



METRO

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

October 12, 2006
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rex Burkholder, Chair
Rod Park, Vice Chair
Brian Newman
Sam Adams
Rob Drake
Roy Rogers
Dick Pedersen
Paul Thalhofer
Jason Tell

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
Metro Council
Metro Council
City of Portland
City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County
Washington County
DEQ
City of Troutdale, representing Cities of Multnomah County
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT - Region 1)

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Bill Kennemer
Fred Hansen
Royce Pollard
Maria Rojo de Steffey
Lynn Peterson
Steve Stuart
Don Wagner
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

Clackamas County
TriMet
City of Vancouver
Multnomah County
City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas County
Clark County
Washington DOT
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Susie Lahsene
Rian Windsheimer
Judie Hammerstad
Martha Schraeder
Neil McFarlane

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT - Region 1)
City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas County
Clackamas County
TriMet

GUESTS PRESENT

Cam Gilmour
Paul Smith
Ron Papsdorf
Clark Berry
Scott Bricker
Shirley Craddock
Edward Barnes
Mark Condauer

AFFILIATION

Clackamas County
City of Portland
City of Gresham
Washington County
Citizen
Gresham City Council
WSDOT Commission
City of Portland

<u>GUESTS PRESENT</u> (cont.)	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Karen Schilling	Multnomah County
Joe Keizur	Pacific Lifestyle Homes
Henry Gerhard	Pacific Lifestyle homes
Jane Heisler	City of Lake Oswego
Sharon Nasset	Economic Transportation Alliance
Jef Dalin	City of Cornelius
John Bliss	Pleasant Vally Plan
Marion Haynes	PBA
Janice Wilson	Transportation Commission
Roland Chlapowski	City of Portland
Robert Butler	Citizen, Multnomah County
Gregg Everhart	Portland Parks & Recreation
Congressman David Wu	

STAFF

Andy Cotugno, Ted Leybold, Jon Makler, Jessica Martin

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rex Burkholder declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:38 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Joe Keiser with Pacific Lifestyle Homes, Inc., 11815 NE 99th, Vancouver WA, spoke in favor of the SE 190th Drive project noting that without significant regional investment in the 190th Street, connecting Pleasant Valley to the City of Gresham, the progress made in Pleasant Valley would be in serious jeopardy.

Mr. Henry Gearhart, with Pacific Lifestyle Homes, Inc., 11815 NE 99th, Vancouver WA, spoke in favor of the SE 190th Drive project. He presented a letter of testimony (included as part of this meeting record) to Chair Burkholder.

Mr. Scott Bricker, Citizen member of TPAC, and policy director at the Bicycle Transportation Alliance, urged the committee to retain TPAC's recommendation in the Bike/Trail category.

Mr. Jonathan Schlueter, Executive Director of the Eastside Economic Alliance, distributed information (included as part of the meeting record), showing the statewide/countywide growth in population as it compares to the number of registered passenger vehicles. He distributed another handout (also included as part of the meeting record), illustrating employment trends and the regional significance in designing an effective regional transportation package.

Ms. Sharon Nasset, 1113 N. Baldwin, Portland, presented the committee with traffic data (included as part of this meeting record) collected in October of 2005 as part of the Columbia River Crossing Project.

4. COMMENTS FROM CONGRESSMAN DAVID WU

Chair Burkholder introduced Congressman David Wu. Congressman Wu thanked Councilor Park for his leadership and thanked the committee for their consistent hard work. He noted his desire to focus on Highway 217. He added that a good regional transportation system is essential to ensure economic viability.

He urged the committee to support MTIP funds to improve the intersection for Allen blvd. and Highway 217. He added that MTIP funds would leverage money from the federal government as well as county funds.

Mr. Roy Rogers inquired as to the kind of message it would send by not moving forward with this project, but yet ask for more earmarks. Congressman Wu responded that when you are counting on specific funds and leveraged funds don't appear it affects your credibility to make the argument in the future.

As a member of the Highway 217 Policy Advisory Committee, Mayor Drake stated that this is not just a City of Beaverton project, as Highway 217 is a vital artery.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

October 25th Roundtable

Councilor Brian Newman reminded the committee about the New Look Regional Roundtable event on Wednesday, October 25th. The Regional Roundtable expands on the concept of the Mayors' and Chairs' Forum to include members of Metro's land use (MPAC) and transportation (JPACT) advisory committees as well as mayors and county commission chairs from neighboring cities and counties. The Roundtable will be a forum to communicate and develop a common understanding of issues and opportunities for the region and to focus on coming together on a regional land use and transportation legislative agenda. He distributed several handouts (included as part of the meeting record) that included an event agenda.

FY 08 Federal Earmark

Chair Burkholder directed the committee's attention to a handout (included as part of this meeting record) requesting guidance on what to emphasize in the region's FY'08 Transportation Appropriations request. He asked that the committee review the document and be prepared for a full discussion at the next meeting.

ITS Seminar

On Thursday, October 26th, from 7:30-9am there will be breakfast held at the Oregon Convention Center to discuss the state of intelligent transportation systems in the Portland metropolitan region.

Program on State: Transportation Enhancement Grants

Chair Burkholder noted that the comment period for the Transportation Enhancement Grants program ends before the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) public hearings. He asked the committee if they would like to send a letter to the Department of Transportation requesting the schedule be adjusted to allow JPACT an opportunity to comment after the public hearings have been held. The committee agreed.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of minutes for the September 7, 2006 JPACT meeting

ACTION: Chair Burkholder called for approval of the September 7, 2006 meeting minutes. Hearing no objections, the minutes were accepted as presented.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Resolution No. 06-3733, For the Purpose of Amending the 2006-09 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP to Add the NW Cornell Road: Evergreen Parkway to 158th Avenue Widening Project

Mr. Ted Leybold appeared before the committee and presented Resolution No. 06-3733, which would amend the 2006-09 MTIP program to include programming of \$1 million of state transportation project funds for the NW Cornell Road: Evergreen Parkway – 158th Avenue widening project.

ACTION: Commissioner Rogers moved, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to approve Resolution No. 06-3733. The motion passed.

7.2 Resolution No. 06-3734, For the Purpose of Concurring That TriMet, C-Tran, and SMART Be the Designated Recipients Of Federal Jobs Access and Reverse Commute and New Freedom Transportation Funds Allocated to the Portland-Vancouver Urbanized Area

Mr. Ted Leybold appeared before the committee to present Resolution No. 06-3734, which would authorize TriMet, C-Tran and SMART to receive deferral transportation funds provided through the federal New Freedom and Jobs Access and Reverse Commute funding programs.

ACTION: Mr. Neil McFarlane moved, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, to approve Resolution 06-3734. The motion passed.

7.3 MTIP Review of First Cut List / Comments from TPAC

Mr. Ted Leybold directed the committee's attention to an updated Project Application summary (included as part of the meeting record) listing each of the projects and noting the Metro staff and TPAC recommendations.

MOTION: Councilor Newman moved, seconded by Mayor Drake to approve the Metro staff recommendation.

Councilor Newman noted that the Metro staff recommendation is based purely on ranking.

Chair Burkholder called for comments and amendments to the motion.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Judie Hammerstad spoke about the Boones Ferry Road Project. While the project scored low according to the Draft Technical Rankings for Boulevard Projects, she provided an explanation to some of the qualitative factors that have significant bearing on the project to the community. She added that the project area is a designated a Town Center, a Main Street and a Transit Corridor according to Metro's design types. Their goal with respect to the area is to greatly improve the multi-modal function of the town center while maintaining the viability of the existing businesses that are there. She explained that the City of Lake Oswego is committed to the area, as exemplified in the match that it will commit to this request as well as the \$1.6 million in funding that has been allocated to the project. Mayor Hammerstad urged the committee to approve the project.

Councilor Park clarified that the entire project list, regardless of how each project scored, would be released for public comment. Mayor Hammerstad requested that the project receive another technical review before going out for public comment. Councilor Newman responded that the committee should make an attempt to arrive at a narrowing decision.

Mr. Andy Cotugno suggested the committee approach this task using the same method as TPAC, first discussing the project cuts and then the project adds.

At Mr. Jason Tell's request, Mr. Cotugno reviewed the TPAC recommendation, which included the following:

CUTS

- Cut additional \$700,000 (TriMet reduced its original request by \$1.1 million) from the TriMet Bus diesel retrofit application. This would eliminate retrofitting of approximately 59 of the oldest 325 busses proposed for retrofitting from obtaining emission reduction equipment.
- Cuts to the new RTO Program applications as a means of reducing costs without cutting existing service levels, including: \$200,000 from the Individualized Marketing Program and \$400,000 from the New TMA start-up support applications. This level of funding would support one Individualized Marketing project for 6,650 households in addition to the 10,000 household effort funded in the base program. It would also support formation of one additional TMA.
- Cut one-half of the costs of the one-time Planning projects as a means of reducing costs without reducing existing service levels, including Rx for Big Streets (\$250,000), Tanasbourne Town Center Planning Study (\$200,000), and Pedestrian Network Analysis (\$125,000 – partial cut: scope and staff support reduced).
- Cut \$1.653 million from the three ITS/ATMS projects (ITS programmatic application, Tualatin-Sherwood Road, and Clackamas County ITS program) in the Road capacity modal category. A new regional ITS/ATMS programmatic application of \$3.5 million would be created for review and proposed prioritization of program elements by the Transport Subcommittee of TPAC.

SWAP

- Cut the Willamette Greenway Trail: SW Gibbs to SW Lowell project (\$1.8 million). Proposed that previous Transportation Priorities \$10 million allocation to the South Waterfront area should be considered a sufficient contribution to public infrastructure in this area. Add a portion of the NE/SE 70's Bikeway project (\$1.8 million of the \$3.698 million request).

ADDS

- Add the SE 190th Drive: Pleasant View/Highland to SW 30th Street project (\$3.967 million). Funding target capacity for inclusion of this project was partially offset by a proposal of the project sponsor to reduce proposed funding on the Burnside: 181st to Stark Boulevard project by \$1.2 million.
- Add the NE 223rd Avenue Railroad under crossing project (\$1 million).

Mr. Tell, Commissioner Adams, and Mayor Thalhoffer voiced their support for the TPAC recommendation and not the Metro staff recommendation.

Ms. Susie Lahsene added that the committee asked TPAC to do this work and they spent a great deal of time doing so.

MOTION TO AMEND MAIN MOTION: Ms. Lahsene moved, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to remove the original motion, which recommends the Metro staff recommendation, and replace it with the TPAC recommendation.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Martha Schrader shared her concerns with the TPAC recommendation noting that if the committee were to approve the recommendation as it stands, the Lake Oswego project would be put at a disadvantage. She noted that from the County's perspective, Lake Oswego has been one of the premiere Cities and she would like to see the project scored higher.

Mayor Hammerstad inquired about the value of approving/narrowing a project list at this point if all the projects will be presented for public comment.

CALL FOR THE QUESTION: Chair Burkholder called for the question.

VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED: With 7 members approving and 5 in opposition, the motion to approve the TPAC recommendation passed.

MOTION TO AMEND #2: Mayor Hammerstad moved, seconded by Commissioner Schraeder, to include the Boones Ferry Road boulevard project in the JPACT recommendation.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND #2: With six members voting in favor and two in opposition, the motion passed.

Councilor Park stated his disappointment in increasing the list, as it will make the committees work in the future even more difficult.

ACTION ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: With the majority voting in approval, the motion to approve the TPAC recommendation with the addition of the Lake Oswego project passed.

8. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 **TriMet TIP**

Mr. Phil Selinger distributed copies of the TriMet's FY 2007 Transit Investment Plan. Due to time constraints, this agenda item was postponed to the next meeting.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Martin
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR OCTOBER 12, 2006

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
** 3	Citizen Comments	8/25/06	Traffic Data information from Sharon Nasset	101206j-01
** 3	Citizen Comments	10/11/06	MTIP Comment from Alpha Community Development	101206j-02
** 3	Citizen Comments	N/A	MTIP Comment from Pacific Lifestyle Homes, Inc.	101206j-03
** 5	Information Sheet	N/A	Information/Event Sheet regarding ITS Event on October 26, 2006	101206j-04
** 5	Information Sheet	N/A	New Look at Regional Choices: Integrated Policy Framework	101206j-05
* 5	Memo	10/5/06	Memo to: JPACT From: Andy Cotugno Re: FY'08 Appropriations Requests	101206j-06
* 6	Minutes	09/07/06	Meeting minutes from September 7, 2006 JPACT meeting	101206j-07
* 7.1	Resolution	9/20/06	Resolution No. 06-3733	101206j-08
* 7.2	Resolution	9/20/06	Resolution No. 06-3734	101206j-09
** 7.3	Memo	10/12/06	To: JPACT From: Ted Leybold Re: Additional change to TPAC recommendation	101206j-10
* 7.3	Memo	10/5/06	To: JPACT From: Ted Leybold Re: Transportation Priorities 2008-11 – Metro Staff and TPAC Recommended First Cut Lists	101206j-11
** 7.3	Summary	10/11/06	UPDATED Transportation Priorities Summary of Applications	101206j-12
* 7.3	Summary	N/A	Transportation Priorities Summary of Applications	101206j-13
** 7.3	Letter	10/10/06	To: JPACT From: City of Lake Oswego Re: RTP Project No. 6127	101206j-14
** 7.3	Handout	July 2005	Designing a regional transportation system: Washington/Clackamas County travel patterns to/from work	101206j-15
** 7.3	Handout	N/A	Statewide/Countrywide Vehicle Registration Trends (1975-2005)	101206j-16
** 7.3	Letter	10/12/06	To: JPACT From: Scott Bricker Re: TPAC Bike Resolution	101206j-17
** 7.3	Summary	10/12/06	Draft Technical Evaluation and Qualitative Factors Summary	101206j-18
* 8.1	PowerPoint	N/A	TriMet Transit Investment Plan PowerPoint	101206j-19
** 8.1	Plan	N/A	FY 2007 TriMet Transit Investment Plan	101206j-20

* Included in packet

**Distributed at meeting