

JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

MINUTES

July 12, 2007
7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.
Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT AFFILIATION

Rex Burkholder, Chair Metro Council
Brian Newman Metro Council
Lynn Peterson Clackamas County Commissioner
Sam Adams City of Portland
James Bernard City of Milwaukie, representing Cities of Clackamas County
Paul Thalhofer City of Troutdale, representing Cities of Multnomah County
Rob Drake Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County
Fred Hansen TriMet
Jason Tell ODOT
Dick Pederson DEQ

MEMBERS EXCUSED AFFILIATION

Rod Park, Vice Chair Metro Council
Maria Rojo de Steffey Multnomah County Commissioner
Roy Rogers Washington County Commissioner
Don Wagner Washington DOT
Bill Wyatt Port of Portland
Royce Pollard City of Vancouver
Steve Stuart Clark County Commissioner

ALTERNATES PRESENT AFFILIATION

Rian Windsheimer ODOT – Region 1
Dean Lookingbill SW Regional Transportation Council

GUESTS PRESENT AFFILIATION

Jim Wright City of Damascus
Elissa Gertler Clackamas County
Karen Schilling Multnomah County
Ron Papsdorf City of Gresham
Lulu Xiao Mayor's Youth Advisory Board, City of Beaverton
Paul Smith City of Portland
Roland Chlapowski City of Portland
Jonathan Schlueter Westside Economic Alliance
John Chaules Cascade Policy Institute
Jack Burkman Washington DOT
Edward Barnes Washington DOT
Dave Nordberg DEQ
Jef Dalin Cornelius City Councilor
Mary Cunningham Office of Representative David Wu
Lidwien Rahman ODOT
Danielle Cowan Wilsonville
Massoud Saberian Lake Oswego

STAFF PRESENT

Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Ted Leybold, Mark Turpel, Josh Naramore, Jon Mermin

1. CALL TO ORDER, DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Rex Burkholder declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Burkholder introduced the new section of the agenda for citizen and member communication on non-agenda items.

3. CITIZEN/ MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jason Tell, ODOT Region 1 questioned whether the last item on the agenda; RTP Update: Review of performance measures and discussion of transit finance option, was an information or action item. It was clarified that this item on the agenda was an information item; however action would be requested in the near future: September 2007 (as noted in the meeting handouts) is when the RTP draft will be discussed and public comment issued/ submitted through November 2007. MPAC and JPACT will brief the RTP draft and a joint MPAC/JPACT meeting will be held in the evening of September 26th.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR and Members

Both MPAC and JPACT will be briefed on a draft of the 2035 RTP at the meetings scheduled in September. Public comment can be issued/ submitted after this time through early November 2007. A joint MPAC/ JPACT meeting will also be held the evening of September 26th to review and discuss the 2035 RTP draft: the refinements of chapter one, the policy framework, the key performance measures; in addition to the purposed projects going forward for public comment.

Dick Pederson, DEQ mentioned that on June 20th the EPA is recommending a lowering of the Ozone standard, which will likely go into affect the Spring of 2008. Secondly, one week from this meeting there is an event at the Jubitz truck stop to celebrate electrifying the truck stop. Finally, The EPA is potentially considering a CO2 standard and this debate surrounds a Supreme Court ruling that threw out the EPA decision that CO2 cannot be regulated for transportation and cars. There may be a possible appeal for this decision.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- **Consideration of special joint JPACT/MPAC meeting minutes for May 24, 2007**

No discussion.

MOTION:

Mayor Rob Drake, City of Beaverton moved, seconded by Commissioner Lynn Peterson, Clackamas County, to approve the special joint JPACT/MPAC meeting minutes for May 24, 2007.

VOTE:

Motion passed.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Resolution No. 07-3829, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE 2006-09 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) TO ADD THE CORNELL ROAD AND SCIENCE PARK DRIVE/143RD INTERSECTION PROJECT AND THE HALL BOULEVARD AND HIGHWAY 99W INTERSECTION PROJECT.

MTIP amendment Resolution No. 07-3829 is a request to add the 2 aforementioned projects to the MTIP. ODOT has awarded immediate opportunity funds to two projects located in Washington County: Tigard and Sunset Corridor. This fund is available on a quick response basis to support projects necessary for the leverage of job related economic development.

The award of the funds has already occurred; however this action allows for the funds to be withdrawn through an amendment to the MTIP. An air quality and conformity consultation with the air quality agencies was conducted. It was determined that these 2 projects were on a small enough scale that they do not meet the required threshold to require a full air quality and conformity analysis.

No discussion.

MOTION:

Mayor Rob Drake, moved, seconded by General Manager Fred Hansen, TriMet, to approve Res. No. 07-3829, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE 2006-09 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) TO ADD THE CORNELL ROAD AND SCIENCE PARK DRIVE/143RD INTERSECTION PROJECT AND THE HALL BOULEVARD AND HIGHWAY 99W INTERSECTION PROJECT.

VOTE:

Motion passed.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 I-5/ 99 W Connector – Status (Lawrence Odell & Scott Richman)

Lawrence Odell, Washington County and Scott Richman, Project Manager -David Evan's and Associates (primary study consultant), updated JPACT on the status of the I-5/ 99W Connector study. The study is comprised of a number of agencies representatives from: Washington and Clackamas Counties; the Cities of Tigard, Tualatin and Wilsonville, stakeholders, elected officials and Metro staff. Project Steering Committee meetings are currently being held to discuss, organize and move forward with a narrow list of future corridor alternatives to the existing traffic issues. (PowerPoint presentation has been included as part of the record).

Key Points:

1. Goal of the Steering Committee is to produce a final project proposal for an I-5/ 99W, as an amendment to the MTIP.
2. Range of alternatives has been developed, analysis, selection process and public hearing process to occur and lead to an amendment to the MTIP and applicable local TSPs.
3. Purpose of the project is to address the problem of inadequate transportation facilities in the outer west quadrant of the region, and to serve the growing demand for regional interstate travel access to the area's federal and state highways: I-5/99W, while also considering the need for arterial access to the local highway system.
4. Currently looking at 5 different alternatives (details in PP presentation as part of the record).
5. Carl Hosticka and Andy Cotugno suggested that SC consider land-use issues at next SC meeting.
6. August 22nd is the next Steering Committee meeting and a detailed list of alternative analysis will be provided.
7. Question raised by Council Brian Newman – How is the problem of increased traffic from Yamhill County into the region approached or resolved with this corridor study/ project? Is this done through tolling? How is the committee going to address the burden of increased traffic into the region on a possible new connector? Needs to be addressed at next SC.
8. As the location of the connector moves, different user population issues will need to be addressed.
9. The purpose of the analysis is to address questions of traffic outside of the region coming into the region, in addition to addressing traffic mobility and congestion within the region. Tolls will need to be part of the analysis; in addition to considering phases of construction to match the increasing growth/ need in the region.
10. Need to consider the greater land-use implications in and out of the UGB that coincide with the volume and capacity of a future connector. This project will need to coordinate with the New Look discussion, because ¼ of the growth in the region is projected to occur in Yamhill County. Therefore, this project will potentially have a direct affect on the growth in Yamhill County.

7.2 RTP Update

• **Review of performance measures** Kim Ellis

Kim Ellis reviewed the RTP performance measure that staff will be using to narrow down the list of projects for the 2035 RTP (handouts included as part of the record).

Key Points:

1. Project solicitation processed closed last week, list has been created, currently being review by staff. Request for participating agencies to submit missing information and collaborate to refine information on duplicated requests. Currently, list totals 1,000 projects at \$11 billion; amount does not include cost of transit capital.
2. March JPACT recommended and accepted a policy framework and set of goals for meeting framework. Memo produced by Kim on performance measures and 4 principles on how staff should approach project and refine measures (details included as part of record).
3. Gerry Uba is working on set of performance measures: Need to measure things that RTP can influence; if one does not measure results, one cannot tell successes from failures.
4. Staff is using GIS analysis and modeling analysis to narrow down and refine RTP project list. Early September, request for local agencies to provide list of financially constrained project list.
5. Draft list is in being created for set of 4 public meetings during locally schedule council meetings with action scheduled at JPACT by mid-December. State component to be completed by June 2008.
6. Goal of performance measures is to look beyond congestion and its affects; need to look into air quality, accessibility, and travel time, all in addition to congestion.
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• **Discussion of transit finance options** Andy Cotugno

Andy Cotugno led a discussion regarding transit finance options for the 2035 RTP (handout included as part of the record).

Key Points:

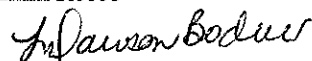
1. Need to evaluate and decide what sorts of financing strategies the region should pursue for the financially constrained 2035 RTP.
2. Spring of 2008: define what is going to be included for expansion of the UGB and how the region and local agencies going to pay for the expansion process.
3. As the memo (included for the record) indicates: the service expansion for bus transit will reach its absolute threshold by 2014. What is the next step for transit? Is it Lightrail? What is the next mode of transit for the region?
4. Review of techniques to fund capital costs in the past: SDCs, UGB funds, Urban renewal funds, and MTIP money. Request for more State (elderly transit) and Federal funds (News Starts program), niche taxes (carbon emissions, etc), tolls, transportation utility fees at local level to fund streets.
5. September draft of RTP to show dollar amount of financially constrained RTP.

Discussion to be continued at August and September meetings.

8.0 ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Burkholder adjourned the special meeting at 9:08am

Respectfully submitted by Jazzmin Reece



ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR JULY 12, 2007

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
7.1	Presentation	07/12/07	Summary Presentation: Developing the Range of Alternatives I-5 to 99W Connector Project	071207j01
7.2	Presentation	N/A	A New Look at Transportation: Linking Transportation, Land Use, the Economy and the Environment - Briefing on 2035 Update	071207j02
7.2	Chart		RTP Parking Lot: Outstanding Issues Needing Further Discussion by June 2008	071207j03
7.2	Chart	7/16/2007	Draft 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Project List	071207j04