



METRO

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

October 11, 2007

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rod Park, Vice Chair
Sam Adams
James Bernard
Rob Drake
Robert Liberty
Dick Pedersen
Lynn Peterson
Roy Rogers
Jason Tell
Paul Thalhofer
Don Wagner
Ted Wheeler

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Rex Burkholder, Chair
Fred Hansen
Royce Pollard
Bill Wyatt
Steve Stuart

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
TriMet
City of Vancouver
Port of Portland
Clark County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Susie Lahsene
Neil McFarlane

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland
TriMet

GUESTS PRESENT

Jayne Armstrong
Edward Barnes
David Bragdon
Olivia Clark
Marianne Fitzgerald
Elissa Gertler
Donna Jordan
Nancy Kraushaar
Mark Landauer

AFFILIATION

Public
Washington DOT Commission
Metro Council
TriMet
DEQ
Clackamas County
City of Lake Oswego
City of Oregon City
City of Portland

Sarah Masterson	Office of Congressman Earl Blumenauer
Sharon Nasset	Economic Transportation Alliance
Lawrence O'Dell	Washington County
Ron Papsdorf	City of Gresham
Karl Roude	Bicycle Transportation Alliance
Karen Schilling	Multnomah County
Phil Selinger	TriMet
Paul Smith	City of Portland
Rian Windsheimer	ODOT
Jim Wright	City of Damascus

STAFF

Andy Cotugno, Ted Leybold, Kim Ellis, Tom Kloster, Richard Brandman, Ross Roberts, Kelsey Newell

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Rod Park declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Sharon Nasset, 1113 N. Baldwin, Portland, OR 97217: Ms. Nasset addressed the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and emphasized the importance of including the public in the discussion. She encouraged committee members to address the process now versus in January and focus on delivering honest, fair and accurate information.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Results of OTC Discussion on 08-11 STIP

Mr. Jason Tell of ODOT briefly updated the committee on the Oregon Transportation Commission's (OTC) recent meetings and workshop focused on rebalancing the 2008-2011 STIP. Reductions to the STIP (approximately \$70 million) will be necessary. Mr. Tell cited increased gas prices as the primary reason for the reduction. The Commission is scheduled to take action on the draft 2008-11 STIP in November.

Transportation Speaker Series

Councilor Robert Liberty briefly referred to a memorandum regarding potential presenters for the 2007-08 transportation speaker series. (Memorandum included in the meeting record.) Staff anticipated 3-5 speakers would be funded.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of the JPACT minutes for September 13, 2007

MOTION: Mayor Jim Bernard moved, Mayor Rob Drake seconded, to approve the September 13, 2007 minutes. With all in favor, the motion passed.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Resolution No. 07-3864, For the Purpose of Amending the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Add \$145,109 to the SE 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. The City completed the Division Street Boulevard project under budget and requested that the remaining funds be reallocated to the SE Cleveland project. He stated that the language regarding the specific amount of \$145,109 be stricken from the resolution, as the remaining balance is less than originally anticipated.

MOTION: Ms. Susie Lahsene moved, Commissioner Lynn Peterson seconded to approve Resolution No. 07-3864. With all in favor, the motion passed.

7. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 JPACT Bylaws Amendment – Next Steps

Mr. Andy Cotugno gave a brief update on the JPACT Bylaw amendments. JPACT is scheduled to take action on the proposed amendments in November.

Commissioner Roy Rogers stated that the committee composition was designed for a specific purpose and additional discussion and review of the Bylaws is necessary. He requested that one to two agency representatives be added to the JPACT Subcommittee.

MOTION: Commissioner Rogers moved, Mayor Paul Thalhoffer seconded to refer the proposed JPACT Bylaws back to the JPACT Subcommittee. With all in favor, the motion passed.

Mr. Cotugno stated that written notification withdrawing the 30-day notice would be distributed.

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

Mr. Ross Roberts and Mr. Richard Brandman, both of Metro, appeared before the committee and gave a presentation on the Steering Committee recommendation for the Lake Oswego to Portland Transit and Trail Alternative Analysis project. (Presentation and meeting materials included in meeting record.) The presentation included information on:

- Alternatives and Key Findings
 - No-Build
 - Bus Rapid Transit
 - Streetcar
- Financial Plan Overview
 - Funding Possibilities
 - New Starts Funding
- Public Comments and Outreach
 - Public Comment Summary
- Steering Committee Recommendations
 - Mode Recommendation
 - Alignment Recommendations
 - Terminus Recommendations
 - Minimum Operable Segment (MOS) Recommendations
 - Trail Recommendations

Highlighted next steps include coordination with Portland Department of Transportation (PDOT) on the design elements for the Johns Landing area, discussions regarding advancement of the trail component and the development of the finance plan for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

Committee discussion included the Willamette Shoreline right-of-way and deed restrictions, Metro's High Capacity Transit Plan (HCT), federal funding for Columbia River Crossing, coordination with the Sellwood Bridge project, development opportunities for Lake Oswego and Portland and the importance of regional transit balance. Washington and Clackamas County Commissioners expressed support for the project, but emphasized the importance of a connector between the two counties.

7.3 Debrief on Federal Financially Constrained RTP

Vice Chair Park opened the floor for committee discussion on the draft 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) scheduled for public review October 15th - November 15th.

Mr. Jason Tell was concerned that JPACT would not have an opportunity to review the provisional policy objectives prior to the document's distribution on October 15th. He emphasized the importance of understanding how the objectives would be used later in the decision process. Staff indicated that major parts and concepts of the policy framework have not been altered, but have been reorganized throughout the document to reflect agency comments. JPACT will have an opportunity to discuss the document in detail at their November 8th meeting.

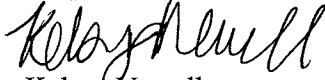
The committee supported the reorganization of the federal RTP project list by corridors verses jurisdictions. Mr. Tom Kloster of Metro referred to a memorandum (included as part of the meeting record) that discussed the evaluation process for the regional mobility corridors. An evaluation report will be available during the next phase of the RTP update in 2008 that rates

each corridor on its ability to meet the regional goals and objectives defined in the policy framework.

8. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Vice Chair Park adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR OCTOBER 11, 2007

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
4.	Memo	10/9/07	To: JPACT From: Robert Liberty RE: Invitation to Suggest Presenters for Our New Ideas in Transportation Speaker Series	101107j-01
7.2	Presentation	10/11/07	Lake Oswego to Portland Transit and Trail Study: JPACT Information Item	101107j-02