



METRO

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

February 14, 2008
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rex Burkholder, Chair
Sam Adams
James Bernard
Rob Drake
Fred Hansen
Kathryn Harrington
Robert Liberty
Lynn Peterson
Roy Rogers
Jason Tell
Paul Thalhofer
Don Wagner
Ted Wheeler
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Dick Pedersen
Royce Pollard
Steve Stuart

AFFILIATION

DEQ
City of Vancouver
Clark County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Nina DeConcini
Dean Lookingbill

AFFILIATION

DEQ
SW RTC

GUESTS PRESENT

Kenny Asher
Dan Bates
Shame Bemis
Jack Burkman
Roland Chapowski
Olivia Clark
Danielle Cowan
Shirley Craddick
Jef Dalin

AFFILIATION

City of Milwaukie
City of Portland
City of Gresham
WSDOT
City of Portland
TriMet
Clackamas County
Gresham City Council
City of Cornelius

Jonathan David	City of Gresham
Elissa Gertler	Clackamas County
Kristin Hall	CH2M Hill
Kami Kemoe	Clackamas County
Richard Krikava	Office of Senator Gordon Smith
Susie Lahsene	Port of Portland
Tom Markgraf	CRC
Sarah Masterson	Office of Congressman Earl Blumenauer
Neil McFarlane	TriMet
Mary R. Moller	PSU
Dennis Mulvihill	Washington County
Sharon Nassett	ETA
Dave Nordberg	DEQ
Lawrence Odell	Washington County
Louis Ornelas	Citizen
Ron Papsdorf	City of Gresham
Phillip Parker	W.A.S.T Transportation Committee
Dylan Rivera	The Oregonian
Karl Rohde	Bicycle Transportation Alliance
Karen Schilling	Multnomah County
Phil Selinger	TriMet
Randy Shannon	City of Damascus
Paul Smith	City of Portland
Rian Windsheimer	ODOT

STAFF

Andy Cotugno, Ted Leybold, Josh Naramore, Kathryn Sofich, Caleb Winter, Randy Tucker, Richard Brandman, Mark Turpel, Kelsey Newell

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rex Burkholder declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Burkholder welcomed Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington to the committee.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Burkholder distributed an updated memorandum highlighting six deliverables addressed at the February 1st JPACT Retreat. With the committee's support, Chair Burkholder directed staff to develop work plans, roles, responsibilities and timelines for each deliverable. (All handouts included as part of the meeting record.)

Chair Burkholder also referred to an updated draft resolution regarding sustainability and climate change. He highlighted four differences between the resolution versions: 1) adoption of a standard definition of sustainability; 2) development of a regional climate action plan; 3) sharing operational and planning actions; and 4) Metro's internal efforts towards sustainability. The committee will discuss the resolution at their next regular meeting.

Commissioner Lynn Peterson proposed the development of a regional transportation authority subcommittee. The subcommittee, to be chaired by the three counties, would be charged with developing a long-term comprehensive governance and funding mechanism that would provide the region the opportunity to build and maintain infrastructure projects in the RTP. JPACT members supported the establishment of the subcommittee. Councilor Robert Liberty, Mr. Jason Tell and Mayor Paul Thalhoffer volunteered to be part of the subcommittee.

Councilor Liberty reminded members that Mr. Oliver Jones is scheduled to speak on February 25th at 7:30 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center as part of the Transportation Speaker Series. In addition, Chair Burkholder encouraged members to attend the infrastructure workshop scheduled for February 22nd at the Oregon Convention Center.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of the JPACT minutes for February 14, 2008

MOTION: Mayor Rob Drake moved to approve the consent agenda.

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

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Resolution No. 08-3901, For the Purpose of Amending the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) Bylaws

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.

MOTION: Mr. Fred Hansen moved, Mayor Drake seconded, to approve the JPACT Bylaw amendments.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor (Drake, Bernard, Thalhoffer, Lookingbill, Peterson, Liberty, Wheeler, Tell, DeConcini, Wyatt, Hansen, Rogers and Wagner), the motion passed with the required 2/3^{ds} minimum vote.

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

Mr. Cotugno reviewed the updates to Resolution No. 08-3891 appropriation request list. Highlighted changes included:

- South Corridor I-205/Portland Mall LRT Project: Request increased to \$81.6 M
- I-5/205 Interchange: Request increased to \$3 M
- I-5/Hwy 99W Connector: Request decreased to \$4.3 M
- Columbia River Channel Deepening: Request increased to \$36 M
- I-5/Hwy 99W Connector: Purpose updated to include PE, EIS and right-of-way
- NE Cully Blvd. Street Improvement: Source updated to include TCSP
- Eastside Burnside/Couch Couplet: Source updated to include TCSP
- Hwy 217 Beaverton Hwy to Allen Blvd. Interchange: request removed from the list

Commissioner Roy Rogers requested that the Highway 217 Beaverton Highway to Allen Boulevard project be reinstated on the appropriations request list.

MOTION: Mr. Hansen moved, Mayor Drake seconded, to approve Resolution No. 08-3891.

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Rogers moved, Mayor Drake seconded, to amend the appropriations request list to include the Highway 217 project.

Discussion on amendment: Mayor Drake emphasized the importance of the project to the east and west counties. He encouraged members to take ownership and stay committed to the roadway.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor and one opposed (Robert Liberty) the amendment passed.

Discussion on motion: Councilor Liberty expressed concern with projects competing for limited funds.

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

6.3 Approval of Federal Transportation Reauthorization Principles

Chair Burkholder briefly overviewed the recommended federal transportation policy principles. The principles will help illustrate the region's story and approach to transportation funding to federal policy makers during reauthorization.

MOTION: Councilor Liberty moved, Mr. Hansen seconded, to adopt the federal transportation policy sheet.

Discussion on motion: Commissioner Peterson recommended that dates be added to clarify the statement, "Went from 180 bad air days to zero" on the handout. In addition, Ms. Nina DeConcini recommended that Carbon Monoxide and Ozone be labeled.

Commissioner Ted Wheeler requested that handout be updated to correctly read, "...focus their upcoming transportation policy decisions and action on these ~~three~~five areas".

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

6.4 Approval of State Transportation Financing Principles

Chair Burkholder briefly introduced Resolution No. 08-3921, which would endorse regional priorities for state transportation funding legislation. The metropolitan region principles will help establish funding strategies and goals for a 2009 funding package.

MOTION: Mayor Jim Bernard moved, Mayor Thalhoffer seconded, to approve Resolution No. 08-3921.

Discussion on motion: Mr. Hansen recommended the following changes to that Exhibit A:

- 1) "Allow and encourage ~~different~~creative approaches and funding mechanisms to meet differing needs of Oregon's state, regional and local transportation systems."
- 2) "Allocate sufficient funds to address critical safety needs in communities statewide, and to support the maintenance and preservation of new and existing transportation facilities; ~~which represent a multibillion dollar investment by the citizens of Oregon.~~"

Some committee members were concerned that the importance of the metropolitan region's special needs and interest in urban areas were not highlighted in the document. Mr. Cotugno recommended that principles include the language "Recognize the significance of the needs of the six designated metropolitan areas" to help clarify. The committee agreed that additional language be included in the document, but asked the legislative staff to draft language.

Additional committee discussion included maintaining flexibility of the distribution formula.

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

6.5 Recommendation to Oregon Transportation Commission on Reductions to the ODOT Region 1 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. The OTC is scheduled to take action and amend the STIP at the committee's March meeting.

Commissioner Rogers expressed concern with the distribution of funding cuts. He asked that ODOT provide information on the region's funding contributions/investments. Mr. Tell indicated that staff would schedule a meeting between JPACT members/Washington County staff and ODOT's Salem staff to discuss this issue directly.

Additional committee discussion included the US 26 Veneer Lane to Paha Loop. The committee needed clarification on implementation of safety improvements to date (e.g. cable barriers) and

planned for the future. Mr. Tell indicated that despite proposed cuts, ODOT is taking precautionary measures including establishing the roadway as a safety corridor and continued coordination with local law enforcement and safety committees.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, the committee approved ODOT Region 1's recommendation to the OTC on Region 1 proposed modernization reductions. The recommendation passed.

7. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Resolution No. 08-3911, For the Purpose of Approving the Air Quality Conformity Determinations for the Federal Component of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and Reconfirming the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

Mr. Cotugno briefly presented Resolution No. 08-3911 which would approve the air quality conformity determination for the federal component of the 2035 RTP as well as reconfirm the 2008-11 MTIP. He indicated that the Carbon Monoxide motor vehicle emissions are significantly less than the set standards and were forecasted to continue to reduce between 2008 and 2035 and consistently remain under the maximum allowed levels. Additionally, Mr. Cotugno stated that region meets the requirements for the minimum miles of bike, pedestrian and transit improvements as well as the self imposed requirements to report for Ozone and air toxic emissions. The public comment period closes February 20th. TPAC, JPACT and the Metro Council will take action on the resolution on February 22nd, 26th (by electronic ballot) and 28th respectively.

Ms. DeConcini will present information on air toxics and their effects on the region at an upcoming JPACT meeting.

7.2 MTIP Policy Direction for 2010-13 MTIP

Mr. Ted Leybold briefly presented the initial results of 2010-13 MTIP policy survey distributed to JPACT and the Metro Council. The survey was used to gather information on jurisdiction and agency perspectives on how to shape the policy direction of the upcoming MTIP. The survey addressed policy and administrative issues as well as ODOT administered, regional flexible and transit funds. (All handouts included as part of the meeting minutes.)

Mr. Tell requested clarification on how the survey response concerning the use of regional flexible funds for project development work was reflected in the policy issue memorandum. Commissioner Sam Adams asked whether an outcomes-based evaluation was an option being considered as one of the possible changes to the technical process.

The committee agreed that further discussion on the 2010-13 MTIP process was necessary and that an additional JPACT meeting was needed to address the policy direction for the next cycle. The committee tentatively agreed on February 28th for the special meeting. Staff will confirm the date and time.

8. **ADJOURN**

Seeing no further business, Chair Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2008

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
4.0	Memo	2/14/08	To: JPACT From: Rex Burkholder RE: JPACT Retreat Deliverables	021408j-01
4.0	Resolution	N/A	Draft resolution regarding sustainability and climate change.	021408j-02
4.0	Handout	2/13/08	Regional transportation authority subcommittee proposal submitted by Clackamas County.	021408j-03
4.0	Chart	2/08	JPACT agency responses for the transportation funding calendar exercise at the Feb. 14 th JPACT retreat.	021408j-04
4.0	Chart	2/08	JPACT local government responses for the transportation funding calendar exercise at the Feb. 14 th JPACT retreat.	021408j-05
6.2	Resolution	2/08	Resolution No. 08-3981 with updated exhibit A.	021408j-06
6.3	Resolution	2/08	Draft Resolution No. 08-3921 and exhibit A.	021408j-07
7.1	Report	1/18/08	Public Review Draft of the Air Quality Conformity Determination Plan for the 2035 RTP and 2008-11 MTIP.	021408j-08
7.3	Memo	2/12/08	To: JPACT, MPAC and Metro Council From: Ted Leybold RE: Draft policy issues for 2010-13 MTIP	021408j-08