



METRO

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

September 13, 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
Lynn Peterson
Ted Wheeler
Jason Tell
Paul Thalhofer
James Bernard
Don Wagner
Royce Pollard

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
Metro Council
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City of Portland
City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington Co.
TriMet
Clackamas County
Multnomah County
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT - Region 1)
City of Troutdale, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
City of Milwaukie, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
Washington DOT
City of Vancouver

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Dick Pedersen
Roy Rogers
Steve Stuart
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

DEQ
Washington County
Clark County
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Dean Lookingbill
Susie Lahsene

AFFILIATION

SW Regional Transportation Council
Port of Portland

GUESTS PRESENT

Ed Abrahamson
Jack Burkham
Roland Chlapowski
Jef Dalin
Aaron Deas
Phillip Ditzler
Marianne Fitzgerald
Elissa Gertler
Mara Gross

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County
Washington DOT
City of Portland
City of Cornelius
TriMet
FHWA
DEQ
Clackamas County
Coalition for a Livable Future

Kathryn Harrington	Metro Council
Phil Healy	Port of Portland
Mark Landauer	City of Portland
Tom Markgraf	Columbia River Crossing
Dennis Mulvihill	Washington County
Lawrence O'Dell	Washington County
Ron Papsdorf	City of Gresham
Deborah Redman	HDR
Dylan Rivera	The Oregonian
Thayer Rorabaugh	City of Vancouver
Karl Roude	Bicycle Transportation Alliance
Paul Smith	City of Portland
Rian Windsheimer	ODOT

STAFF

Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Pat Emmerson, Robin McArthur, John Mermin, Kelsey Newell

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rex Burkholder declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Burkholder welcomed Mr. Phil Drisler, the new Federal Highway Administrator for Oregon and new Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Burkholder encouraged committee members to attend Rail~Volution in Miami Beach, Florida on October 31st. He distributed a conference brochure to attendees. (Brochure included as part of the meeting record.)

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of the JPACT minutes for August 9, 2007

MOTION: Mayor Rob Drake moved, Commissioner Lynn Peterson seconded, to approve the August 9, 2007 minutes. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 **JPACT Bylaws - Approve proceeding with 30-day notice to members**

Mr. Andy Cotugno appeared before the committee and directed their attention to a memorandum addressing the JPACT Bylaws updated proposal (included as part of the meeting record). The Bylaws' amendments, detailed in Mr. Cotugno's memorandum, highlight proposed membership changes that address the representation of cities and transit districts on JPACT.

MOTION: Mayor Drake moved, Mayor Paul Thalhoffer seconded, to adopt the staff report and to direct staff to initiate the 30-day notice to members in writing and to draft a resolution to consider at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Brian Newman (assisted by Mr. Cotugno) requested that the asterisk in Table 1 regarding Metro votes should be amended to read, "If the Chair is a Metro Councilor, the Metro Council's third vote applies when the Chair votes in the case of a tie," in order to correctly reflect that the JPACT Chair is not required to be a Metro Councilor.

The committee discussed Area Commissions on Transportation (ACT) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO), the distinction between the two and whether JPACT should become an ACT. Some committee members felt that the motion/discussion should be voted upon after completion of ODOT's research on best practices. Additional conversation included structure comparisons to other Metro committees including the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), business representation on JPACT and sub-committee members.

ACTION: The committee was split with 6 members (Jim Bernard, Rob Drake, Lynn Peterson, Paul Thalhoffer, Ted Wheeler and Rod Park) in favor and 6 members (Fred Hansen, Brian Newman, Sam Adams, Don Wagner, Susie Lahsene and Royce Pollard) opposed; Chair Burkholder broke the tie, voting in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

7. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 **RTP Update**

Public Comment Period

Mr. Cotugno briefly addressed the RTP process for developing a financially constrained project list. Committee members will be asked to discuss a draft of the proposed list to open the public comment period at the Joint JPACT/MPAC meeting scheduled for October 10th. On October 15th, a 30-day public comment period will commence, followed by a final adoption of an updated plan and financially constrained project list by JPACT on December 13th. Additionally, projects may be added as part of the state component in 2008, but a financial strategy will need to be developed to fund the additional investments.

RTP Round 1 System Analysis - Preliminary Results

Ms. Kim Ellis appeared before the committee and gave a presentation on the draft RTP investment pool and preliminary results from the round 1 system analysis. Her presentation (included as part of the meeting record) included information on:

- The project timeline
- Regional investments
- 2040 program areas
- Project costs by mode
- Model inputs
- Key round 1 elements
- Preliminary findings
- Transit ridership
- Extent of congestion

Project next steps include the October 10th Joint MPAC/JPACT meeting and a public comment period from October 15th to November 15th.

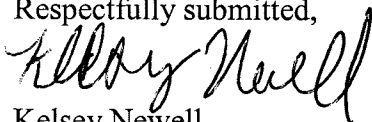
Committee conversation included freight movement, the cost of congestion study and the livability index.

8. ADJOURN

Chair Burkholder recognized Councilor Brian Newman for his service on JPACT. Members are invited to a reception in honor of Councilor Newman on October 27th directly following the Metro Council meeting.

In addition, Chair Burkholder reminded members that the Oregon MPO Summit is scheduled for October 12th -13th.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
4.	Brochure	2007	Rail~Volution Conference Brochure	091307j-01
7.1	Presentation	N/A	RTP Update - Draft RTP Investment Pool and Round 1 System Analysis by Kim Ellis	091307j-02
8.	Flyer	N/A	Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPOC) Summit	091307j-03