



METRO

TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE

November 30, 2007
Metro Regional Center

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jack Burkman
Scott Bricker
Sorin Garber
Elissa Gertler
Dave Nordberg
Ron Papsdorf
John Reinhold
Phil Selinger
Karen Schilling
Paul Smith
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

WASDOT
Citizen
Citizen
Clackamas County
DEQ
City of Gresham
Citizen
TriMet
Multnomah County
City of Portland
ODOT

MEMBERS ABSENT

Frank Angelo
Bret Curtis
Greg DiLoreto
John Hoefs
Susie Lahsene
Dean Lookingbill
Nancy Kraushaar
Mike McKillip
Satvinder Sandhu
Sreya Sarkar

AFFILIATION

Citizen
Washington County
Citizen
C-TRAN
Port of Portland
SW Washington RTC
City of Oregon City/Cities of Clackamas County
City of Tualatin/Cities of Washington County
FHWA
Citizen

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Andy Back
Danielle Cowen
Lynda David
Michelle Eraut
Robin McCaffrey
Margaret Middleton

AFFILIATION

Washington County
City of Wilsonville/City of Clackamas County
SW Washington RTC
FHWA
Port of Portland
City of Beaverton/Cities of Washington County

GUESTS PRESENT

Kate Dreyfus
Evan Dust
Lawrence O'Dell
Lidwien Rahman
Derek Robins
Colin Roughton
Terry Whisler

AFFILIATION

City of Gresham
HDR
Washington County
ODOT
City of Forest Grove
CLF
City of Cornelius

STAFF

Robin McArthur, Kim Ellis, Tom Kloster, Josh Naramore, Pat Emmerson, John Mermin, Mark Turpel, Kelsey Newell

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Ms. Robin McArthur declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no citizen communication items.

Ms. McArthur thanked community representatives Frank Angelo and Greg DiLoreto for their service on TPAC.

3. APPROVAL OF TPAC MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2007

MOTION: Mr. Phil Selinger moved, Mr. Ron Papsdorf seconded, to approve the November 2, 2007 meeting minutes. With all in favor, the motion passed.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items were not discussed.

5. ACTION ITEMS

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

Resolution 07-3831A

Ms. Kim Ellis briefly overviewed the revisions to Resolution No. 07-3831A, highlighting changes to the resolution title and the incorporation of ODOT and Washington County's comments on the refinement phase of the state component.

MOTION: Mr. Paul Smith moved, Mr. Andy Back seconded, to approve Resolution No. 07-3831A.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor and one abstention (Rian Windsheimer) the motion passed.

Exhibit C to Resolution No. 07-3831A

Ms. Ellis referred to a memorandum containing supplemental comments to the October 15th 2035 draft RTP. Staff asked that the additional comments and staff recommendations be included as part of Exhibit C to Resolution No. 07-3831A.

Mr. Windsheimer distributed a handout with recommended corrections to the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) and Sunrise Projects listed on ODOT's financially constrained list. Clackamas County supported recommended changes to the Sunrise Project.

Mr. John Reinhold identified that #3 of ODOT's recommended changes should read "Amend project #10894 to reflect the addition of ~~\$15m~~ \$10m to the project and extend PE from 122nd to 172nd."

Mr. Sorin Garber recommended that language regarding peak oil be included as an outstanding issue to be addressed during the state component of the RTP. Members agreed that the issue was important and that the Metro Council Goal 6: Promote Environmental Stewardship should be included in the RTP.

MOTION: Mr. Back moved, Mr. Selinger seconded, to amend RTP Goal 6 to include a new potential action 6.4.3 to read, "Evaluated the effect of unstable energy sources and potential emerging energy sources on long-term travel behavior in the region; including the development of new analytical tools needed to complete this evaluation, and whether RTP policies are adequate to adapt to changing energy conditions."

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor the motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved, Mr. Reinhold seconded, to approve the consent items with ODOT's amendments and the additional supplemental comments outlined in Ms. Ellis' memorandum to JPACT.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor the motion passed.

Exhibit B to Resolution No. 07-3831A

Ms. Ellis reviewed the Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee's (MPAC) recommended changes to Exhibit B to Resolution No. 03-3831A. Ms. Ellis highlighted 6 categories with proposed changes:

Mr. Windsheimer will resubmit a letter outlining ODOT's concerns with language used in Potential Actions 9.2.1 of the Goals and Objectives section. He stated that priorities needed to be established as the RTP process moves forward to the state component.

The committee was divided in use of the MPAC term "promote" verses "consider" in Objective 4.3.1 of the Goals and Objectives category. Some members felt that MPAC's recommended language was too strong and that there is not enough information to directly state value pricing is a management tool.

MOTION: Mr. Garber moved, Mr. Reinhold seconded, to amend Objective 4.3.1 to read, "~~Promote~~ Consider a broader application of value pricing as a potential management tool."

ACTION TAKEN: With all members in favor and one opposed (Scott Bricker) the motion passed.

Committee members discussed the definition of the regional plan and financial responsibilities. Members agreed with Clackamas County's comments on the importance of a regional system definition, responsibilities and setting regional investment priorities. It was agreed that the RTP should clearly highlight that the document contains the current definition of the regional system, but note that further discussion on regional responsibility and priorities must be addressed during the state component. In addition, the committee recommended that language be included emphasizing the interconnectedness of the facilities.

Additional committee recommendations to Section 3.4.1:

- The addition of "station areas" under the City and County transportation facilities listed under #3.
- The phrase "city and county" be removed throughout the document.
- The phrase "as defined in this plan" be removed from the entire section.

MOTION: Mr. Elissa Gertler moved, Ms. Karen Schilling seconded, to approve the committee's recommendations for Section 3.4.1.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor the motion passed.

Staff recommended that "Place a priority on" be replaced with "Implement" in Section 1.1.1 – 4.2.1 in the Investment Priorities category.

The committee recommended to:

- Remove the term "modal" from section 2.3.1.
- Maintain consistency with the congestion management terminology, specifically in regards to the acronym CMP.

MOTION: Mr. Reinhold moved, Ms. McCaffrey seconded, to approve the committee's recommendations.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor the motion passed.

The committee agreed with the City of Gresham and MPAC amendments to 7.8.13: Emerging Communities under the New Urban Areas category. Members noted a spelling correction to "...brought into the UGB ~~since~~ since 1998..."

MOTION: Ms. Gertler moved, Ms. Schilling seconded, to approve the committee's recommendations for Section 7.8.13: Emerging Communities.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor the motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Papsdorf moved, Ms. Danielle Cowen seconded, to recommend adoption of the RTP to JPACT with the exhibits B and C as amended.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor and one abstention (Rian Windsheimer) the motion passed.

6. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 **Regional Transportation Program (RTP) Air Quality Conformity Analysis – Interagency Consultation**

Mr. Mark Turpel appeared before the committee and referred to a memorandum on the 2035 federal component of the RTP and air quality. Federal, regional and state agencies met on November 19th and reviewed the pre Air Quality Conformity Determination Plan. (Handouts included in the meeting record.) The November discussion focused on projects in which the 2035 RTP financially constrained system includes the purchase of right-of-way with federal funds, but does not include sufficient funds for the construction phase.

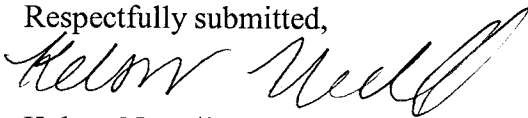
Mr. Windshimer submitted recommended refinements to the project specifications for the CRC component of the air quality modeling. Staff and members agreed to accept the ODOT recommendations and to revise the conformity plan to read "Modeling Assumptions for the Financially Constrained System" rather than the reference to the "Illustrative System Assumptions".

Dave Nordberg emphasized DEQ's requirement that once action is taken leading to a transportation project (including purchase of right-of-way), the project needs to be included in the air quality conformity analysis.

7. ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2007

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
5.1	Resolution	Nov. 2007	Res. No. 07-3831A	113007t-01
5.1	Memo	11/2/07	To: TPAC and Interested Parties From: Kim Ellis RE: Supplemental Comments on Oct. 15 th Draft 2035 RTP	113007t-02
5.1	Chart	Nov. 2007	Updated Exhibit B to Res. No. 07-3831A	113007t-03
5.1	Chart	11/30/07	ODOT's Recommended Refinements to their financially constrained project list	113007t-04
5.1	Word Handout	N/A	Goal 6: Promote Environmental Stewardship	113007t-05
6.1	Word Handout	N/A	ODOT's recommended changes to the Air Quality Conformity Determination Plan	113007t-06