



**METRO**

**Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation**

**MINUTES**

December 13, 2007

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rex Burkholder, Chair  
Rod Park, Vice Chair  
Sam Adams  
James Bernard  
Rob Drake  
Fred Hansen  
Robert Liberty  
Lynn Peterson  
Jason Tell  
Paul Thalhofer  
Ted Wheeler  
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Dick Pedersen  
Royce Pollard  
Roy Rogers  
Steve Stuart  
Don Wagner

AFFILIATION

DEQ  
City of Vancouver  
Washington County  
Clark County  
Washington DOT

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Nina DeConcini  
Doug Ficco

AFFILIATION

DEQ  
Washington DOT

GUESTS PRESENT

Jesse Cornett  
Danielle Cowan  
Jef Dalin  
Doug Ficco  
Elissa Gertler  
Kathryn Harrington  
Donna Jordan  
Susie Lahsene  
Tom Markgraf

AFFILIATION

PSU  
City of Wilsonville  
City of Cornelius  
Washington DOT  
Clackamas County  
Metro Council  
City of Lake Oswego  
Port of Portland  
Columbia River Crossing

Sarah Masterson	Office of Congressman Earl Blumenauer
Sharon Nassett	ETA
Dave Nordberg	DEQ
Lawrence O'Dell	Washington County
John Osborn	CRC
Ron Papsdorf	City of Gresham
Karen Schilling	Multnomah County
Phil Selinger	TriMet
Paul Smith	City of Portland
Randy Tucker	Metro

#### STAFF

Kim Ellis, Joshua Naramore, Robin McArthur, Tom Kloster, Kelsey Newell

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rex Burkholder declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

#### 2. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

#### 3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Sharon Nassett: Ms. Nassett encouraged committee members to closely review the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) estimated budget and itemized costs for park and ride facilities, bridge repair, housing and business displacement and so on.

#### 4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were none.

#### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

#### **Consideration of the JPACT minutes for November 8, 2007**

MOTION: Councilor Rod Park moved, Mayor Jim Bernard seconded, to approve the November 8, 2007 meeting minutes. With all in favor, the motion passed.

#### 6. ACTION ITEMS

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

Ms. Kim Ellis appeared before the committee and presented Resolution No. 07-3831A and Exhibits A, B and C. She highlighted additions to the resolution that focused on performance

measures, compliance with state planning requirements, developing a financial strategy and prioritizing broader investments. Additionally, Ms. Ellis emphasized that the document will be subject to refinements based on the additional analysis of the state component. Next steps include the air quality conformity analysis. Committee members will be asked to take final action on the air quality conformity and 2035 RTP by electronic ballot in February.

### ***Exhibit B***

Ms. Ellis presented TPAC's recommendations to JPACT for Exhibit B on value pricing and the regional transportation system.

#### ***VALUE PRICING***

TPAC disagreed with Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee's (MPAC) recommended language for Objective 4.3 on Value Pricing. The committee recommended to JPACT that the language be revised to read, "~~Consider~~ Promote a broader application of value pricing as a potential management tool." TPAC felt that with ODOT currently studying tolling, a conclusion has not yet been reached on how or where value pricing should be applied. TPAC agreed that value pricing could potentially be an important management tool in the future.

Mayor Rob Drake supported MPAC's recommended language and felt that the public should help fund projects. Mayor Drake did not feel that the term "consider" provided the aggressive language needed in the RTP.

Mr. Jason Tell clarified the definition of value pricing and emphasized the need to publicize and educate the public on this funding issue. ODOT offered to present information from their value pricing plan.

Commissioner Wheeler stated that the RTP is a planning document and that it is the elected officials' responsibilities to promote the ideas within it. He recommended the following language:

MOTION: Commissioner Ted Wheeler moved, Mayor Drake seconded, to amend TPAC's recommended language on value pricing to read, "Consider and selectively promote as appropriate a broader application of value pricing as a potential management tool."

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor the motion passed.

#### ***REGIONAL SYSTEM***

TPAC highlighted the importance of defining the regional system and recognize that funding sources and responsibilities and regional priorities need to be established.

The committee had no comments on TPAC's recommendation.

### ***Exhibit C***

Mr. Fred Hansen submitted a memorandum regarding proposed amendments to Exhibit C on senior and accessible housing. (Handout included in the meeting record.)

Councilor Robert Liberty emphasized the need to standardize measures to help compare the projects.

MOTION: Mr. Hansen moved, Commissioner Lynn Peterson seconded, to amend Exhibit C of Resolution No. 07-3831A to include TriMet's recommended changes.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor the motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Hansen moved, Mayor Drake seconded, approve the federal component of the 2035 RTP.

Discussion:

Mr. Tell stated that the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) would review and provide comments on the RTP when completed. He identified four topics for further discussion by the OTC: economic competitiveness, process, congestion and tolling.

Commissioner Peterson stated that the federal component of the RTP is a great start for the state component; however, she emphasized the need to implement and evaluate the regional vision. She was concerned that the discussion of project implementation had been lost between JPACT and Metro. Commissioner Peterson emphasized that Metro should facilitate the project implementation discussion and that agency and jurisdictional representatives on JPACT should work together on moving regional projects forward. She stated that as JPACT moves forward with the state RTP, so should a parallel discussion on a financial strategy.

Mayor Bernard and Commissioner Wheeler reiterated Commissioner Peterson's statement emphasizing the public's fading interest in the projects and the need for action. Metro should act as the facilitator and lead agency on moving the region forward in the overall vision of the regional transportation plan.

The majority of committee members supported Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties' comments and highlighted the importance of establishing regional funding priorities and exploring additional funding and revenue sources. Members emphasized the committee and Metro needed to take a bolder approach in decision-making.

Councilor Robert Liberty said he would be glad to support the RTP because of the good policies in it but he did not want his vote in support to be constrained as endorsement of all of the projects.

Additional discussion included performance measures and outcomes, complete regional systems and how to compare projects.

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

## 7. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 7.1 **CRC Results**

Mr. John Osborn of CRC appeared before the committee and provided an update on the CRC project. (Presentation and binder included in the meeting record.) The presentation included information on the project background, process, alternatives and results:

- Project Background
  - Including major milestones, locally preferred alternative (LPA) choices, project schedule
- Bridge and Highway
  - Replacement and supplemental bridge renderings
- Traffic
  - Key Findings and comparisons
- Transit
  - Transit mode key findings and annual river crossings
- Community Livability
- Public Involvement
- Cost Evaluation
  - Risk assessment results

Councilor Liberty did not support the CRC project stating that if selected the project would severely limit available funds for other projects.

Mr. Tell stated that the federal government has identified the project of national significance. Consequently, the project as received additional funding sources beyond local earmarks. Several federal funding accounts exist for projects such as this. A similar approach is currently being discussed for the state level.

## 8. ADJOURN

Chair Burkholder distributed a draft version of Resolution No. 08-3891. Committee members will discuss and take action on the 2009 federal appropriations request at the January and February meetings respectively.

Seeing no further business, Chair Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell  
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR DECEMBER 13, 2007

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

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>6.1</b>	Memo	12/13/07	To: JPACT From: Fred Hansen, TriMet RE: Proposed Amendment to Exhibit C to Resolution No. 07-3831A	121307j-01
<b>7.1</b>	Binder	12/13/07	CRC Binder and PowerPoint Presentation	121307j-02
<b>8.0</b>	Resolution	N/A	Resolution No. 08-3891, exhibit A and staff report	121307j-03
<b>6.2</b>	Newsletter	Fall 2007	OTREC Fall Newsletter	121307j-05