



METRO

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

January 10, 2008

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

AFFILIATION

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

Rod Park, Vice Chair
Sam Adams
Dick Pedersen
Royce Pollard
Steve Stuart
Don Wagner
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

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

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Nina DeConcini
Susie Lahsene
Dean Lookingbill

AFFILIATION

DEQ
Port of Portland
SW RTC

GUESTS PRESENT

Kenny Asher
Dan Bates
David Bragdon
Jack Burkman
Roland Chapowski
Olivia Clark
Danielle Cowan
Shirley Craddick

AFFILIATION

City of Milwaukie
City of Portland
Metro Council
WSDOT
City of Portland
TriMet
City of Wilsonville
Gresham City Council

Jef Dalin	City of Cornelius
Karmen Fore	Representative Peter DeFazio
Elissa Gertler	Clackamas County
Cam Gilmour	Clackamas County
Junius Goonawrdena	Sri Lankan State Railways, Ltd.
Kathryn Harrington	Metro Council
Donna Jordan	City of Lake Oswego
Nancy Kraushaar	City of Oregon City
Sarah Masterson	Office of Congressman Earl Blumenauer
Mary Moller	Representative of David Wu
Dave Nordberg	DEQ
Louis Ornelas	Citizen
Ron Papsdorf	City of Gresham
Philip Parker	WSDOT
Dennis Mulvihill	Washington County
Sharon Nassett	ETA
Karl Rohde	Bicycle Transportation Alliance
Karen Schilling	Multnomah County
Phil Selinger	TriMet
David Skillman	Office of Congressman Earl Blumenauer
Paul Smith	City of Portland
Daniel Whelan	Representative of Peter DeFazio

STAFF

Andy Cotugno, Robin McArthur, Richard Brandman, Kim Ellis, Crista Gardner, Pat Emmerson, Kelsey Newell

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rex Burkholder declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Burkholder introduced new committee member Nina DeConcini of DEQ. He also welcomed Commissioner Phillip Parker of the Washington State Transportation Commission and staff from Congressman Peter DeFazio's office as visitors.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Sharon Nassett: Ms. Nassett was concerned that the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project did not address the project's original purpose and need specially in regards to traffic congestion and road and freight needs. She encouraged the committee to review the original CRC purpose and compare it to the project outcomes.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Commissioner Lynn Peterson stated that staff met with all of the transit districts within Clackamas County. She stated that the districts were very appreciative and showed interest in integrating of their transit master plans into the RTP and having further discussion on corridors and commuting patterns within the region. In addition, the districts developed a potential TGM grant to create a rural transit master plan for Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties. Financial needs highlighted included bus replacement and assistance with the increasing transit needs of the elderly and disabled.

Commissioner Ted Wheeler briefly updated the committee on Multnomah County's proposed vehicle registration fee (VRF). The county is currently seeking intergovernmental agreements with partner agencies and surrounding jurisdictions to endorse a VRF on the upcoming ballot.

Chair Burkholder reminded members of the annual Washington, DC trip scheduled for March 5-6, 2008.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of the JPACT minutes for January 10, 2008

Resolution No. 08-3899, For the Purpose of Amending the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Include the US30B: 122nd to 141st Safety Project and the I-205: Willamette River Bridge Project

Councilor Robert Liberty requested that the minutes be amended to include, "Councilor Liberty said he would be glad to support the RTP because of the good policies in it but did not want his vote in support to be construed as endorsement of all of the projects" under the action item 6.1.

MOTION: With all in favor, the consent agenda was approved with the amended language to the December minutes. The motion passed.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 JPACT Bylaws Amendment – Authorization for 30-day written notice

Mr. Andy Cotugno briefly updated the committee on the proposed changes to the JPACT bylaws. (Handout include as part of the meeting record.) He stated that the majority of the proposed changes were minor, including updates to the boundary of the MPO, appointment procedures, references to the STIP and chair voting responsibilities. Other proposed changes included language clarifying the role of the Clackamas County and Cities of Clackamas County seats as representative of transit districts in Clackamas County and TriMet's role as regional transit representative and their obligation for coordination with SMART. A more substantial proposed addition was the addition of Article III (i), allowing the Metro Council to proposed

legislation for JPACT's consideration. Mr. Cotugno stated that the subcommittee decided not to include membership changes in the proposed amendments at this time.

Mr. Jason Tell recommended that the bylaws not be amended to include Article III.(i), citing further discussion would be necessary.

MOTION: Mr. Tell moved to remove item Article III.i from the proposed JPACT bylaw amendments and to direct staff to initiate the 30-day notice to members in writing.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, the motion passed.

7. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Resolution No. 08-3891, For the Purpose of Approving the Portland Regional Federal Transportation Priorities for Federal Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations

Mr. Cotugno briefly updated members on draft Resolution No. 08-3891. (Handout included in the meeting record.) The draft resolution proposed that the CRC project is the regions' top, but not exclusive, priority for highway related projects. Staff felt that establishing the project as a top priority, with national and regional significance, would help the project secure federal funds during the 2009 reauthorization. Next steps include adoption of the resolution by JPACT and the Metro Council on February 14th.

Mr. Cotugno noted that the Metro trails item should read \$3 million verses \$1.5 million as initially labeled in the draft resolution no. 08-3891.

Commissioner Roy Rogers reemphasized that the CRC project is of regional and national significance. He recommended that staff considered alternative language to the appropriations request list project title: "Regional Highway Earmark Priorities" rather than to refer to it as the region's priority.

Councilor Liberty felt it was premature to designate the CRC as a top priority, specifically prior to completing the project study. He emphasized the size of the project and funding constraints/limitations it would create for other projects.

Commissioner Peterson asked that the Willamette Locks be added to the non-transportation appropriations bill request list. Clackamas County is currently seeking a funding partnership between the Core of Engineers and Port of Portland to cover operating and maintenance costs for the Locks for the next 20 years. Funds received through the FY 09 appropriations request will be used for repairs identified during inspection.

7.2 Input on Reduction of FY 08-11 ODOT Modernization Program

Mr. Tell stated that in order to resolve a shortfall in modernization funds, the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) has directed that the modernization portion of the approved

2008-11 STIP be reduced by \$70 million. Of that total, ODOT Region 1 is expected to reduce their modernization allocations by \$26 million.

Mr. Tell stated that project readiness and leverage were the two reduction criteria for Region 1. Proposed projects for modernization fund reductions include (1) Highway 26 – Cornell to 185th, (2) I-5: Victory to Lombard Phase II, (3) US 26 Springwater intersection, (4) US 26/Glenco Road Reconstruction, and (5) US 26 Veneer Lane to Paha Loop.

Commissioner Rogers was concerned with the proposed cuts to Washington County's US 26-Cornell to 185th project. He emphasized the significant contribution the county has made to Region 1's local match over the years and the importance of creating equity and balance between funding contributions and cuts. The committee supported the county's comments and recommended that further research be completed on "fact finding". In addition, Chair Burkholder recommended that the committee continue this conversation at the JPACT retreat.

Additional committee discussion included alternative approaches and funding sources for safety improvements to US 26 and further discussions with the OTC regarding geographic equity.

7.3 DRAFT Agenda for February 1st JPACT Retreat

Mr. Cotugno briefly introduced and asked the committee for feedback on the draft agenda for the JPACT retreat scheduled for February 1st. The retreat will focus on three major topics: (1) local, state and regional funding measures and definition of funding packages, (2) preparation for the March Washington, DC trip and the 2009 reauthorization, and (3) the 2008 JPACT agenda. (All handouts included in the meeting record.)

Mr. Cotugno asked committee members to complete a transportation funding needs calendar with potential future local, state and regional legislative actions through 2011. The calendars will help initiate discussions on funding measures at the retreat.

The committee supported the draft agenda and staff's first steps in initiating funding conversation and collaboration between local agencies and jurisdictions. Additional conversation included discussion of project objectives and committee vision, jurisdictional and agency timeline and retreat start time. The committee agreed the retreat should be scheduled from 7:30 to 3:00 p.m.

7.4 Scoping High Capacity Transit (HCT) System Plan

Mr. Tony Mendoza appeared before the committee and provided a presentation on the Metro High Capacity Transit (HCT) System Plan. (Presentation included as part of the meeting record.) The presentation included information on:

- HCT Vision
- Metro Planning Process
- Federal Transit Administrative (FTA) Process
- Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Goals
- HCT Work Plan Considerations
- Resources (available through FTA, Metro, TriMet, City of Portland and LEED)

- Base Performance Measures

Information gathered by the study will be used to help define the transit system for the next 20-30 years and help establish investment and project priorities.

Ms. DeConcini inquired whether the VMT reduction would be analyzed as a way to measure peak-oil use.

Commissioner Peterson recommended that staff consider incorporating concept plans of cities inside and outside the urban growth boundary.

Mr. Dean Lookingbill stated that Clark County has also commenced their HCT plan and would like to coordinate with the Metro HCT.

Additional committee discussion included ODOT's statewide rail plan and low and high speed transit. Several comments were received regarding transit speed and capacity as performance measured. In addition, comments were received regarding analyzing the price of oil of fuel and how an HCT plan could be out in place to respond quickly to very high fuel costs.

8. **ADJOURN**

Seeing no further business, Chair Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR JANUARY 10, 2008

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
7.1	Memo	N/a	Resolution No. 08-3891, exhibit A and staff report. Updated Exhibit A	011008j-01
7.3	Agenda	N/A	Draft agenda for the JPACT Retreat scheduled for 2/1/08	011008j-02
7.3	Calendar	N/A	Transportation Funding Needs Calendars	011008j-03