



METRO

TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE

February 22, 2008

Metro Regional Center, 370A/B

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sorin Garber
Nancy Kraushaar
Mike McKillip
Dave Nordberg
Louis A. Ornelas
Satvinder Sandhu
Sreya Sarkar
Phil Selinger
Karen Schilling
Paul Smith

AFFILIATION

Citizen
City of Oregon City/Cities of Clackamas County
City of Tualatin/Cities of Washington County
DEQ
Citizen
FHWA
Citizen
TriMet
Multnomah County
City of Portland

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jack Burkman
Elissa Gertler
April Siebenaler
John Reinhold
Rian Windsheimer
Bret Curtis
John Hoefs
Susie Lahsene
Dean Lookingbill
Ron Papsdorf

AFFILIATION

WASDOT
Clackamas County
Citizen
Citizen
ODOT
Washington County
C-TRAN
Port of Portland
SW Washington RTC
City of Gresham

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Clark Berry
Jonathan David
Lynda David
Lidwien Rahman
Diane Stockton
Ron Weinman

AFFILIATION

Washington County
City of Gresham
SW Washington RTC
ODOT
C-TRAN
Clackamas County

GUESTS PRESENT

Kenny Asher

AFFILIATION

City of Milwaukie

Mike Coleman
Evan Dust
Steven Matthews
Margaret Middleton
Lawrence Odell
Derek Robbins

Kittleson & Assoc.
HDR
Principle Management Ltd.
City of Beaverton
Washington County
City of Forest Grove

STAFF

Andy Cotugno, Tom Kloster, Josh Naramore, Pat Emmerson, Kim Ellis, Anthony Butzek, Ted Leybold, Kelsey Newell, Tom Chaimov, Deena Platman, Pam Peck, John Mermin, Caleb Winter

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Andy Cotugno declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF TPAC MINUTES FOR JANUARY 25, 2008

MOTION: Mr. Phil Selinger moved, Ms. Karen Schilling seconded, to approve the January 25, 2008 meeting minutes.

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

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items were not discussed.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Resolution No. 08-3911, For the Purpose of Approving the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Federal Component of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and Reconfirming the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement program

Mr. Mark Turpel of Metro stated that the technical and public comment review of the air quality conformity determination report has completed. The report demonstrates that the 2035 RTP and 2010-13 MTIP are in compliance with the Clean Air Act. He stated that the Carbon Monoxide levels are projected to significantly decrease through 2035. JPACT and the Metro Council are scheduled to take action on February 26th and February 28th respectively. Following their approval, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will consider the resolution and report as part of the complete 2035 RTP package. In

addition, Mr. Turpel stated that the report demonstrated that the transportation control measures for transit service and bike and pedestrian improvements have been met.

Both TPAC's DEQ and FHWA representatives supported the resolution and report.

MOTION: Mr. Dave Nordberg moved, Mr. Louis Ornelas seconded, to approve Resolution No. 08-3911.

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

5.2 Diesel Emission Reduction & CMAQ Funds

Mr. Kevin Downing of DEQ appeared before the committee and provided information on CMAQ funding for clean diesel. (Presentation included as part of the meeting record.) His presentation included information on:

- SAFETEA-LU
- Diesel engines and air quality
- Diesel exhaust health effects
- Concerns in Oregon
- Global Warming factors
- Pollution reduction cost effectiveness
- House Bill 2172 Oregon Clean Diesel
- Potential project areas: school buses, construction equipment and municipal fleet
 - Exposure inside school buses
 - Clean school bus goal
 - Emission inventory in the Portland area
 - Municipal fleet retrofit
- Oregon Clean Diesel Initiative

Mr. Downing stated that DEQ would apply for approximately \$4.6 million of the available 2010-13 MTIP dollars for retrofit of school buses for the metropolitan region. He stated that replacement of the school buses, municipal and construction fleet vehicles could be completed in stages as funding sources become available. Mr. Downing did not provide a financial quote for municipal or construction replacement vehicles for the upcoming MTIP cycle.

Committee discussion included use and expenses associated with natural gas, contracts with privately owned bus fleets and increasing public outreach with the private sector.

5.3 Resolution No. 08-3916, For the Purpose of Adopting the Policy Direction and Program Objectives of the 2009 Regional Flexible Funding Allocation Process and 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro outlined the draft 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Portland Metropolitan Area Policy Report. (All handouts included as part of the meeting record.) The draft report provided an introduction to the MTIP framework and proposed

policies for MTIP's three funding categories: Regional Flexible, ODOT Administered and Transit (TriMet and SMART) funds.

ODOT Administered Funds

Mr. Leybold briefly overviewed the Oregon Transportation Commission's (OTC) process and timeline for establishing criteria for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The draft MTIP report includes the OTC's prioritization factors for the 2010-13 STIP cycle.

Ms. Lidwien Rahman recommended ODOT staff provide a presentation on the STIP bridge, preservation and safety programs to TPAC and JPACT at an upcoming meeting.

Regional Flexible Funds

Mr. Leybold stated that responses received from JPACT, the Metro Council, MPAC, TPAC and the general public framed the initial policy priorities.

Two-step Process

Committee members recommended simplifying the MTIP process by carrying out the two-step process; allocating regionally administered programs in step one and local projects in step two. TPAC identified five programs to be considered for funding in step one: Transit Oriented Development (TOD), Regional Transportation Options (RTO), Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), Metro Regional Planning and High Capacity Transit (HCT) Implementation. The remaining funds would be available for financing local projects and programs.

Although the committee emphasized the need to refine the existing 2035 RTP regional system definition, members did not feel there was sufficient time to establish a definition prior to the 2010-13 MTIP cycle. Members recommended proceeding with the two-step process and continuing discussion of the system definition for the next cycle.

Additional committee discussion included localized bike and pedestrian project funding, federal earmarking, cost effectiveness, project leverage and establishing minimum funding amounts for projects seeking funding for preliminary engineering or construction.

Policy Priorities from Outreach

Mr. Leybold highlighted six additional priorities identified by the public outreach. The committee identified common themes among the public's priorities and was able to collate the comments into three policies regarding RTP Goal 6: Promote environmental stewardship and Goal 7: Enhance human health. The new policies target lower carbon emissions and reduction of impervious surface coverage, storm water runoff and pollution impacts to residents. Staff will incorporate these policies into the MTIP policy report for JPACT's review.

5.4 Resolution No. 08-3919, For the Purpose of Adopting the Regional Travel Options 2008-13 Strategic Plan

Ms. Pam Peck of Metro appeared before the committee and provided a presentation on the 2008-13 Regional Travel Options Strategic Plan. (Presentation included as part of the meeting record.) Her presentation included information on:

- Strategic planning process
- Mission statement
- Program partners
- Policy framework
- Benefits
- Goals
 - Increase awareness and use of travel options
 - Increase the use of travel options for commute trips
 - Provide information and services to increase use of travel options in local downtown and centers
 - Report progress to aid decision making and encourage innovation
 - Follow a decision-making structure that provides oversight and advance RTP goals
- Priorities

Committee discussion included climate change, telecommuting and flexible work schedules, vanpool and MTIP funding allocations.

MOTION: Mr. Orenlas moved, Mr. Mike McKillip second, to approve Resolution No. 08-3919.

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

6. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 RTP State Work Program

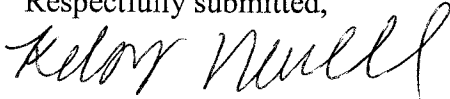
Ms. Kim Ellis briefly overviewed the draft timeline for the RTP state component. A joint MTAC/TPAC workshop has been scheduled to discuss the RTP state work program on March 3rd from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Metro.

Ms. Ellis highlighted that the draft schedule extends the state component of the RTP update to Fall 2009 in response to input provided by local and state agency staff. TPAC will have an opportunity to further discuss the work program at their regular March meeting.

7. **ADJOURN**

As there was no further business, Chair Cotugno adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2008

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
5.3	Memo	2/19/08	To: TPAC From: Ted Leybold RE: Consideration of draft Policy Report for the 2010-13 MTIP	022208t-01
5.3	Report	2/2008	Draft 2010-13 MTIP Portland Metropolitan Area Policy Report	022208t-02
5.4	PowerPoint	2/22/08	Regional Travel Options 2008-13 Strategic Plan presentation provided by Pam Peck	022208t-03