



**METRO**

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE**

September 28, 2007  
Metro Regional Center

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**AFFILIATION**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

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

**AFFILIATION**

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

**ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Andy Back  
Lynda David  
Robin McCaffrey  
Ed Pickering  
Elaine Smith

**AFFILIATION**

Washington County  
SW Washington RTC  
Port of Portland  
C-Tran  
ODOT

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Jamie Armstrong

**AFFILIATION**

Public

Michael Bowers	City of Wilsonville
Tom Brennan	Nelson/Nygaard
John Cullerton	URS Corp.
Jonathan David	City of Gresham
Kate Dreyfus	City of Gresham
Evan Dust	HDR
Steve Mattheus	EPG
Margaret Middleton	City of Beaverton
Lawrence O'Dell	Washington County
Derek Robbins	City of Forest Grove
Patrick Sweeney	City of Portland
David Zigel	URS Corp.

### **STAFF**

Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Tom Kloster, Jon Makler, John Mermin, Amy Rose, Caleb Winter, Josh Naramore, Kelsey Newell

### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

Chair Andy Cotugno declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

### **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

TPAC member Sreya Sarkar referred to a memorandum addressing Cascade Policy Institute's response to TriMet's comments on the Wheels to Wealth presentation. (Document included as part of the meeting record.) Ms. Sarkar was concerned that TriMet's JARC committee may not be the appropriate group to address Cascade's pilot proposal. She cited the committee's structure consisting of grant recipients and current workload as potential issues.

Chair Cotugno stated that the official 30-day notice for the proposed JPACT Bylaw amendments has been distributed to JPACT members for action at their November meeting. If JPACT adopts the amendments, TPAC will have an opportunity to readdress their Bylaws as well.

### **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Approval of TPAC Minutes for August 31, 2007**

#### **Air Quality Consultation for Transit Bus Emissions Project**

In order to move forward with the Transit Bus Diesel Emissions project, the air quality consultation must be accelerated from next year's TIP to the current year TIP.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Paul Smith moved, Mr. Frank Angelo seconded, to approve consent agenda. The motion passed.

#### **4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Future agenda items were not discussed.

#### **5. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **5.1 Resolution No. 07-3864, For the Purpose of Amending the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement program (MTIP) to add \$145,109 to the Cleveland Avenue (Gresham) Project**

Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro appeared before the committee and briefly addressed the City of Gresham's request for an MTIP amendment (handout included in the meeting record). The City completed the Division Street Boulevard Project under budget and requested that the remaining \$145,109 funds be reallocate to the SE Cleveland Project.

In general, an agency may request a transfer of regional flexible funding authority to another approved project as an administrative action. However, in this case, the Division Street project had closed prior to Gresham identifying the remaining funds. Without this approval, remaining fund authority after project closure reverts to the regional flex fund balance for reallocation to other projects.

Additional committee discussion included information on local match and project design elements.

MOTION: Mr. John Reinhold moved, Ms. Robin McCaffrey seconded, to approve Resolution No. 07-3864.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **6.1 Steering Committee Recommendation for Alternatives to Advance into a DEIS in the Lake Oswego to Portland Corridor**

Mr. Ross Roberts of Metro appeared before the committee and provided a briefing on the Steering Committee recommendation for the Lake Oswego to Portland Transit and Trail Alternative Analysis project. He overviewed the transit mode, alignment and termini options that were recommended to move forward into the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). In addition, Mr. Roberts highlighted the recommendation's compatibility with the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) New Starts funding and sequencing plans. (Handouts included as part of the meeting record.)

Although a locally preferred alternative (LPA) decision will not be reached until the conclusion of the DEIS process, local jurisdictions are indicating their support for the project and the

Steering Committee recommendation for alternatives to advance into the DEIS. The Metro Council will address the project as an informational item in mid November.

The committee discussed trail financing, legal feasibility and its comparisons to transit ridership and demographics. Mr. Scott Bricker emphasized the public's support for the trail and reiterated a need for commitment to move the trail alternative forward into the EIS process.

Mr. Paul Smith indicated that the City of Portland is developing additional information on the Willamette Shoreline, Johns Landing Master Plan and Macadam alignments.

Additional committee discussion included economic development (tourism) and the DEIS funding sources.

## **6.2 2035 RTP (Federal Component)**

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro appeared before the committee and provided an update on the 2035 RTP local and regional investment priorities, recommended agency review focus and the policy issues and choices for the federal and state components. (Handouts included as part of the meeting record.) Highlighted next steps include the commencement of the public comment period on October 15<sup>th</sup> and a November 19<sup>th</sup> workshop to address public and agency comments on the draft plan. Final JPACT and Metro Council action on the draft 2035 RTP federal component is set for December 13<sup>th</sup>.

### *Discussion*

Staff asked committee members for feedback on the policy questions that would be used to facilitate discussion on the priorities and funding investments for the federal and state 2035 RTP at the Joint MPAC/JPACT meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Committee members (Windshimer, Back, Bricker and Smith) were concerned that the purposed questions were answered during the development of the financially constrained list and that it would be more appropriate to provide MPAC/JPACT an explanation of TPAC's methodology. It was felt that there was not sufficient quantitative or qualitative data to make specific decisions on projects at this time.

Additionally, committee members requested that the presentation clearly emphasize that the constrained list was a collaborative process developed in response to the policy committee's exercises. It was recommended that the process be outlined, stating that no new analytical data has been collected to date, but that it would be available shortly.

Some members highlighted the congestion management and performance evaluation (as it pertains to the state component) as high priority and the sole topic to be addressed at the joint meeting.

Additional committee discussion included the importance of maintaining wording consistency throughout the memorandum to MPAC and JPACT (e.g. "sufficient attention" verses "aggressive approach") and financial planning.

### 6.3 Primary Transit Network

Mr. Patrick Sweeney of the City of Portland appeared before the committee and gave a presentation on the City's Primary Transit Network (PTN). His presentation (included in the meeting record) included information on:

- Portland PTN project goals
- PTN corridors
- Process Summary
- Policy framework
- Transit Oriented Index (TOI) analysis
- Land-use anchors
- Draft map of the City's PTN

The PTN will be released to the public as part of the streetcar "kick-off" meetings scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Phil Selinger encouraged other jurisdictions to consider applying a similar framework to their regions. He noted TriMet's please with the strong correlation between the City's PTN and TriMet's frequent bus service.

Chair Cotugno observed that the 2040 Growth Concept has a designation entitled "Corridors" and that this framework would provide a good fundamental step for incorporating land-use and transit into future discussions.

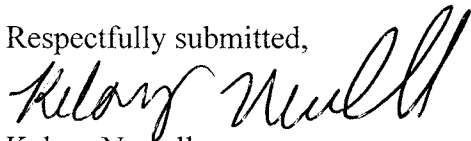
Mr. John Reinhold requested that the Eastside streetcar solid line be changed to a dashed line to correctly reflect a "Planned High Capacity Transit" verses established streetcar line on the PTN map.

Additional committee discussion included transit origins and destinations, northwest Portland transit needs, the map title and purpose, and the collaboration between the City's PTN and Metro's regional High Capacity Transit (HCT) plan.

### 7. ADJOURN

As there was no further business, Chair Cotugno adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell  
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2007

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
6.1	Map	N/A	Lake Oswego to Portland Steering Committee Recommendation	092807t-01
6.1	Chart	N/A	Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts Sequencing Example	092807t-02
6.1	Chart	N/A	Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts Funding Example	092807t-03
6.2	Memorandum	9/28/07	To: TPAC From: Kim Ellis RE: Federal Component of 2035 RTP – Recommended Focus for Agency Review	092807t-04
6.2	Memorandum	9/28/07	To: TPAC From: Deena Platman RE: Framework for Evaluating Performance on Regional Mobility Corridors	092807t-05
6.2	Memorandum	9/29/07	To: TPAC From: Kim Ellis RE: 2035 RTP Update – Draft Local/Regional Investment Priorities	092807t-06
6.3	Presentation	9/28/07	City of Portland Primary Transit Network (PTN)	092807t-07