

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL JPACT JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, February 13, 2007
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Rex Burkholder (JPACT Chair) Kathryn Harrington, Carl Hosticka, Rod Park, Robert Liberty, Brian Newman

Councilors Absent: David Bragdon (excused), Carl Hosticka (excused), Brian Newman (excused)

JPACT Members Present: Lynn Ann Peterson, Dick Pedersen, Rob Drake, Rian Windsheimer

Chair Burkholder convened the Metro Council JPACT Joint Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTION TO DRAFT FINAL LIST OF RECOMMENDED PROJECTS FOR THE 2008-11 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP)

Chair Burkholder welcomed the audience and explained the timeline for the Allocation Process/Schedule:

1. Final public comment hearing: comments will be summarized for JPACT and Council decision process.
 - a. February 22: JPACT Briefing
 - b. March 1: JPACT Recommendation
 - c. March 15: Metro Council decision
2. Public comments received through tonight will be summarized and supplement the existing Public Comment summary book.

Logistics

1. Must sign-up to testify – please see registration table outside entrance.
2. Need not testify, may submit written comments only.
3. Testimony limited to 3 minutes.
4. After testifying, submit testimony form and any supporting materials to the Clerk of the Council.
5. Restrooms and drinking fountains located past the registration table and stairway to the left.

Materials

1. Summary of expected federal spending: this hearing concerns expenditures on regional flexible funds (13% of expected federal spending and 5% of total spending).
2. Table of TPAC recommended project/program funding
3. Analysis of how TPAC recommendation addresses the program narrowing factors and policy objectives.
4. TPAC recommendation rational.
5. Draft conditions of approval.

He explained the Public Testimony Procedure

1. Testifiers will complete a "Testimony Form" when they sign in.
2. Sign-in staff will note the order of arrival on the testimony form.
3. Sign-in person will keep white copy of testimony forms and forward them to the Clerk of the Council in batches. Clerk of the Council will pass the forms on to you.
4. After testifying, testifier will hand his/her yellow copy of the *Testimony Form* to the Clerk of the Council, along with any supporting material. Keep all the white original Testimony Forms and hand them to the Clerk of the Council at the end of the hearing.

He introduced the Metro Councilors and Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) members.

II. PUBLIC HEARING ON FINAL PROJECT LIST

Chair Burkholder opened a public hearing.

Kathy Fuerstenau, Cully Association of Neighbors, 4930 NE 73rd Portland OR 97219 thanked Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) and JPACT for keeping the Cully Blvd. Green Street Project on Final Cut List. Cully Association of Neighbors was supportive of the project. She noted the diversity of the neighborhood. She urged their support. A copy of her written letter is included in the record.

Mel Vietzke, Cully Association of Neighbors, 5704 NE Going St. Portland OR 97218 spoke in support of the Cully Blvd. Green Street Project. He said the Cully Neighborhood needed streets, parks and sidewalks. He urged funding for the project. They had not had one major project in 20 years. This project would provide a safer street for walkers and bike riders. (He provided his letter for the record.)

Barb Fritz, Cully Neighborhood, 4705 NE Ainsworth, Portland OR 97219 supported the Cully Blvd.-Killingsworth to Prescott project. (She read her written comments into the record.)

Terry Parker, P. O. Box 13503 Portland OR 97213 supported funding for the Morrison Bridge Lift Park. He felt the TD 8025 Hollywood Transit Center should be rejected (a copy of his written testimony and written comments are included in the record). He did not support funding for BK1126.

Ed Gallagher, City of Gresham, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway Gresham OR supported the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Centers program. He was responsible for special projects for the City of Gresham. He said the TOD program was a public investment. He provided written testimony, which he summarized for the record. He read Fred Bruning's letter of support for TOD Program funding into the record as well (a copy of this letter is included in the record).

Mike Swanson, City of Milwaukie, 10722 SE Main Milwaukie OR 97222 supported the TOD Centers program. He read his letter into the record. He was also submitting a letter from the Mayor of Milwaukie, James Bernard.

Wendy Kroger, Chair of THPRD Trails Advisory Committee, 12030 SE Settle Way Beaverton OR 97008 requested MTIP funding for two projects in the Beaverton/Washington County area, Regional Fanno Creek Greenway Trail and Westside Corridor Trail Master Plan: She read her letter into the record. Councilor Liberty asked Ms. Kroger about transportation alternatives as well as amenities. She felt these projects supported both alternates and amenities.

Susan Hathaway Marxer, 2136 NE 22nd Ave Portland OR 97212 supported MTIP funding for Sullivans Gulch Trail. She was a member of the Irvington Neighborhood Association. She felt the trail had the potential to be the northeast connection similar to Springwater Corridor. She felt there was an aesthetic quality to the trail. The trail was also about health and safety. She talked about leverage the economic development that had been made in this corridor. A copy of her comments is included in the record.

Mary Ordal, Hillsboro Parks and Recreation, 4400 NW 229th Avenue Hillsboro OR 97124 supported BK 3012. She was from the City of Hillsboro and supported the Rock Creek Trail. She submitted her written testimony for the record.

Sandi Burns, Clackamas Regional Transportation Management Area (TMA) 7740 SE Harmony Rd Portland OR said she supported the Regional Transit Options (RTO) funding for TMA projects. She provided her letter for the record.

Brian Laramee, Myhre Group Architects, 700 SW Taylor, Suite 400 Portland OR 97205 supported the TOD and Centers program. (A copy of his letter is included in the record).

Don Slack, Chair Oregon City Transportation Advisory Committee, 16163 Widman Ct Oregon City OR 97045 provided input on the McLoughlin Blvd Phase 2 project. He supported funding for this project. He read his letter into the record.

Karen Frost, Executive Director of the Westside Transportation Alliance, 12527 SW Milligan Way #300 Beaverton OR 97005 supported the Regional Travel Options program. A copy of her letter is included in the record.

Alan Hipolito, 6856 NE Killingsworth, Portland OR 97218 supported the Cully Blvd. Green Street project. He works for a small non-profit in the area. He echoed other testifiers' testimony about the project. He spoke of the need for safety and connectivity.

Greg Wentworth, Wentworth Chevrolet, 107 SE Grand Portland OR supported funding for the Burnside Couch Couplet (no written comments were included).

Alice Norris, Mayor of Oregon City, PO Box 3040, Oregon City, OR 97045 supported the McLoughlin Blvd Phase 2 project. She read her letter into the record.

Mark Ellsworth, Office of the Governor, 255 Capitol St NE Suite 126 Salem OR 97301 supported the TOD Program. He worked with Governor Kulongoski. He read his comments into the record. He noted the benefits of the program and the leverage of resources that had been brought to the region. He spoke to community involvement. TOD built on a legacy.

Lenny Anderson, 4567 N Channel Portland OR 97217 supported the RTO Program. This program was a center for auto trip reduction. He urged them to walk the talk. They needed to

reduce auto trips in the region. He spoke to the benefits of reducing auto trips including improving air quality, freight movement, etc. He felt the RTO project should be the center of the program. He said we have to think as RTO as the heart and soul for the next 20 years. He urged that the RTO budget be doubled.

Kathy Everett, Gresham Downtown Development Association, 323 NE Roberts Ave Gresham, OR 97030 supported TOD and RTO programs, as well as the PD 2057 project. She read her letter into the record.

Dick Schouten, Washington County Commissioner, 155 N 1st Hillsboro OR 97124 supported the west side trail project. He urged striking a balance in transit projects. He noted the route of the trail and said the trail runs the length of Washington County. He then spoke to the gap on Fanno Creek and Hall Blvd. He also submitted written testimony.

Algie Gatewood, Portland Community College Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth Street Portland OR 97219 supported the Killingsworth Street Improvement project. He urged funding. He provided his letter for the record.

Alison Wiley, Westside Transportation Alliance, 12725 SW Millikan Beaverton OR 97005 supported RTO funding. She felt these programs were the most powerful programs enabling Metro to achieve its own goals. She provided her comments for the record. She provided reasons for funding the RTO programs. She urged retaining or increasing RTOs.

Cynthia Peek, Chair Lents Town Center Urban Renewal Advisory Committee, 4736 SE 24th Portland OR 97206 said that their urban renewal program was very poorly funded. She read her letter into the record.

Jonathan Schlueter, Westside Economic Alliance, 10220 SW Nimbus Ave Beaverton OR Suite K-12 spoke in support of RC 3023 Hwy 217 BHH Allen Blvd. He noted that this was only one of three projects that addressed freight mobility. Mayor Drake asked Mr. Schlueter to name an employer near Hwy 217 and the impact that they have on the roadway. Mr. Schlueter said Providence St. Vincent was one of those employers. He talked about how employees traveled to their work through alternative means. Mayor Drake asked Mr. Schlueter how Hwy 217 and Hwy 26 compared to the state roads. Mr. Schlueter responded to his question. Councilor Liberty asked if his organization had a position on the RTO. Mr. Schlueter said they did not. His comments are included in the record. He also provided statistics on Washington County and Designing a Regional Transportation System (a copy of which is attached to the record).

Charlotte Boxer, Pacific Continental Bank, 222 SW Columbia Suite 1650 Portland OR 97201 supported the TOD program, mixed-use projects. Her bank had financed a number of TOD projects. She read her letter into the record.

Mary Cunningham, Office of Congressman Wu, 620 SW Main Suite 620 Portland OR 97205 read a letter from him concerning Hwy 217 Beaverton Hillsdale to Allen Blvd. A copy of the letter was included in the record.

Larry Cooper, City of Fairview, 844 NE Market Fairview OR 97024 submitted his remarks in writing (for Mike Weatherly, Mayor of City of Fairview).

Roger Vonderharr, West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce, 180 2nd Fairview OR 97024 talked about the 223rd Overpass project. He provided a letter for the record. Councilor Park added his comments about the area. He also noted a letter he was submitting on behalf of Jeff Townsend, Vice President of Townsend Farm that was included in the record.

Ken Johnson, City of Fairview PO Box 337 Fairview OR 97224 said he was the Police Chief of the City of Fairview. He supported funding for Railroad Crossing Improvement for 223rd. He talked about the public safety issues. He read his letter into the record.

Alice Richmond, 3939 Parker Rd Oregon City OR 97045 said she was from Clackamas County. She supported the McLoughlin Blvd. Phase 2 project as proposed by Oregon City. She said this area needed improvement. She also talked about the Willamette Falls project. A copy of her written comments is included in the record.

Doug Neeley, Oregon City Commissioner, 712 12th St Oregon City OR 97045 supported McLoughlin Blvd. Oregon City Phase 2. He felt that this met multimodal concerns. He also talked about connectivity to Main Street, Clackamas Cove, Clackamas Park and new developments. It was a principal access point to Main Street in Oregon City.

Michelle Haynes, 1135 SE Salmon, Portland OR 97214 representing REACH, supported the Killingsworth Street Improvement project Phase 2. The improvements were important. She read her letter into the record.

Joan Kwok, South Waterfront Meriweather Resident, 3570 SW River Parkway #813 Portland OR 97234 supported the Willamette Greenway Trail BK 1048. She advocated for the Prometheus segment trail. She talked about the diversity of their neighborhood. She read her letter into the record and included a traffic-signing plan as an attachment to her letter.

John Luke, South Waterfront, 0836 SW Curry St #906 Portland OR 97239 supported Prometheus Segment funding. He provided some photos to the committee for their review. The first photo was for the Prometheus project, which was not funded. He talked about the biking opportunities. Many of the photos had to do with bicycles. They were asking to put this project back on the list. Included with his written comment was a petition signed by many citizens supporting funding for the Willamette Greenway Trail.

Norman Chun, South Waterfront, 3570 SW River Parkway #101 Portland OR 97239 talked about the Greenway Trail and asked for support of this project. It would tie to the trail from Willamette Trail. He talked about safety and construction. He submitted photos of the area. Councilor Liberty said when he lived in the Johns Landing area and commuted by bike. He was struck that very few commuted when he lived there. He asked if this had changed. Mr. Chuu said he felt that many of the bike trips were commute trips to work. He said there was also recreational biking in the area. There were safety issues for the bicyclists. His written letter is included in the record.

Mike Bennett, City of Gresham, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway Gresham OR 97030 read his letter into the record. Councilor Park welcomed Councilor Bennett to his first MTIP hearing.

Darla King, Chair for Central Beaverton Neighborhood Association, 12150 SW 7th Street Beaverton OR 97005 talked about Murray Farmington Road Intersection and the growth in the area. A copy of her letter is included in the record.

Brad Perkins, 1901 NE Broadway Portland OR 97232 supported the Eastside Street Car and the Sullivan Gulch Corridor Trail projects. He spoke of the vision of the corridor and the need for connectivity between Gateway and the river. He felt this route would encourage commuters to get out of their cars and take the bike route. They needed money for the master plan. Councilor Burkholder talked about the Albina site and if this was funded could they take advantage of the development? Mr. Perkins said they would provide an easement. It was a critical time. The sooner they could designate where the route would be, the better.

Amber Holveck, President and CEO of Oregon City Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 226, Oregon City OR 97045 spoke on BD 534. She represented Oregon City Chamber of Commerce and supported the McLoughlin Blvd Phase 2 project. She noted that this project would help economic growth and business retention. She read her letter into the record.

Terry Whisler, City of Cornelius, 1355 N Barlow Cornelius, OR 97113, supported PD 3169 Baseline project. They were a very poor small community. This funding was critical to try and build a community. He said the project was number one ranked. He spoke to the benefits. He delivered a letter of support from the Chamber of Commerce and almost 906 letters from community members. This project was the lifeblood of that town. Councilor Harrington talked about the receipt of e-mails from Cornelius and that they had been placed in the record.

Consuelo Arauza, 186 N 5th Cornelius, OR 97113 had an interpreter, Hector Osuna. She supported the project for Cornelius. She was the mother of a 14-year-old child who was handicapped and used a wheelchair. She talked about the dangers of walking because there were no sidewalks. She wanted the committee to consider safety for pedestrians as well as no handicap barriers. She invited Council to walk through Cornelius with no sidewalks. Councilor Liberty said he would take that invitation to heart.

Alexander Craghead, City of Tigard, 13125 SW Hall Blvd Tigard OR 97223 asked for funding for the Tigard project. He also talked about the linkage with Fanno Creek Park, Green Street Redesign of Burner Road and Commuter Rail. He read his letter into the record.

Brian Wegener, Tualatin Riverkeepers, 12360 SW Main St Suite 100 Tigard OR 97223 said he supported the Tigard redevelopment project on Main Street. He noted the restoration project on Fanno Creek. He read his letter into the record.

Dorene Warner, Chair of the Gateway Urban Renewal Advisory Committee, 12350 SE Powell, Portland OR 97236 supported funding for the BD 2015 project which did not get funded. She noted what had been asked for in funding and the impacts of not funding the project. The project was the spine of Gateway. She read her letter into the record.

MJ Coe, Sullivan Gulch Corridor Trail Steering Committee, 43 NE Meikle Place Portland OR 97213 said he lived in the Laurelhurst Neighborhood. He talked about the Sullivan Gulch Trail project. He said there was wide community support for this project. He said 10 neighborhood associations had written letters in support of this project. His written comments are included in the record.

Jess Laventall, member of the Lents Neighborhood Association, 10449 SE Eillis St Portland OR 97266, spoke about the PD 1160 project, the Lents Town Center project. This project would help with their urban renewal. He spoke to the gap between Lents and the light rail. This project would encourage access. His written comments are included in the record.

Ted Schumaker, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for Oregon City, 17352 S, Bradley Rd. Oregon City OR 97045 was testifying on the McLoughlin Blvd project. He noted connection to other transit accesses. He noted conditions on McLoughlin Blvd. He read his comments into the record. They support the project.

Mike Rossman, Peak Development LLC, 719 NE Roberts Ave Gresham OR 97030 said he was speaking in support of the TOD Centers program. He talked about the City of Gresham Centers project. He read his letter into the record.

Kate Deane, Development Manager for the Interstate Corridor Renewal Project, was here supporting a variety of organizations urging the committee to reconsider the Killingsworth Corridor project and add it back to the funding list. She provided letters from some of the organizations including Humboldt Neighborhood Association, Ethos Music Center, North Portland Neighborhood Library, McMenamins, Housing Authority of Portland/Humboldt Gardens, Portland Community College, Jefferson High School, REACH/McCuller Crossing, The Salvation Army Moore Street, Brad Halverson of Overlook Neighborhood Association, and Walter Valenta and Sheila Holden Co-Chairs of Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area for the record.

Gregg Everhart, Portland Parks and Recreation, 1120 SW 5th Ave Room 1302 Portland OR 97204 talked about the Central District Project and the gap in funding. She provided a map of the area. Councilor Liberty asked Ms. Everhart about the gap. Ms. Everhart responded to his question. Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, added some history about the project. A copy of her comments is included in the record.

Clarke Balcom, 1312 SW 16th Suite 200 Portland OR 97201 said he was a Board member of the 40 Mile Loop. He supported the South Prometheus project and spoke of the need for connectivity with the streetcar.

Linda Nettekoven, HAND/DCBA, 2018 SE Ladd Avenue Portland OR 97214 said she was speaking for a variety of organizations. She was speaking for Division Avenue improvements. They were not on the first cut list but would like to be reconsidered. They need the help with pedestrian safety. She read her letter into the record.

Tom Kemper, 1230 W 1st Portland OR 97204 supported the TOD program. He had been involved in two projects that were funded by TOD program. He talked about the difficulty of doing large infill projects. He urged support of funding for those two programs.

Ed McNamara, Turtle Island Development LLC 907 NE Thompson, Portland OR 97212 supported the TOD project and summarized his letter for the record.

John Southgate, City of Hillsboro, 150 E Main St., Hillsboro OR 97124 supported the TOD and Centers program. He said Hillsboro is poised to take off but faces real challenges. No written comments were submitted.

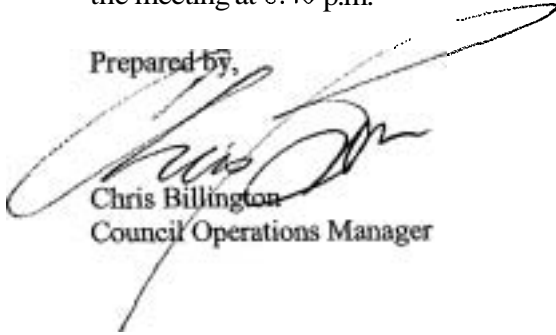
Susan Lindsay, Central Eastside Urban Renewal Advisory Committee, 1618 SE Alder Portland OR 97214 was from Urban Renewal and supported the Burnside Couch Couplet. They were excited about the redevelopment in that area.

Chair Burkholder closed the public hearing.

Councilor Harrington thanked everyone for coming.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Chair Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Prepared by,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Billington". The signature is written over the printed name and title.

Chris Billington
Council Operations Manager

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 13, 2007**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	Agenda Packet	February 2007	MTIP Notice, List of Transportation Priorities 2008-11 TPAC Recommended Final Cut List, TPAC Recommended Program, Memo to JPACT and Interested Parties from Ted Leybold Re: Transportation Priorities 2008-11 – TPAC Recommended Final Cut List, Resolution No. 07-3773 Transportation Priorities 2008-11: Investing in the 2040 Growth Concept	021307cjpact-01
2.0	Public Hearing	undated	To: Metro Council From: Pat Emmerson Re: Packet of public hearing testimony is housed in the Metro Transportation Planning Department	