



METRO

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

November 8, 2007

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rex Burkholder, Chair
Rod Park, Vice Chair
James Bernard
Rob Drake
Fred Hansen
Robert Liberty
Lynn Peterson
Roy Rogers
Jason Tell
Paul Thalhofer
Ted Wheeler

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sam Adams
Dick Pedersen
Royce Pollard
Steve Stuart
Don Wagner
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
DEQ
City of Vancouver
Clark County
Washington DOT
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Susie Lahsene
Dean Lookingbill

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland
City of Vancouver

GUESTS PRESENT

Len Bergstein
Jack Burkman
Olivia Clark
Danielle Cowan
Jef Dalin
Marianne Fitzgerald
Elissa Gertler
Donna Jordan
Tom Markgraf

AFFILIATION

Northwest Strategies
Washington DOT
TriMet
City of Wilsonville
City of Cornelius
DEQ
Clackamas County
City of Lake Oswego
Columbia River Crossing

Sarah Masterson
Steffeni Mendoza Gray
Sharon Nasset
Dave Nordberg
Lawrence O'Dell
Ron Papsdorf
Karen Schilling
Phil Selinger
Paul Smith
Rian Windshimer

Office of Congressman Earl Blumenauer
City of Portland
Economic Transportation Alliance
DEQ
Washington County
City of Gresham
Multnomah County
TriMet
City of Portland
ODOT

STAFF

Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Joshua Naramore, Robin McArthur, Denna Platman, Kelsey Newell, Kathryn Sofich

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rex Burkholder declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Commissioner Lynn Peterson announced that the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners would increase to five members in 2008. Two new positions will be opened, one of which will be an elected chair position.

Mayor Jim Bernard announced that Milwaukie Councilor Carlotta Collette has been appointed to the Metro Council. Milwaukie anticipates Ms. Collette's position will be filled in December.

Mr. Dean Lookingbill stated that Commissioner Arch Miller of the Port of Vancouver was defeated in the elections.

Chair Burkholder reminded attendees of RTP Public Hearing scheduled for Thursday, November 8th at the Hillsboro City Chambers at 5:00 p.m.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of the MPAC/JPACT minutes for October 10, 2007 and the JPACT minutes for October 11, 2007

Resolution No. 07-3880, For the Purpose of Amending the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2006-09 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Include the Construction Phase of the Interstate 5: Wilsonville Road Interchange Project

MOTION: Mayor Jim Bernard moved, Commissioner Ted Wheeler seconded, to approve the consent agenda. With all in favor, the motion passed.

6. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Initiation of Federal Earmarking Priorities

Mr. Andy Cotugno briefly addressed the federal transportation appropriations requests for the 2009 fiscal year. JPACT will be asked endorse an appropriations list that includes no more than two project requests per jurisdiction. A draft resolution and final JPACT action is anticipated for January and February respectively. The appropriations request list will be presented on JPACT's trip to Washington, DC scheduled for March 5-6, 2008.

Staff will schedule a JPACT retreat prior to the DC trip to provide ample time to discuss the appropriations requests. Retreat details will follow.

Committee discussion included rail and bus replacement programs, endorsing earmarks that support the 2040 agenda and brief jurisdiction commentary on proposed appropriation requests.

6.2 First Reading of Resolution No. 07-3831A, For the Purpose of Approving the Federal Component of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

All public comments on the draft RTP must be submitted by November 15th. Comments received will be included in the RTP comment log with recommendation for amendments to Resolution No. 07-3831A. Staff will also prepare a public comment report.

Mr. Cotugno presented comments and policy issues recommended by TPAC for further discussion and direction by the committee. (Handouts included as part of the meeting record.) Items identified included:

- Regional Motor Vehicle Performance & Non-SOV Model Targets Measures
- Economic Emphasis of Goals and Objectives
- Value Pricing
- Regional Transportation System Definition

Performance Measures

No new performance measures have been developed to date; consequently, the October 15th draft RTP document does not include regional motor vehicle performance and/or non-SOV model targets measures. Staff (per TPAC) recommends that the 2004 RTP measures be included in the

document until a broader set of measures (e.g. on reliability, safety and environmental impact of the system) are developed during the state component of the RTP update.

Commissioner Roy Rogers submitted a letter on behalf of Washington County containing comments specifically addressing the document's lack of performance measures. (Letter included as part of the meeting record).

Commissioner Peterson supported staff's recommendation citing the measures' ability to help prioritize and compare projects within the financially constrained system. The committee supported this idea, but stressed the importance of developing a broader set of performance measures. In addition, members recommended that the new measures be easier for the general public to understand.

Economic Emphasis of Goals and Objectives

ODOT commented on Goal 9, Action 9.2.1, raising a concern that the October 15th draft replaced "economic competitiveness" with the term "overall well-being" as follows, "Place the highest priority on those investments that achieve multiple objectives and those investments that make the greatest contribution to the regions' ~~economic competitiveness~~ overall well-being." Staff felt that project prioritization should be based on a balance all of the goals, including but not exclusively economic competitiveness. Economic competitiveness is already addressed in Goal 2.

Many committee members did not believe that the term "well-being" accurately described the purpose of the RTP. Ms. Susie Lahsene (supported by other members) felt the RTP should focus on "achieving land use and economic strategy to sustain ourselves." Additional committee discussion included the level of detail needed within the RTP, project timeliness and meeting the federal SAFETEA requirements.

Value Pricing

Per ODOT's comment on Goal 4, Objective 4.3, staff changed the text to read, "~~Place a priority on investments that include~~ Consider a broader application of value pricing as a management tool for priority projects that add major new highway capacity." At this time, JPACT felt it was premature to adopt a conclusion on value pricing, but agreed that the tool should be considered with the development of new projects.

Mr. Jason Tell stated ODOT would submit alternative language on value pricing. He emphasized the importance of implementing policy objectives to help guide the process and engage the public in a positive manner.

Regional Transit System Definition

Mr. Cotugno referenced maps outlining the region's road, transit, freight and bicycle and pedestrian trail systems. Although the regional network is defined, project financial responsibility has not yet been determined.

The committee discussed the region's large amount of bridges (specifically Big Bridges such as interstate bridges and Willamette River bridges) and the cities and/or counties financially responsible for them. In general, members felt that regional system needed to be defined and that

communities need to develop financial partnerships to fund and/or maintain larger projects. In addition, the region's project priorities need to be established.

7. ADJOURN

The next TPAC workshop is scheduled for Monday, November 19th followed by a TPAC recommendation to JPACT on the draft plan on Friday, November 30th.

Seeing no further business, Chair Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2007

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
5.	Resolution	N/A	Resolution No. 07-3880	110807j-01
6.1	Memo	10/24/07	To: JPACT From: Andy Cotugno RE: FY '09 Appropriations Request	110807j-02
6.2	Memo	11/5/07	To: JPACT and Interested Parties From: Andy Cotugno RE: Public Review Draft 2035 RTP	110807j-03
6.2	Chart	11/7/07	Update to Attachment 2 – Consent Items for JPACT Consideration	110807j-04
6.2	Newsletter	Fall 2007	New Look Newsletter featuring the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan	110807j-05
6.2	Letter	11/7/07	To: Metro Councilors From: Washington County RE: Comments for RTP	110807j-06
	Memo	11/07/07	To: JPACT and Interested Parties From: Andy Cotugno RE: 2008 JPACT Schedule	110807j-07