



METRO

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

February 8, 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
Maria Rojo de Steffey
Jason Tell
Paul Thalhofer
James Bernard
Bill Wyatt
Royce Pollard
Roy Rogers

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
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
Port of Portland
City of Vancouver
Washington County

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Steve Stuart
Don Wagner

AFFILIATION

Clark County
Washington DOT

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Dean Lookingbill
Rian Windsheimer
Donna Jordan
Shane Bemis
Doug Ficco
Susie Lahsene
Tom Imeson

AFFILIATION

SW Regional Transportation Council
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT - Region 1)
City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas County
City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah County
Washington DOT
Port of Portland
Port of Portland

GUESTS PRESENT

Ed Abrahamson
Kenny Asher
Edward Barnes
Mary Cunningham
Roland Chlapowski
Jef Dalin

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County
City of Milwaukie
WSDOT Commission
Office of Congressman Wu
City of Portland
City of Cornelius, Councilor

<u>GUESTS PRESENT (cont.)</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Kate Deane	PDC
Rob Foster	Forest Grove
Ann Gardner	Schnitzer Steel
Cam Gilmour	Clackamas County
Kathryn Harrington	Metro Council
John Hartsock	Boring Fire
Marion Haynes	PBA
Jay Lyman	CRC
Tom Markgraf	Columbia River Crossing
Sharon Nasset	Sharon nasset@aol.com
Dave Nordberg	DEQ
Lawernee Odell	Washington County
Ron Papsdorf	City of Gresham
Derek Robbins	Forest Grove
Jonathan Schlueter	Westside Economic Alliance
Phil Selinger	TriMet
Lainie Smith	ODOT
Paul Smith	City of Portland
Janice Wilson	OTC

STAFF

Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Pat Emmerson, Robin McArthur, John Mermin, Tom Kloster, Ted Leybold, Jessica Martin

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rex Burkholder declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:32a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Burkholder briefly reviewed the meeting agenda.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of minutes for the January 18, 2007 JPACT meeting

MOTION: Mr. Jason Tell moved, seconded by Councilor Rod Park to approve the January 18, 2007 minutes. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

6. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Columbia River Crossing Status Report and Staff Recommendation

Mr. Jay Lyman appeared before the committee to present a Columbia River Crossing status report and staff recommendation. The goal of the CRC project is to find viable solutions to improve safety, reliability and mobility on I-5 across the Columbia River and between SR 500 in Vancouver and Columbia Boulevard in Portland. He presented a PowerPoint presentation (included as part of the meeting record), which contained information on the project background, staff recommendation for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement Alternatives (DEIS), public participation process and next steps.

Chair Burkholder noted that if this project goes forward, it would be one of the largest projects in Oregon.

Councilor Brian Newman asked about the recent SW Washington Regional Transportation Council vote and whether politics, tolling, light rail or technical information played a role. Chair Burkholder responded that the discussion of the group centered mostly on whether or not another alternative should be put forward. He added that there was a clear desire among the Clark County representatives to have another, more affordable option put fourth.

The committee discussed the estimated project costs and phasing options.

Mayor Royce Pollard stated that the issue of cost is a big issue particularly on the Washington side of the river. He reiterated that there was a desire to have a more affordable option put forward. He noted his support for moving forward in order to further study the three alternatives.

6.2 Regional Transportation Plan: Revised Policy Chapter

Ms. Kim Ellis appeared before the committee and presented information on the revised policy chapter of the RTP. Ms. Ellis distributed a handout (included as part of the meeting record), of the summary of comments received and recommendations regarding the RTP update of chapter 1. She noted that there is one more TPAC workshop scheduled for February 12th and requested all comments be submitted by then.

Ms. Ellis distributed another handout (included as part of the meeting record) listing several RTP policy framework questions for JPACT discussion. Mr. Andy Cotugno briefly reviewed each question and Chair suggested each committee member briefly comment on any major issues they feel are either missing or need further discussion. Their comments included:

Mayor James Bernard

- Area of weakness includes the use of brownfields and tying them to investments in the development community.
- Look at existing industrial lands in inner city.
- Priority put on reduction of emissions, developments that reduce travel time and use on road/freeway system.
- Move up Station and Main Streets in the Hierarchy of 2040 Design Types table.

Mayor Rob Drake

- More discussion on capacity and safety.
- Look into more funding opportunities.

Commissioner Lynn Peterson

- Move corridors up in the hierarchy of 2040 Design Types table.
- Need a strategy to talk about a combined arterial and local program.
- Identify more funding.

Mr. Fred Hansen

- Focus on identified, specific outcomes.

Mr. Jason Tell

- Elaborate section discussing economic competitiveness.
- Focus on what can be done about highway/freeway congestion.

Mr. Dick Pedersen

- Environmental outcomes very important.
- Equitable access to quality (healthy) environments.

Mr. Bill Wyatt

- Don't be limited entirely by fiscal constraints so that the aspirations of the broader community cannot be satisfied.

Mayor Royce Pollard

- Focus on Safety and Economic Development.

Commissioner Roy Rogers

- Recognize differences within the region.
- A grid/arterial/collective system that works should be #1 goal.
- Need to talk about job/housing balance.

Mayor Paul Thalsofer

- Need to focus more on freight mobility and address congestion.
- Move Corridors up in the Hierarchy of 2040 Design Types Table.

Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey

- Reliable people and goods movement
- Emphasize operations and maintenance
- Funding and managing bridge system

Commissioner Sam Adams

- Focus on Safety
- Support arterial and grid system.

Councilor Brian Newman

- Concerned with moving Corridors up in Hierarchy of 2040 Design Types table.
- Address neighborhood cut-thru traffic.

Councilor Rod Park

- Prioritize developed, developing and undeveloped areas.

6.3 Review of JPACT Membership

Mr. Andy Cotugno appeared before the committee and presented a memo relating to JPACT Membership (included as part of the meeting record). Metro has been required through the Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration certification process to address the membership of JPACT as it relates to adequacy of representation of cities within the region and the smaller transit districts in the region. Mr. Cotugno noted that the goal would be to have sufficient discussion by JPACT on the options to allow inclusion of a proposed change in the draft RTP, which will be circulated this fall for public review and ultimately up for adoption. Mr. Cotugno requested the committee review the memo, which proposes a schedule in which these discussions would occur. At the next regular JPACT meeting on March 1st, staff would provide the committee options for city representation.

6.4 Briefing on TPAC Recommendation of MTIP Final Cut List

Mr. Jason Tell inquired about what project list and information materials would be presented for public comment. Mr. Cotugno responded that the intent is to take forward the full list and supplemental documents

explaining TPAC's recommendation. Mr. Tell stated that he would like to see the Highway 217 project moved forward but remove the conditions set forth by TPAC in the supplemental documents.

MOTION: Mr. Tell moved, seconded by Mr. Rob Drake, to keep the Highway 217: Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy to SW Allen Blvd project on the final cut list at \$250,000, but remove the conditions set forth by TPAC, which are included in the policy guidance document. With Councilor Brian Newman and Commissioner Lynn Peterson voting in opposition and the remaining 11 members present voting in favor, the motion passed.

Due to time constraints the full briefing was not given. The committee agreed to a special JPACT meeting on February 22nd to receive a briefing on the TPAC recommendation of the MTIP final cut list.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Martin
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR FEBRUARY 8, 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 1/18/07 JPACT Meeting	020807j-01
*	6.2	Memo	1/31/07	To: JPACT From: Kim Ellis Re: 2035 RTP Update –Next Steps	020807j-02
**	6.1	PowerPoint	2/8/07	Columbia River Crossing PowerPoint Presentation by Jay Lyman	020807j-03
**	6.1	Information	11/21/06	Columbia River Crossing Staff Recommendation Executive Summary	020807j-04
**	6.2	Memo/Report	2/2/07	To: JPACT From: Kim Ellis and Tom Kloster Re: RTP Framework – Working Draft 2.0	020807j-05
**	6.2	Report	2/5/07	RTP Comment Log	020807j-06
**	6.2	Information	2/8/07	RTP Policy Framework Questions for JPACT Discussion	020807j-07
**	6.3	Memo	2/6/07	To: JPACT From: Andy Cotugno Re: JPACT Membership	020807j-08
**	6.4	Memo	2/2/07	To: JPACT From: Ted Leybold Re: Transportation Priorities 2008-11 – Draft Metro Staff Recommended Final Cut List	020807j-09
**	6.4	Information	2/5/07	TPAC Recommended Program Narrowing Factors	020807j-10
**	6.4	Draft Resolution	N/A	Draft Resolution No. 07-3773	020807j-11
**	6.4	Project List	2/2/07	TPAC Recommended Final Cut Project List	020807j-12
**	Non-Agenda Item	Newspaper Article	2/6/07	Portland Tribune article distributed by Mayor Drake re: RTP	020807j-13
**	6.4	Letter	2/7/07	To: JPACT From: Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area Re: Killingsworth Street Improvement Project	020807j-14

* Included in packet

**Distributed at meeting