



METRO

TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATES COMMITTEE

December 1, 2006

Metro Regional Center

MEMBERS PRESENT

Frank Angelo	Citizen
Scott Bricker	Citizen
Greg DiLoreto	Citizen
Leland Johnson	Citizen
Mike McKillip	City of Tualatin, representing Cities of Washington County
Ron Papsdorf	City of Gresham
Dave Nordberg	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Karen Schilling	Multnomah County
Phil Selinger	TriMet
Rian Windsheimer	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT – Region 1)
Ron Weinman	Clackamas County

AFFILIATION

MEMBERS ABSENT

James Castaneda	Citizen
Brent Curtis	Washington County
John Hoefs	C-Tran
Nancy Kraushaar	City of Oregon City, representing Cities of Clackamas County
Susie Lahsene	Port of Portland
Dean Lookingbill	SW Washington RTC
Paul Smith	City of Portland
Mike Williams	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
Jonathan Young	FHWA

AFFILIATION

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Andy Back	Washington County
Danielle Cowan	City of Wilsonville
John Gillam	City of Portland
Robin McCaffrey	Port of Portland
Satvinder Sandhu	FHWA
Sorin Garber	Citizen

AFFILIATION

GUESTS PRESENT

Tom Markgraf	CRC
Lawrence Odell	Washington County
Lidwien Rahman	ODOT
Derek Robbins	City of Forest Grove
Chris Smith	Citizen
Angela Timmen	OHSU

AFFILIATION

STAFF

Andy Cotugno, Ken Ray, Kim Ellis, Jon Coney, Josh Naramore, Ted Leybold, Deena Platman, Tom Kloster, Jessica Martin

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

Mr. Andy Cotugno called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 9:34 a.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

3. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2006 MEETING

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Greg DiLoreto moved, seconded by Mr. Phil Selinger to approve the October 27, 2006 meeting minutes. The motion passed.

4. INPUT ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

5. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 RTP Public Priorities Report & System Conditions

Ms. Kim Ellis appeared before the committee to present a Regional Transportation Plan update. She directed the committee's attention to the draft background papers for Phase 2 RTP Research and Analysis (included as part of the meeting record). She requested the committee review the background papers completed to date and provide comments on the policy implications for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update by December 18th. From the end of June through November 2006 the RTP update focused on research and analysis that will be used to re-tool the current plan's policies (Chapter 1) to better implement the 2040 Growth Concept and to address new policy issues that have emerged since the last major update in 2000. The research included an analysis of current regional transportation system conditions and financial transportation, land use and economic/demographic trends. Additional research remains to be completed on public priorities for the regional transportation system and environmental, safety and roadway trends affecting the region.

Ms. Ellis presented a PowerPoint presentation, which included the following information (included as part of this meeting record):

- Project Timeline
- Process Overview
- What is Different with this RTP Update
- Desired Outcomes for the Region
- Research and Policy Development
- RTP Background Papers
- RTP Stakeholder Workshops (Themes: Vision, Challenges and Solution)
- Remaining RTP Research
- Upcoming TPAC Discussions

Mr. John Gillam spoke of the importance of bridges as regional transportation assets. He inquired about how to deal with the bridges regionally, rather than putting the responsibility on a single jurisdiction.

Mr. Sorin Garber inquired about how the project solicitation process will work. Ms. Ellis responded that the details haven't been finalized but that the screening criteria would be based on outcomes. A draft will be presented at the January meeting and comments will be solicited at that time.

Mr. Rian Windsheimer commented on the short timeline. Mr. Cotugno noted that when this update process began everyone was aware of the tight timeline. He added that the staff have been working hard and that the committee will need to keep moving forward as lapsing is not a good option for anyone.

Chair Cotugno noted the importance of Federal Highway's participation in this process. Mr. Satvinder Sandhu responded that Ms. Ellis has done a great job in assembling the background papers. He inquired as to whether subgroups have reviewed the document. Ms. Ellis noted that currently the Freight Committee is focusing on the freight paper.

Ms. Ellis noted that staff would continue to work on the remaining three background papers (Safety, Regional Roadway System and Environment) through early January.

5.2 ITS Update

Mr. Jon Makler appeared before the committee and presented a PowerPoint which included information on the following:

- Recap of the 10/26 Breakfast Briefing
- What is *Smart*
- Policy Mandate
- The Focus
- The Opportunity
- State of ITS
- ITS Lab at Portland State
- Integrated Corridor Management
- Implementation of Local Plans
- Strategic Opportunities
- What is Regional Interest
- Possible Next Steps

Chair Cotugno asked the committee on their thoughts about when and where to use the ITS tool. He noted that the ITS Program is looking for policy direction. While the TransPort Subcommittee is good at implementing, they are not the appropriate group to prioritize the system management strategies.

Mr. Gillam noted that Mr. Makler presented this information to the Portland Freight Committee and it was well received. He noted there seemed to be a connection between optimizing the system for freight mobility and addressing bottlenecks.

Mr. Phil Selinger stated that ITS shouldn't be thought of as optional but rather part of the system.

Mr. Ron Weinman noted that perhaps several members of TPAC should join several members of TransPort to address these issues. Mr. Weinman, Mr. Selinger, Mr. Gillam and Mr. Back volunteered to meet with a few members from TransPort and report back to the full committee.

5.3 CRC Focus Group Findings

Mr. Tom Markgraf, a consultant working for the Columbia River Crossing, appeared before the committee to present findings from four focus groups (two in Oregon, two in Washington) recently held to help identify issues in order to shape a poll. Mr. Markgraf noted that the results were not quantitative as only 35 people participated. However, he noted that there is strong recognition that the bridge needs improvement. Other findings from the focus group included:

- Washington residents voiced their concern with safety on the bridge
- Oregon residents voiced their concerns with how bridge issues negatively impact business
- General understanding that transportation fixes cost money
- Reason not to fix included: cost, other priorities, and not personally benefiting someone
- General belief that user fees are acceptable
- A long-term solution is needed

Mr. Gillam, who was able to witness the focus group, noted how much more the individuals from Vancouver knew about Portland than those in Portland knew about Vancouver.

Mr. Bricker inquired as to whether Single Occupancy Vehicle lanes (SOV) were brought up. Mr. Markgraf noted that yes, SOV lanes were brought up, but weren't thought of nearly as positively on the Washington side as the Oregon side.

Mr. Markgraf concluded that the results and cost of the poll would soon be available on the CRC website at: www.columbiarivercrossing.org

6. ADJOURN

As there was no further business, Mr. Cotugno adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Martin, Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR DECEMBER 1, 2006

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

	ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
*	3.	Minutes	9/29/06	TPAC Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2006	120106t-01
*	5.2	PowerPoint	12/01/06	Metropolitan Mobility the Smart Way	120106t-02
*	5.2	Report	October 2006	Executive Summary: Metropolitan Mobility the Smart Way	120106t-03
*	5.2	Report	N/A	Full Report: Metropolitan Mobility the Smart Way	120106t-04
**	5.2	Memo	11/29/06	To: TPAC From: Jon Makler Re: Roadway System File Report	120106t-05
**	5.2	Update	November 2006	Transportation Operations Program Monthly Update for November 2006	120106t-06
**	5.1	Memo	11/14/06	To: Kim Ellis From Metropolitan Group Re: 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Update Stakeholder Workshops – Preliminary Findings	120106t-07
**	5.1	PowerPoint	N/A	A New Look at Transportation: Linking Land Use, Transportation and the Environment	120106t-08
**	5.1	Memo	12/01/06	To: TPAC From: Kim Ellis Re: RTP Finance Fact Base	120106t-09
**	5.1	Background Papers	12/01/06	Phase 2 RTP Research and Analysis – Discussion Draft Background Papers	120106t-10

* Included in packet

**Distributed at meeting