the total cost of the First Cut List recommendation (\$68.1). After much discussion, the committee expressed a desire to attempt to narrow the "project development" applications as part of the first cut process. The committee also expressed the desire to provide JPACT and the Metro Council with a disciplined recommendation to meet the traditional 150% target, consistent with policy direction.

9. ADJOURN

As there was no further business, Ms. McArthur adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Martin
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR AUGUST 25, 2006

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

	ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
*	3	Minutes	7/28/06	TPAC Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2006	082506t-01
**	5	Power Point	8/25/06	Planning for Regional Freight and Goods Movement Status Report by Deena Platman	082506t-02
*	6	Memo	8/17/06	To: TPAC From: Pam Peck Re: RTO Bylaws Discussion	082506t-03
*	7	Memo	8/18/06	To: TPAC From: Kim Ellis Re: Integrating An Outcomes Based Approach to Update the RTP	082506t-04
*	7	Memo	8/25/06	To: TPAC From Kim Ellis Re: Collecting Data for RTP System Conditions Report	082506t-05
**	7	Calendar	8/18/06	Phase 2: Metro Council and Advisory Committee Meeting calendar	082506t-06
**	8	Memo	8/24/06	To: TPAC From: Ted Leybold Re: Transportation Priorities 2008-11 – Draft Metro Staff Recommendation First Cut List	082506t-07
**	8	Document	10/12/04	Project Description and Summary Booklet for candidate applications	082506t-08
**	8	Document	8/24/06	Summary of comments received and Metro staff response from August 12 meeting to review the draft technical analysis of candidate applications	082506t-09
**	8	Document	8/25/06	Technical Evaluation and Qualitative Factors Summary	082506t-10
**	8	Document	8/24/06	Summary list of the First Cut projects and programs as recommended by Metro staff	082506t-11
**	8	Report	August 2006	Draft Environmental Justice Report for the 2008-11 Transportation Priorities Program	082506t-12
**	8	Calendar	3/1/06	Project Calendar	082506t-13
**	8	Report	August 2006	Draft Diesel Retrofit and CMAQ Funding Evaluation Report	082506t-14
**	Non-Agenda Item	Update	August 2006	Transportation Operations Program Monthly Update for August 2006 by Jon Makler	082506t-15

* Included in packet

**Distributed at meeting