

JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

MINUTES

May 10, 2007
7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.
Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rex Burkholder, Chair
Rod Park, Vice Chair
Brian Newman
Lynn Peterson
Paul Thalhofer
Rob Drake
Fred Hansen
Jason Tell
Dick Pederson
Don Wagner

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
Metro Council
Metro Council
Clackamas County Commissioner
City of Troutdale, representing Cities of Multnomah County
Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County
TriMet
ODOT
DEQ
Washington DOT

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Maria Rojo de Steffey
Roy Rogers
Sam Adams
James Bernard
Bill Wyatt
Royce Pollard
Steve Stuart

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County Commissioner
Washington County Commissioner
City of Portland
City of Milwaukie, representing Cities of Clackamas County
Port of Portland
City of Vancouver
Clark County Commissioner

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Lonnie Roberts
Donna Jordan
Rian Windsheimer
Susie Lahsene
Dean Lookingbill

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County Commission
City of Lake Oswego, representing the Cities of Clackamas County
ODOT – Region 1
Port of Portland
SW Regional Transportation Council

GUESTS PRESENT

John Hartsock
Cam Gilmour
Randy Shannon
Elissa Gertler
Jim Redden
Jeff Hamm
John Rehm
Phil Selinger
Claire Potter
Jack Burkman
Steve Siegel
Dave Nordberg
Marianne Fitzgerald
Lainie Smith
Rex Wong
Walter Valenta
Jim Mayer
Shirley Craddick
Mike Mason
Mary Fetsch

AFFILIATION

Boring Fire District
Clackamas County
City of Damascus
Clackamas County
Portland Tribune
C-TRAN
Citizen of Portland
TriMet
TriMet
Washington Department of Transportation
Siegel Consulting
DEQ
DEQ
ODOT
Columbia River Crossing
Citizen of Portland
Oregonian
City of Gresham
ODOT
TriMet

<u>GUESTS PRESENT</u>	(cont.)	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Aaron Deas		TriMet
Dave Simmons		Citizen of Tualatin
Tom Markgraf		Columbia River Crossing
Karen Schilling		Multnomah County
Lawrence Odell		Washington County
Jonathan David		City of Gresham
Jef Dalin		City of Cornelius
Thayer Rorabaugh		City of Vancouver
David Cusack		Clark County
Jack Hallin		Coalition for a Livable Future
Jim Wright		City of Damascus
Paul Smith		City of Portland
Roland Chlapowski		City of Portland
Danielle Cowan		City of Wilsonville
Nancy Kraushaar		City of Oregon City
Lidwien Rahman		ODOT

STAFF PRESENT

Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Anthony Butzek, Josh Naramore, Kathryn Sofich, Amelia Porterfield, Tom Kloster, Ted Leybold, Deena Platman, Robin McArthur, Richard Brandman, Mark Turpel, Pat Emmerson, Pam Peck, Kathryn Harrington.

1. CALL TO ORDER, DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Rex Burkholder declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Burkholder introduced Commissioner Lonnie Roberts, the Multnomah County alternate.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no citizen communications on non-agenda items.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

There were no comments from Chair Burkholder

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of JPACT minutes for April 12, 2007 (revised)

Consideration of JPACT minutes for April 26, 2007

MOTION:

Commissioner Lynn Peterson, Clackamas County moved, Rob Drake, Mayor of Beaverton, seconded, to approve the minutes from April 12, 2007 (revised) and April 26, 2007.

VOTE:

The motion was unanimously approved.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

Special Joint JPACT/ MPAC: May 24th 7:30 a.m. at Metro Regional Center Council Chambers

This meeting is planned to replace the regular MPAC for May 23rd and JPACT finance on May 24th. The agenda for this meeting will involve RTP and its land-use and development implications, and a discussion of finance issues.

Commissioner Lonnie Roberts, alternate for Multnomah County referenced a letter written by Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey to JPACT (included for the record). Commissioner Rojo de Steffey's letter presented Multnomah County's issues with the mobility corridors. More specifically her letter addressed the RTP's two tracks of mobility and community building by highlighting the fact that the Willamette river bridges are part of track two and included in the east Multnomah County allocation. Commissioner Rojo de Steffey suggested a category be created for Willamette river bridges as an element of track one. Chair Burkholder advised this issue be sent to TPAC for further discussion of integration.

6.1 RTP Schedule (Andy Cotugno)

On April 26th, Mr. Andy Cotugno appeared before the committee and presented a memo concerning the RTP schedule. The memo addressed the concerns raised about the RTP schedule, its workload, its adoption, the urgency of timing and the need for immediate action. More specifically, the memo provided the option of a schedule that shifts away from the current work timeline, resulting in sequential consideration of the federal RTP then the RTP to meet state requirements (included as part of the 4/26/2007 meeting record).

Mr. Cotugno presented JPACT with an update of the RTP schedule options (included as part of the meeting record). He explained the two RTP timeline schedule options and recognized that there are outstanding issues through local corridor plans that will need to be addressed as follow-up activities in either case. He also pointed out primary concerns with the RTP schedule deadline at the state and federal level, calling for an extended deadline to allow for more modeling iterations to better analyze, adjust and implement the results in the state RTP.

Mr. Cotugno also mentioned that Metro is currently pursuing legislation called "New Look." The results of this legislation will have effects on the future expansion of the urban growth boundary (UGB) and the RTP. However, Mr. Cotugno, drawing on the example of the City of Damascus, stated that it is not necessary to utilize staff resources and modeling exercises on potential RTP issues outside of the current UGB.

Chair Burkholder suggested including a firm June 2008 deadline. The deadline is supported by Metro Council, ODOT and local governments who will need to adjust their plans to be consistent with the RTP.

Susie Lahsene, Port of Portland, agreed to adopt the expanded schedule with a firm June 2008 deadline. In addition she inquired about a financing plan. Mr. Cotugno responded to Ms. Lahsene and explained that the RTP will have a broad financing strategy incorporated, as per the state requirement. Mr. Cotugno explained that the financing strategy and RTP are not mutually exclusive plans.

Chair Burkholder noted that the federal requirements will only enhance future communications to the public to secure funding by providing an outline of the foreseeable projects and illustrating how much money is required to implement such developments. He also said that it is key to meet a June 2008 deadline to prevent the delay of the MTIP process and to provide for other agencies to accordingly integrate their congruent plans.

Jason Tell, ODOT, reaffirmed the importance of completing the RTP in a timely manner to better solicit the Legislature, Congress and local levels for the needed money.

Fred Hansen, TriMet General Manager, preferred to stay on the current schedule; however he agreed with the recommendation.

MOTION:

TriMet General Manager Hansen moved, seconded by Rob Drake, Mayor of Beaverton to approve the expanded RTP schedule timeline with the condition of a firm June 2008 deadline.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

6.2 TriMet Financial forecast (Fred Hansen)

TriMet General Manager Fred Hansen gave a Power Point presentation on TriMet's financial forecast. It was an overview of TriMet's budget, revenue and sources: federal funding, taxes, fares, etc., expenses: operational costs and material expenses, detail of program costs: Light Rail, LIFT, etc, and possible sources for new revenue for the regional transit provider (the presentation has been included for the record).

Mr. Hansen illustrated TriMet's need to expand revenue resources to provide for the increasing essential maintenance issues, debt servicing and modernity. He explained that TriMet has replacement needs that cannot be deferred any longer and additional expenses for expanding existing service programs, such as LIFT operations, Milwaukie Light Rail and the Columbia River Crossing; in addition to other potential streetcar projects to OMSI and Lake Oswego, and overall general bus service expansion.

6.3 ODOT financial forecast (Jason Tell)

Jason Tell, Region 1 ODOT Manager introduced and reviewed two handouts (included as part of the record) The handouts illustrated and described ODOT's revenue sources, and financial forecasts for RTP. Mr. Tell explained how the statistics on the handout show that the state of Oregon has significantly lower transportation related taxes, fees and surcharges in comparison to other states. Furthermore, the financial forecast for RTP revealed that an expanded revenue source is needed to implement future projects.

6.4 Financially Constrained RTP

Mr. Steve Siegel appeared before JPACT and presented the financial constraints of RTP (included as part of record). The scope of Mr. Siegel's presentation explained that the RTP revenue estimate is based from the federal definition of financially constrained RTP, provided a breakdown of the mod revenues and sources, explained projected budget and purchasing power over time. The presentation detailed that the current revenue resources need to be expanded to keep up with inflation, maintenance needs and the cost of modernization and new developments.

Commissioner Lynn Peterson, Clackamas County commented that the County is in a position where they will have zero match for their SDC fees once they lose the Timber receipts, and they are in the process of looking for a way to do a local revenue source match.

Mr. Andy Cotugno commented that staff will be ready with a financially constrained RTP once additional factors have been considered, such as revenue, expenses and funding sources on the state, region and local levels. The RTP will need to provide not only a reasonable set of project goals, but also an equally appropriate set of reasonable revenue resources to match the plan.

6.5 Financial Issues and Choices – Discussion and work program for the next 6 months (Andy Cotugno)

Postponed for next meeting.

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There being no further business, Chair Burkholder adjourned the special meeting at 9:10am

Respectfully submitted,
Jazzmin Reece
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR MAY 10, 2007

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
	Agenda	5/10/07	Meeting Agenda	051007j.01
5	Consent Agenda	4/12/07	Revised Minutes	051007j.02
5	Consent Agenda	4/26/07	Minutes	051007j.03
6.1	Memo	05/03/07	RTP Finance Plan	051007j.04
6.1	Memo	5/8/2007	RTP Update Schedule Options	051007j.05
6.1	Chart	04/27/07	2007-08 RTP Update Options	051007j.06
6.1	Chart	05/07	Five Year RTP Timeline – Expanded Schedule	051007j.07
6.2	Presentation	5/10/07	Power Point presentation: TriMet Financials	051007j.08
6.3	Chart	06/06	ODOT Total Automobile-Related Taxes	051007j.09
6.3	Brochure	12/06	ODOT “Oregon’s Transportation Challenge: Funding in a new world”	051007j.10
6.4	Presentation	5/10/07	Power Point presentation: Financially Constrained RTP	051007j.11