



METRO

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

January 18, 2007
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rex Burkholder, Chair
Rod Park, Vice Chair
Sam Adams
Rob Drake
Fred Hansen
Dick Pedersen
Lynn Peterson
Maria Rojo de Steffey
Jason Tell
Paul Thalhofer
James Bernard

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Brian Newman
Royce Pollard
Roy Rogers
Steve Stuart
Don Wagner
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
City of Vancouver
Washington County
Clark County
Washington DOT
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Dean Lookingbill
Rian Windsheimer
Donna Jordan

AFFILIATION

SW Regional Transportation Council
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT - Region 1)
City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas County

GUESTS PRESENT

Kenny Asher
Edward Barnes
Gary Barth
Clark Berry
Mary Cunningham
Roland Chlapowski
Olivia Clark
Elissa Gertler
Cam Gilmour
Marion Haynes

AFFILIATION

City of Milwaukie
WSDOT Commission
Clackamas County
Washington County
Office of Congressman Wu
City of Portland
TriMet
Clackamas County
Clackamas County
PBA

Jim Howell	AORTA
Nancy Kraushaar	City of Oregon City
Alan Lehto	TriMet
Tom Markgraf	Columbia River Crossing
Dave Nordberg	DEQ
Lawerence Odell	Washington County
Don Odermott	City of Hillsboro
Ron Papsdorf	City of Gresham
Claude "Rory" Rorabaugh	NW Cement Producers Group
Karen Schilling	Multnomah County
Paul Smith	City of Portland
Dan Whelan	Office of Congressman Wu
Terry Whisler	City of Cornelius
Rebecca Woods	CREEC

STAFF

Richard Brandman, Aaron Bustow, Tom Kloster Ted Leybold, Jessica Martin, Amy Rose, Kathryn Sofich, Randy Tucker, Robin McArthur

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rex Burkholder declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:39a.m.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Burkholder welcomed Commissioner Lynn Peterson, now representing Clackamas County as JPACT member and Milwaukie Mayor, James Bernard as the JPACT member (formally JPACT alternate) representing the Cities of Clackamas County.

3. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Burkholder noted that Ms. Sharon Nasset provided the committee with two information pieces on bridges (included as part of the meeting record).

4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

JPACT Retreat: January 29th 4-8pm at Metro Regional Center

The JPACT retreat will occur on January 29th from 4-8p.m. at Metro Regional Center. The retreat will focus on two issues: DC Priorities and Framework Elements of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Chair Burkholder asked the committee to meet with their TPAC representative to complete a worksheet (to be emailed out soon), which will be used to begin the discussion of these items.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consideration of minutes for the December 14, 2006 JPACT meeting

MOTION: Chair Burkholder called for approval of the December 14, 2006 meeting minutes. Referring to the attendance page, Mayor Rob Drake asked that Mayor Tom Hughes' affiliation be corrected from *Milwaukie* to *Hillsboro*. With that change, the minutes were approved.

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

6.1 Resolution No. Resolution No. 07-3762, For the Purpose of Approving Portland Regional Federal Transportation Priorities For Federal Fiscal Year 2008 Appropriations

Mr. Richard Brandman appeared before the committee and presented Resolution No. 07-3762, which would provide the US Congress and Oregon Congressional delegation with the region's priorities for transportation funding for use in the federal transportation appropriation process.

Mr. Brandman provided some background information, noting that a Congressional moratorium on earmarks will affect the FY07 earmarks.

He directed the committee's attention to Exhibit A, noting that the FY08 Appropriations Request List for earmarked funding from SAFTEA-LU represents the consolidated regional requests. He directed their attention to a footnote stating that if the I-5/North Macadam Access Project is not appropriated in FY07, it will replace the Portland: South Portal South Waterfront Project.

Chair Burkholder stated his appreciation to each jurisdiction as they limited their projects to two, as previously agreed upon.

Mayor Rob Drake noted that late yesterday it was brought to his attention that the City of Hillsboro requested a project be added to the list. He distributed a proposed amended version of Exhibit A (included as part of the meeting record) which contained a footnote stating "*If the Hillsboro: Century Blvd. Bridge Project is not appropriated in FY07, it will replace the Highway 217 Corridor project.*" Mr. Lawrence Odell with Washington County noted that only recently did Washington County recognize that they had only one project on the list. He added that the footnote is similar to the footnote proposed by the City of Portland.

Mr. Brandman stated that at the last TPAC meeting, the committee noticed that Washington County had only one project on the list and added Highway 217 because of Congressman Wu's interest and because the project has an MTIP application. Mr. Brandman also noted that while the Century Boulevard project was on the FY07 list, it was not earmarked by the Senate or House and therefore would not be appropriated regardless.

Mayor Drake stated that while the Century Boulevard is a good project it is not a regional project and because of Hillsboro's success as an employment center, there might be other options for funding. Mr. Odell added that the coordinating committee has approved the Century project and not Highway 217.

With all respect to the coordinating committee's decision, Mr. Dan Whelan with Congressman Wu's office noted that Highway 217 would continue to be a high priority for the Congressman.

MOTION: Councilor Park moved, seconded by Commissioner Lynn Peterson to approve Resolution No. 07-3762.

Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey noted Multnomah County recently adopted their legislative. One of their priorities is the Beaver Creek Culverts. She asked that the project be added to the list under the Non-Transportation Appropriations Bills section at \$5 million dollars coming from Energy & Water.

MOTION TO AMEND: Commissioner Rojo de Steffey moved, seconded by Councilor Rod Park to include the Beaver Creek Culverts project under the Non-Transportation Appropriation Bills section of Exhibit A.

The committee discussed whether or not they should be adding non-transportation items to the list. Chair Burkholder asked the committee to consider the role of the group is earmarks continue in the future.

Mr. Hansen noted that all fund sources need to be looked at. Chair Burkholder agreed, noting that possibly the regional lobby group could play a part in that.

VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED: Hearing no objections, Resolution No. 07-3762 was approved as amended.

6.2 Resolution No. 07-3764, For the Purpose of Endorsing Regional Priorities for State Transportation Funding Legislation

Mr. Randy Tucker and Mr. Brandman appeared before the committee to present Resolution No. 07-3767, which endorses regional priorities for state transportation funding legislation.

Mr. Tucker provided some background information. The Metro Council approved the RTP in 2000 and a Plan update in 2004. Currently the plan calls for \$10.4 billion in multi-modal transportation improvements within the region to meet transportation needs, provide efficient movement of people, goods, autos, trucks and transit, and ensure a healthy economy and livable region. However, about 60 percent of these improvements have no identified funding source. This shortfall includes funding to maintain, operate and improve the existing city, county and state road system.

MOTION: Councilor Park moved, seconded by Mayor Drake to approve Resolution No. 07-3764.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Tucker added that as part of the regional lobby group (consisting of public lobbyists from the region) there is a general sense that the region would like the legislative delegation to operate more as a caucus and not just representatives of their own city, though there has been limited success in doing so.

Commissioner Sam Adams, while in support of the motion, stated that after talking with Governor's office, he feels there is a greater likelihood of producing positive transportation funding results from Salem by being more project specific.

Mr. Tucker acknowledged that the first resolve in the resolution: *New revenues to support road and bridge operations, maintenance and modernization* would be the steepest hill to climb. However, he added that at the recent Oregon Business Summit event, representatives from the business community seemed to understand the need for maintenance revenue.

Commissioner Adams added that during an informal conversation with those in the trucking industry, they tend to be very much in favor of safety. He noted that if packages could be developed that include maintenance and safety, he feels that the business community would be on board, as they recognize that issues with safety impact capacity.

Mr. Jason Tell and Mr. Dick Pedersen stated their intent to abstain from the vote, Mr. Tell specifically because the Governor and ODOT Commission have yet to endorse a specific package. However, both of them agreed that the committee coming together on these issues is a step in the right direction.

ACTION: The motion passed, with Mr. Tell and Mr. Pedersen abstaining from the vote.

6.3 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Policy Direction for Final Cut

Mr. Ted Leybold appeared before the committee and directed their attention to a memo (included as part of the meeting record) listing policy issues for narrowing the Transportation Priorities Final Cut list. He added that the public involvement process is complete. There will be a public hearing on February 13th at 5:30pm at Metro Regional Center in the council chamber. He added that this is an opportunity for committee members and the Metro Council to receive public testimony and urged committee members to attend if their calendar permitted.

In referring to the memo, he noted that TPAC took action on two issues including:

#4: Freeway/highway capacity projects

TPAC Recommendation - Develop recommendation in consultation with ODOT staff

#6: Diesel projects

TPAC Recommendation - Direct technical staff to implement both potential policy options, which include:

- State intention to work with CMAQ partners to adopt policy direction on diesel retrofits with policy update process for the next funding cycle.
- Request technical staff recommend some amount of funding toward diesel retrofit candidate projects given the quality of current applications.

Councilor Park noted that item #5: Urban growth boundary (UGB) expansion areas - how to prioritize projects in new UGB areas relative to projects in already urbanized areas - needs to be addressed soon. He also commented on #2: Recycled projects, stating his preference that the committee have a discussion about this as well as looking into return on investment.

Mr. Pedersen stated his support for TPAC's approach regarding the diesel retrofit projects. Mr. Hansen requested his preference that in the next cycle, the criteria evaluate projects based on actual reductions in diesel emission particulates.

ACTION: Councilor Park moved, seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve TPAC's recommendation as presented. The motion passed.

7. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 RTP Draft Chapter 1: Policy Framework

Mr. Tom Kloster appeared before the committee and presented information on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) draft chapter 1. The draft is a proposed new structure for Chapter 1 that will eventually replace more than 40 pages of current policy language. The result is a more simplified, more concise statement of intent for the plan that will guide planning for and investment in the region's transportation system.

Mr. Kloster directed the committee's attention to the memo distributed in the meeting packet (included as part of the meeting record), which lists several components that are either replaced or consolidated in the new format. He briefly summarized the major edits and rationale for change and reminded the group that this chapter will shape how projects will be brought into the RTP. He noted that this information has been to TPAC, MTAC and the Freight Task Force and a significant amount of feedback has been received. A final draft will be available in March.

Chair Burkholder thanked Mr. Kloster for the update and noted that these issues would be discussed in depth at the retreat planned for January 29th.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Martin
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR JANUARY 18, 2007

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

	ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
*	5.	Consent Agenda	12/14/06	Meeting Minutes from 12/14/06 JPACT Meeting	011807j-01
*	6.1	Resolution	2/1/07	Resolution No. 07-3762	011807j-02
*	6.2	Resolution	1/10/07	Resolution No. 07-3764	011807j-03
*	6.3	Memo	1/9/07	To: JPACT From: Ted Leybold Re: Transportation Priorities Final Cut Narrowing Policy Issues	011807j-04
*	6.4	Memo	1/5/07	To: RTP Interested Parties From: Tom Kloster and Kim Ellis Re: Regional Transportation Plan Vision – Working Draft 1.0	011807j-05
**	6.1	Exhibit A	1/11/07	Proposed update project list from Washington County (Exhibit A to Resolution 07-3762)	011807j-06
**	Non Agenda Item	Article	2/8/04	To: JPACT From: Sharon Nasset Re: Willamette River Bridges	011807j-07
**	Non Agenda Item	Article	12/14/04	To: JPACT From: Sharon Nasset Re: Questions and Answers on the National Bridge Inspection Standards	011807j-08
**	Non Agenda Item	CD	January 2007	CD: MTIP Public Comment Report	011807j-9

* Included in packet

**Distributed at meeting