



METRO

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

February 22, 2007
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
Fred Hansen
Dick Pedersen
Lynn Peterson
Roy Rogers
Jason Tell
James Bernard

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Royce Pollard
Maria Rojo de Steffey
Steve Stuart
Paul Thalhofer
Don Wagner
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

City of Vancouver
Multnomah County
Clark County
City of Troutdale, representing Cities of Multnomah County
Washington DOT
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Rian Windsheimer
Susie Lahsene

AFFILIATION

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT - Region 1)
Port of Portland

GUESTS PRESENT

Kenny Asher
Ed Abrahamson
Scott Bricker
Mary Cunningham
Roland Chlapowski
Danielle Cowan
Gregg Everhart
Rob Foster
Elissa Gertler
Nancy Kraushaar
Tom Markgraf

AFFILIATION

City of Milwaukie
Multnomah County
BTA
Office of Congressman Wu
City of Portland
City of Wilsonville
Portland Parks
City of Forest Grove
Clackamas County
City of Oregon City
Columbia River Crossing

<u>GUESTS PRESENT (cont.)</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Lawernee Odell	Washington County
Ron Papsdorf	City of Gresham
Derek Robbins	City of Forest Grove
Phil Selinger	TriMet
Paul Smith	City of Portland
Terry Whisler	City of Cornelius

STAFF

Ted Leybold, Andy Cotugno, Randy Tucker, Kim Ellis, Tom Kloster, Amy Rose, Pam Peck, Josh Naramore, Robin McArthur

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

JPACT DC Trip

There will be a prep meeting on February 26th at 5pm at Metro Regional Center in the Council Chamber for JPACT members planning on traveling to DC March 6-8.

Federal Transportation Policy Proposals

Transportation staffs and elected officials from the Portland region met in December 2006 and January 2007 to share thoughts on the future direction for federal transportation policy. The participants sought to outline a comprehensive national transportation policy. The results of those discussions lead to a consensus on five major policy themes. Mr. Andy Cotugno distributed copies of each of those policy proposals (included as part of the meeting record). He noted that the plan is to incorporate these policy papers in the DC Trip briefing book, which is scheduled to go to print today. He added that ODOT raised some concerns with the papers, but due to the print deadline, he asked that the committee come to an agreement today. He suggested including a disclaimer on the policy paper coversheet (included as part of the meeting record), which would state:

This document is offered as a compilation of possible policy issues for consideration in the federal transportation reauthorization bill and other federal legislative considerations. The member jurisdictions of JPACT have not adopted any final policy positions at this time.

Mr. Jason Tell noted that by including the policy proposal document in the briefing book, it implies that JPACT has approved them. He suggested that a simpler way to deal with the issue would be to separate the policy proposals from the briefing book.

Councilor Brian Newman stated that he didn't want to miss the opportunity to discuss these important issues with the delegation.

While acknowledging Mr. Tell's concerns, Mayor Rob Drake voiced his support for the documents.

Commissioner Lynn Peterson stated that the proposed disclaimer was a good compromise and preferred to include the papers within the briefing book. She suggested adding "parkways, boulevards and roundabouts" to the fourth bullet on page 4.

Commissioner Roy Rogers noted that because he has not had a chance to review the documents in detail he would be reluctant to include them in the briefing book, which contains Washington County's logo.

After continued discussion, the committee agreed not to include the policy proposal papers in the briefing book, but rather as a stand-alone piece, incorporating Commissioner Peterson's addition and stamping DRAFT on the cover sheet.

5. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 **Legislative Update**

Mr. Randy Tucker appeared before the committee and briefly presented a legislative update on the Connect Oregon legislation.

5.2 **Briefing on TPAC Recommendation of Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP)**

Chair Burkholder announced that while formal amendments to the TPAC recommendation of the MTIP final cut list would not be discussed at today's meeting, he requested that anyone who plans on suggesting amendments at the March 1st meeting bring them up today.

Mr. Ted Leybold reiterated to the committee that today they were going to receive a briefing on TPAC's recommendation of the MTIP final cut list and would be asked for approval at their March 1st meeting. He added that the Metro Council is scheduled to approve the list on March 15th. He reviewed each of the handouts and directed the committee's attention to an updated (included as part of the meeting record) final cut project list. He reviewed the recommended projects in each of the categories.

Mr. Cotugno stated that at the February 2nd TPAC meeting, the committee voted unanimously in approval of the final cut recommendation. He added that TPAC requested that their discussion of three other projects that did not make their recommendation list but that they felt were the next priority projects be noted to JPACT. Those projects included:

- Willamette Greenway Trail: SW Lane to SW Lowell
- McLoughlin Blvd: Clackamas River to Dunes Drive
- Farmington Road: SW Murray Blvd to SW Hocken Ave

Mr. Cotugno also noted that the TPAC discussed (although did not recommend) whether or not to over program.

Chair Burkholder distributed the Metro Council Base Program Recommendation (included as part of the meeting record), which included \$300,000 for the RTO individualized marketing program and noted that they would be asking this project to be amended in to JPACT's final cut recommendation. Mayor Drake noted his support for this impending amendment. He added that he would support over programming, with the additional three projects identified by TPAC.

Chair Burkholder read a letter from Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey (included as part of the meeting record) which requests JPACT consider funding Multnomah County's request for the Morrison Bridge.

Ms. Lynn Peterson noted that the number one priority for Clackamas County would be to add the McLoughlin Boulevard project to the recommendation. The project is located in a regional center, the highest priority land use in 2040 and there is time constraint with the new development of condos and mixed-use development

within the corridor. She added that while the county has been experiencing tremendous growth, t the package of projects before the committee does not help the county achieve the growth /density they've been asked to assume.

Mr. Fred Hansen suggested that to keep the debate clean, jurisdictions proposing to add projects should also propose which projects/areas to cut.

Councilor Park requested that when the amendments are made to TPAC recommendation, they appear in the final resolution.

Commissioner Rogers noted his preference to not over program.

5.3 Recommended Draft RTP Policy Framework

Ms. Kim Ellis and Ms. Robin McArthur appeared before the committee and presented the recommended draft RTP Policy Framework.

Ms. McArthur thanked the committee for the information they provided at the previous JPACT meeting. She reassured the committee that they are not looking at getting rid of the Level of Service (LOS), as it is an important and valuable tool, but they are looking to supplement it. Staff will convene a group of engineers and planners to talk about other possible tools.

Ms. Ellis reviewed each of the handouts provided (included as part of the meeting record). She noted that next week, the committee would be asked for their approval of the framework. She directed the committee's attention to Resolution 07-3755, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDORSING THE POLICY DIRECTION AND DRAFT PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES TO GUIDE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP). Chair Burkholder noted the purpose of the resolution was to gain consensus and move forward. He added however, that Chapter 1 is a living document and it will be refined in Phase 3.

Commissioner Adams reiterated his support for the complete/grid system and keeping LOS. He noted his preference on having a one-page informational handout, which would help foster discussions with his constituents.

Commissioner Rogers directed the committee's attention to the fourth WHEREAS on the first page of the resolution and requested that the language stating that maintenance be prioritized over new construction be softened. Ms. Ellis and Ms. McArthur agreed to do so.

Ms. Susie Lahsene requested that the relationship between transportation investment and economic viability be made very clear in the document.

6. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 9:06a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Martin
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2007

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

	ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
**	5.1	Information	NA	Federal Transportation Policy Proposals	022207j-01
**	5.1	Information	NA	Policy Paper Disclaimer	022207j-02
*	5.2	Memo	2/2/07	To: JPACT From: Ted Leybold Re: Transportation Priorities 2008-11 TPAC Recommended Final Cut List	022207j-03
*	5.2	Information	2/5/07	TPAC Recommended Program narrowing factors	022207j-04
*	5.2	Resolution	N/A	Resolution No. 07-3733	022207j-05
*	5.2	Information	2/2/07	TPAC Recommended Final Cut Project List	022207j-06
**	5.2	Information	N/A	Updated TPAC Recommended Final Cut Project List	022207j-07
**	5.2	Information	2/20/07	Metro Council Base Program Recommendation Final Cut Project List	022207j-08
**	5.2	Information	February 2007	MTIP Information Administration Sheet	022207j-09
*	5.3	Memo	2/15/07	To: JPACT From: Kim Ellis Re: RTP Recommended Draft Chapter 1	022207j-10
**	5.3	Report	2/15/07	Chapter 1: Regional Transportation Policy Framework For the Portland Metropolitan Region	022207j-11
**	5.3	Resolution	2/20/07	Resolution 07-3755, For the Purpose of Endorsing the Policy Direction and Draft Plan Goals and Objectives to Guide Development of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)	022207j-12
**	5.3	Memo	2/21/07	To: JPACT From: Kim Ellis Re: Summary of JPACT Comments and Recommendations	022207j-13
**	5.3	Letter	2/13/07	MTIP Hearing Testimony Letter Re: McLoughlin Boulevard Phase 2 Project	022207j-14
**	5.3	Letter	N/A	To: Rex Burkholder From: Multnomah County Re: MTIP Final Cut List & Morrison Bridge	022207j-15
**	Non Agenda Item	Information	February 2007	Information about Measure 37 in Clackamas County Distributed by: Commissioner Lynn Peterson	022207j-16
**	Non Agenda Item	Information	N/A	Transportation Infrastructure Brochure Distributed by: Susie Lahsene	022207j-17
**	Non Agenda Item	Newspaper Article	2/16/07	Portland Tribune Article Re: Transportation fixes	022207j-18

* Included in packet

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