



METRO

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

March 13, 2008

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sam Adams
Dick Pedersen
Royce Pollard
Steve Stuart
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
DEQ
City of Vancouver
Clark County
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Nina DeConcini
Susie Lahsene
Dean Lookingbill

AFFILIATION

DEQ
Port of Portland
SW RTC

GUESTS PRESENT

Kenny Asher
Edward Barnes
David Bragdon
Olivia Clark
Danielle Cowan

AFFILIATION

City of Milwaukie
Citizen
Metro Council
TriMet
Clackamas County

Jef Dalin	City of Cornelius
Elissa Gertler	Clackamas County
Donna Jordan	City of Lake Oswego
Margaret Middleton	City of Beaverton
Dennis Mulvihill	Washington County
Dave Norberg	DEQ
Lawrence Odell	Washington County
Shoshanah Oppenheim	City of Portland
Luis Ornelas	Citizen
Mark Ottenad	City of Wilsonville
Philip Parker	WSTC
Deborah Redman	HDR
Karl Rhode	BTA
Phil Selinger	TriMet
Laine Smith	ODOT
Paul Smith	City of Portland
Karen Schilling	Multnomah County
Jonathan Schlueter	Westside Business Alliance
Ranjith Srinivasagam	Ports of Sri Lanka
Rian Windsheimer	ODOT

STAFF

Andy Cotugno, Ted Leybold, Amy Rose, Josh Naramore, Kathryn Sofich, Caleb Winter, Richard Brandman, Pam Peck, Malu Wilkinson, Miranda Bateschell, Kelsey Newell, Kim Ellis, Tom Koster, Pat Emmerson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rex Burkholder declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Burkholder congratulated Commissioner Lynn Peterson on her appointment as the new Clackamas County Board of Commission Chair.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Edward Barnes: Mr. Barnes encouraged members to continue to move forward with the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project. Although he acknowledged a public interest for a third bridge, he did not believe it should take precedence over or replace the CRC project. In addition, he emphasized that the project should be about the public not politics.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Burkholder briefly thanked members who attended the Washington, DC trip. He indicated that staff would consider scheduling the trip earlier in 2009 in order to avoid the lobbying rush. The committee will formally debrief at an upcoming JPACT meeting.

In addition, Chair Burkholder indicated that the Connect Oregon IV meetings have commenced. More information will be provided at an upcoming JPACT meeting.

Mr. Fred Hansen stated that the Westside commuter rail is progressing fast and is expected to open in fall 2008.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of the JPACT Retreat and JPACT meeting minutes for February 1, 14 and 28, 2008

MOTION: Mayor Jim Bernard moved to approve the consent agenda.

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

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 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 appeared before the committee and updated members on the 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Portland Metropolitan Area Policy Report. Changes highlighted included:

- Language added to address the difference in transportation infrastructure investment needs relative to an area's state of development;
- Inclusion of the 2035 RTP table which defines the three-tier 2040 land use designation priorities;
- Language added to clarify project prioritization by "minimizing and/or actively reducing" impervious surface, storm-water runoff, energy consumption, carbon emissions and other pollution impacts;
- Implementation of a two-step allocation process for the regional flexible funds which would allocate regionally administered programs in step one (RTO, TOD, HCT, ITS, Metro Planning) and local projects in step two;
- Updates to the technical evaluation of projects (e.g. reduce evaluation categories and implement outcome-based criteria and universal measures);
- Language added to clarify that JPACT and the Metro Council will use the OTC's eligibility and prioritization factors to make recommendation on the ODOT Administered Funds.

The committee discussed the merits of defining additional program categories of Willamette River Bridges and Pedestrian and Bicycles for consideration in the first step of a two-step allocation process.

Additional committee conversation included the importance of accessing regional facilities such as the airport in step one of the allocation process, definition of universal evaluation measures, limited flexible funds, parking facilities and the importance of establishing specific criteria for the regional programs.

MOTION: Mr. Hansen moved, Councilor Liberty seconded, to approve Resolution No. 08-3916.

AMENDMENT #1: Commissioner Ted Wheeler moved, Mayor Paul Thalhoffer seconded, to amend Resolution No. 08-3916, Exhibit A to include the Regional Bridge program into step one of the two-step regional flexible fund allocation process.

Discussion: Although Commissioner Roy Rogers was enthusiastic about continuing discussions on a regional bridge program, he did not support including it in the first step funding allocations. He cited the limited MTIP funds as reasoning.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, and two opposed (Rogers and Harrington) and one abstained (Peterson), amendment #1 passed.

AMENDMENT #2: Mr. Jason Tell moved, Commissioner Rogers seconded, to amend Resolution No. 08-3916, Exhibit A to include a Regional Bike and Pedestrian category in step one of the two-step regional flexible fund allocation process.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, amendment #2 passed.

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

6.2 Resolution No. 08-3919, For the Purpose of Adopting the Regional Travel Options 2008-2013 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

Councilor Liberty supported the RTO program and emphasized the benefits the program has on land use and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. He requested that JPACT dedicate additional meeting time to discuss and explore the potential of this program at a higher investment level.

MOTION: Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved, Mayor Rob Drake seconded, to approve Resolution No. 08-3919.

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

7. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 **RTP State Component Work Program**

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro appeared before the committee and provided a presentation on the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) state component work program. (Presentation included as part of the meeting record.) Her presentation included information on:

- Project timeline (extended to the fall 2009)
- Current status of the project
- Key work program elements
- Funding framework and strategy
- Evaluation framework
- Current and new performance measures
- System development
- Public process
- Investment scenarios analysis
- Upcoming milestones

Some members were concerned that the current timeline did not allocate sufficient time for evaluation and discussion of RTP Investment Scenarios and feedback from public agency stakeholders. Staff will reevaluate the RTP timeline and work program to address the committee's concerns. In addition, staff will bring forward a proposal for the RTP Investment Scenarios analysis for JPACT discussion in April.

7.2 **Financial Incentives Toolkit & SDC Report**

The committee did not discuss the Financial Incentives Toolkit and System Development Charges Report.

7.3 Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) Federal Earmark Policy

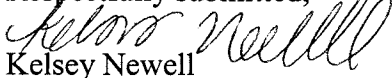
Mr. Travis Brouwer of ODOT briefly overviewed the OTC's proposed federal earmark policy for the 2009 reauthorization. The OTC will provide an opportunity for local and state boards and regional advisory groups to prioritize state highway projects for the region. JPACT will have an opportunity to review these submittals and provide a recommendation to the OTC on which projects should be selected for the OTC's priority list. Mr. Brouwer noted that state highway projects not submitted to the congressional delegation by the OTC will not receive advanced commitment to be fully funded by ODOT.

The OTC is anticipated to adopt the policy and project list at their and April and December meetings, respectively. All written comments on the policy should be submitted to ODOT's Director's Office as soon as possible.

8. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Chair Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell

Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR MARCH 13, 2008

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
6.1	Letter	3/22/08	To: JPACT From: Ted Wheeler RE: Regional Bridge Program	031308j-01
6.2	PowerPoint	3/13/08	2008-2013 Strategic Plan: Regional Travel Options	031308j-02
6.2	Report	2/2008	DRAFT 2010-2013 Regional Travel Options Strategic Plan Presented by Pam Peck	031308j-03
7.1	PowerPoint	N/A	A New Look at Transportation: Linking Transportation to Land Use, the Economy and the Environment – 2035 RTP presented by Kim Ellis	031308j-04