

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

November 28, 2007 – 5:00 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

Committee Members Present: Bob Austin, Dave Fuller, Judie Hammerstad, Richard Kidd, Charlotte Lehan, Tom Potter, Michelle Poyourow, Sandra Ramaker, Paul Savas, Martha Schrader, Bob Sherwin

Committee Members Absent: Ken Allen, Rob Drake, Richard Burke, Jeff Cogen, Andy Duyck, Margaret Kirkpatrick, Erik Sten, Steve Stuart

Alternates Present: Clark Balfour, Aron Carleson, Shirley Craddick, Ed Gronke, Laura Hudson, Dresden Skees-Gregory, Trent Tidwell

Also Present: Bill Bash, City of Cornelius; Hal Bergsma, City of Beaverton; Bob Clay, City of Portland; Danielle Cowan, City of Wilsonville; Markley Drake, City of Portland; Doug McClain, Clackamas County; Steffeni Mendoza Gray, City of Portland; Ron Papsdorf, City of Gresham; Derrick Tokos, Multnomah County; Veronica Valenzuela, City of Portland; Alonzo Wertz, TriMet

Metro Elected Officials Present: Liaisons – Carl Hosticka, Council District 3; Robert Liberty, Council District 6 others (in audience): Carlotta Collette, Council District 2; Council President David Bragdon; Rod Park, Council District 1

Metro Staff Present: Dick Benner, Dan Cooper, Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Tom Kloster

1. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Dave Fuller, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Chair Fuller asked those present to introduce themselves.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

The meeting summary for November 14, 2007

Motion:	Richard Kidd, City of Forest Grove, with a second from Councilor Aron Carelson, City of Hillsboro, moved to adopt the consent agenda without revision.
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Vote:	The motion passed unanimously.
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4. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Carl Hosticka made some brief announcements and reviewed the recent and upcoming business of the Metro Council.

6. REGIONAL HOUSING CHOICE REVOLVING FUND

Councilor Liberty gave an overview of the Housing Choice Task Force work that had been done and reviewed the material included in the meeting packet. He said that the goal for creating the Regional Housing Choice Revolving Fund was to provide key money for either site acquisition or development at very low interest. Development supported by the fund would trigger other investment. The goal was to set up a revolving loan fund of \$10-20 million dollars with monies from governments, foundations, and banks. He explained the details of how the fund would work. He said that in September the Metro Council voted to set aside \$1 million dollars in seed money, the allocation was contingent on meeting the conditions for establishment of the fund. He reviewed the conditions for establishing the fund. Councilor Liberty emphasized that this would be a funding source that local governments could utilize. He asked the members if they would be willing to consider an ordinance confirming that this was a project of regional significance. He also asked them to consider this topic for MPAC support at the legislative supplemental session that was scheduled for February.

Councilor Shirley Craddick, City of Gresham, said that some non-profits approached charitable foundations for funding. If the same charitable foundations contributed to this fund, what would be the possibility that they would still allow these non-profits to apply independently for additional funds?

Councilor Liberty said that in the course of developing this project they had been very careful not to raid other existing funding sources. He said they were not looking at using existing supplies so the foundations under consideration were national foundations that wanted something of a larger scale. He said that their hope was that the non-profit housing providers would actually be applicants to the fund.

Ed Gronke, Clackamas County Citizen Representative, complimented the Metro Council for their innovative and practical approach to this issue which the region had been wrestling with for years. He asked for a rough estimate of contributions to the fund to date.

Councilor Liberty said that Metro was the first to put money on the table, which was important. He said that they had strong expressions of support from the state – the Oregon Housing Community Services department. The state needed additional money so that they were not taking away from existing programs. He mentioned Commissioner Sten, City of Portland, who would need to talk with his colleagues, but was thinking of a commitment of a million dollars. He said, given the barely two months since the initial financial commitment from Metro, it seemed that they were moving along quickly. He told the committee that they would like to come back to MPAC with an ordinance and description of the work in order to get agreement and support from MPAC, and that he would keep them apprised of what was happening with this issue.

Chair Fuller asked for a straw vote to have the issue come back for updates and an ordinance. A show of hands demonstrated that none were opposed. Chair Fuller then welcomed new members Bob Austin, City of Clackamas County Outside the UGB, and Michelle Poyourow, Multnomah County Citizen Representative, to the MPAC committee.

5. NEW LOOK – DRAFT 2035 RTP FEDERAL COMPONENT

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, reviewed the amendments that were proposed at the previous MPAC meeting and some friendly amendments pertaining to the Federal Component of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update as recommended by MTAC on November 21. He also highlighted other amendments suggested by the Metro Council at their November 27 work session. He said they would be asked to vote on approval of Resolution 07-3831A. The committee recommendation would be forwarded to JPACT and the Metro Council for consideration.

Councilor Craddick said the City of Gresham had an alternative to the proposed language for Discussion Item #6 in Exhibit "B" and she distributed a copy of that proposed language. A copy of the proposed language handout will be included in the permanent record.

There was discussion about the text submitted to the committee.

Motion:	Mayor Richard Kidd, City of Forest Grove, with a second from Mayor Judie Hammerstad, moved to recommend adoption of Resolution 07-3831A to the Metro Council as presented to the MPAC members, including the amendments proposed at the previous MPAC meeting and recommended by MTAC, a friendly amendment suggested by the Metro Council, and adding Gresham's proposed language.
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Vote:	The motion passed with two abstentions from Mayor Potter and Michelle Poyourow.
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7. ORDINANCE 07-1165 AMENDING METRO CODE – LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY CHANGES

Richard Benner, Metro Attorney, reviewed the material in the packet for the MPAC members.

Councilor Craddick asked if the purpose of the ordinance was to improve efficiency. Was it just to take Metro out of the process and make it more efficient?

Mr. Benner said that it did not take Metro out of the process; it did eliminate the Metro Boundary Appeals Commission which was a part of the process. He said that Metro felt it was an extra step in the process that didn't really add value and they wanted to remove it from the procedure. He said that the other roles that Metro played remained in the statute and in the code.

There was discussion about the appeals process.

Mayor Judie Hammerstad, City of Lake Oswego, talked about the review task force that had eliminated the boundary commission. She said that they eliminated the commission because it made decisions for cities and counties that the cities and counties had no control over. Now, if a piece of property was annexed, it would go to the city council instead of the boundary commission. She said that local governments now had the authority to make annexation decisions, and Metro was the administrator of those boundary decisions, including the appeals process. She said she thought the process was a lot better with cities in control of those areas they think ought to be annexed. She said she would be in support of the ordinance in order to further streamline the process.

There being no further business, Chair Fuller adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Bardes
MPAC Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE RECORD FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2007

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

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
#5 New Look – Draft 2035 RTP Federal Component	11/28/07	Updated work sheet: Resolution No. 07-3813A (For the Purpose of Approving the Federal Component Transportation Plan (RTP) Update and Resolution, staff report, cover sheet of Public Comment Report, cover sheet of Public Review Draft – 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Federal Component, Exhibit B – 2035 Regional Transportation Plan – Federal Component Summary of Comments Received and Recommendations	112807-MPAC-01
#5 New Look	11/20/07	Exhibit C to Resolution No. 07-3831A – 2035 RTP Federal Component Summary of Comments Received and Recommendations	112807-MPAC-02
#5 New Look	November 2007	Proposed Revised Staff Recommendation for Discussion Item #6 – submitted by Shirley Craddick of the City of Gresham for member review	112807-MPAC-03