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METRO

TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE

August 31, 2007
Metro Regional Center

MEMBERS PRESENT

Frank Angelo
Scott Bricker
Sorin Garber
Elissa Gertler
Nancy Kraushaar
Mike McKillip
Dave Nordberg
Satvinder Sandhu
Sreya Sarkar
Karen Schilling
Phil Selinger
Paul Smith

AFFILIATION

Citizen
Citizen
Citizen
Clackamas County
City of Oregon City/Cities of Clackamas County
City of Tualatin/Cities of Washington County
DEQ
FHWA
Citizen
Multnomah County
TriMet
City of Portland

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jack Burkman
Bret Curtis
Greg DiLoreto
John Hoefs
Susie Lahsene
Dean Lookingbill
Ron Papsdorf
John Reinhold
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

WASDOT
Washington County
Citizen
C-TRAN
Port of Portland
SW Washington RTC
City of Gresham
Citizen
ODOT

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Andy Back
Lynda David
Ed Pickering
Elaine Smith

AFFILIATION

Washington County
SW Washington RTC
C-Tran
ODOT

GUESTS PRESENT

John Charles

AFFILIATION

Cascade Policy Institute

Danielle Cowan	City of Wilsonville
Kate Dreyfus	City of Gresham
Evan Dust	HDR
Michael Eaton	Multnomah County
Mike Lynch	Multnomah County
Lawrence O'Dell	Washington County
Lidwien Rahman	ODOT
Derek Robbins	City of Forest Grove

STAFF

Richard Brandman, Kim Ellis, Tom Kloster, Jon Makler, John Mermin, Caleb Winter, Pam Peck, Kelsey Newell

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Mr. Richard Brandman declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

TPAC citizen member Sreya Sarkar appeared before the committee to present a pilot study initiative to explore the transportation needs of the low-income population in Portland tri-county area. The PowerPoint presentation (included as part of the meeting record) included information on:

- Car-ownership as an empowering "tool" and as a "transformative" asset
- Low-income workers and low-skilled job demographics
- Wheels to Wealth Proposal
- Host organizations with car-ownership programs
- Benefits
- Pollution and energy concerns
- Pioneering the new idea

Mr. Phil Selinger of TriMet submitted a memorandum (included as part of the meeting record) addressing TriMet's comments on Ms. Sarkar and Cascade Policy's *Wheels to Wealth* presentation. The memorandum commended Cascade Policy for exploring ways to expand job access to lower-income citizens, but detailed aspects of the proposal that are currently in place thanks to TriMet's Title VI.

Mr. Dave Nordberg did not believe that DEQ would support this proposal without hard evidence. He presented specific concern with air quality and the proposal's contraction to the current land-use goals.

Additional committee discussion included the existing vanpool and car-sharing programs, automobile expenses and TriMet's JARC committee and RTO connections. The committee recommended that the *Wheels to Wealth* proposal be presented to the JARC committee.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Paul Smith moved, Mr. Sorin Garber seconded, to approve the July 27, 2007 TPAC meeting minutes. The motion passed.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The committee decided that the Willamette River Bridges presentation should be scheduled in the next six months and that Metro's "Regional Rail" system should actually be titled "High Capacity Transit" system. Future agenda items recommended included presentations by Jennifer Dill on her Bicycle Transportation Study and a CRC project status report.

5. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 RTP Update

RTP Round 1 System Analysis – Preliminary Results

Ms. Kim Ellis and Mr. Anthony Butzek, both of Metro, appeared before the committee and provided a briefing (handout included in the meeting record) on the cost estimate submittals and the issues pertaining to accuracy and differences in methodology used for the estimates.

Mr. Butzek reported that many jurisdictions felt that the methodology of the Metro and Washington County generated cost estimates that were too high and as such reduced the markup percentages for their projects. In order to regain consistency across jurisdictions' project budgets, staff proposed the following:

- 1) Revise the markups to the new values listed on handout or to other preferred values, or
- 2) Leave the estimates as-is, recognizing the variations between different jurisdictions.

The committee greatly discussed option 1 and 2 and whether or not they felt provided consistency among the projects' budgets. Members recognized the time spent by jurisdictions to formulate estimates, differences in funding capability and requirements for MTIP and STIP. Staff asked that estimate submittals be completed and turned in to Mr. Butzek no later than September 10th.

MOTION: Mr. Garber moved, Ms. Sarkar seconded, to create a subcommittee to address the consistency issue and have the authority to make a recommendation.

Discussion: Ms. Kate Dreyfus of the City of Gresham opposed the motion, stating that Metro should be the "committee" that decipheres if the estimates presented are realistic or not. Mr. Paul Smith opposed the motion, stating that the Metro methodology is guidance and that he feels confident with the City of Portland estimates and methodology. Mr. Andy Back of Washington County did not feel that a unified methodology could be created and that any outstanding issues would be addressed. He noted that lots of time and energy has been put forth on developing the estimates.

ACTION TAKEN: With two members in favor and 14 opposed, the motion failed.

Public Comment Period

Ms. Ellis briefly addressed the 30-day 2035 RTP public comment period. (Handouts included in the meeting record.) The comment period is scheduled from October 15th to November 15th. A draft packet of all materials will be available at the September 28th TPAC meeting. All public comments will be compiled into a summary and recommendation of changes will be provided to staff and elected officials prior to the final JPACT consideration and Metro Council action on the federal component scheduled for December 13th. This will initiate the air quality conformity process. Once the federal component is completed, staff will begin work on the state component of the RTP update. This work will occur in 2008.

5.2 Sellwood Bridge Project Update

Mr. Michael Eaton of Multnomah County appeared before the committee to provide an update on the Sellwood Bridge project. His PowerPoint presentation (included in the meeting record) included information on:

- Adopted project milestones and schedule
- Decision structure format
- Community Task Force view points
- Policy Advisory Group
- Project purpose, need, criteria and alternatives
- Key findings on the alignment and cross sections
- Next Steps

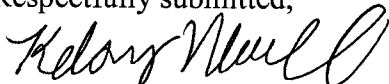
Project next steps include a Citizen Task Force alternatives recommendation and a Project Advisory Group alternative adoption anticipated for September 17th and October 1st respectively. Mr. Eaton encouraged members to take the on-line bridge survey at sellwoodbridge.org.

Committee discussion and clarifications included estimated project costs, number and transition of traffic lanes across the bridge, pedestrian access on the west side and the project decision process.

6. ADJOURN

As there was no further business, Mr. Brandman adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell,
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR AUGUST 31, 2007

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
2.	Presentation	8/31/07	Wheels to Wealth PowerPoint Presentation	083107t-01
2.	Memorandum	8/31/07	To: TPAC From: Phil Selinger RE: TriMet Comments on "Wheels to Wealth"	083107t-02
5.1	Memorandum	8/31/07	To: TPAC From: Anthony Butzek RE: Cost Estimate Submittal Status	083107t-03
5.1	Memorandum	8/31/07	To: TPAC From: Kim Ellis RE: 2035 RTP System Analysis – Round 1 Preliminary Results	083107t-04
5.1	Memorandum	8/31/07	To: TPAC From: Kim Ellis RE: 2035 RTP Investment Pool – V. 3	083107t-05
5.2	Presentation	8/31/07	Sellwood Bridge Presentation	083107t-06