



**METRO**

**Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation**

**MINUTES**

May 22, 2008

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rex Burkholder, Chair  
James Bernard  
Kathryn Harrington  
Lynn Peterson  
Jason Tell  
Paul Thalhofer  
Don Wagner  
Ted Wheeler

**AFFILIATION**

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

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Robert Liberty, Vice Chair  
Sam Adams  
Rob Drake  
Fred Hansen  
Dick Pedersen  
Royce Pollard  
Roy Rogers  
Steve Stuart  
Bill Wyatt

**AFFILIATION**

Metro Council  
City of Portland  
City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington Co.  
TriMet  
DEQ  
City of Vancouver  
Washington County  
Clark County  
Port of Portland

**ALTERNATES PRESENT**

David Bragdon  
Tom Hughes  
Susie Lahsene  
Neil McFarlane  
Lawrence Odell

**AFFILIATION**

Metro Council  
City of Hillsboro, representing Cities of Washington Co.  
Port of Portland  
TriMet  
Washington County

**STAFF**

Andy Cotugno, Ina Zucker, Andy Shaw, Kathryn Sofich, Randy Tucker, Barry Hennelly,  
Richard Brandman, Kelsey Newell

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rex Burkholder declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Burkholder introduced Mr. Lawrence Odell as Washington County's alternate for the meeting. Both the County's JPACT member and alternate were unavailable for the meeting. He also introduced Council President David Bragdon as the Council's JPACT alternate.

Mr. Don Wagner introduced Mary Legry as Washington Department of Transportation's JPACT alternate.

5. ACTION ITEMS

**5.1 Senate Bill 566**

Mr. Jason Tell provided information on Senate Bill 566, which directed the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) to conduct a study to evaluate Oregon's highway system. The purpose of the study is to identify specific highway projects required to reduce traffic congestion, improve freight mobility and enhanced safety.

He briefly overviewed a draft list of projects approved by TPAC and a list of projects with estimated costs of over \$100 million. Mr. Tell stated that the project lists were constructed using the project criteria and prioritization established through the recent State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) cycles. He highlighted new language added (per direction from JPACT) to clarify that projects over \$100 million could be funded in phases.

Additional conversation included gas tax and division of funding received.

MOTION: President Bragdon moved, Commissioner Lynn Peterson seconded, to:

1. Recognize the legislature has directed OTC to recommend projects to be considered for funding for transportation funding package that may be considered by the '09 legislature.
2. Recognize the OTC has defined the task as modernization projects consistent with STIP criteria.

3. Endorse the project list developed by ODOT Region 1 and find it consistent with advancing projects under development in the STIP consistent with the newly adopted RTP.
4. Recognize the list of potential projects over \$100 million that are beyond the financial capacity of this exercise, many of which are going through a planning or project development process to define the specific scope to include in the RTP.

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

## 6. INFORMATION ITEMS

### 6.1 **Transportation Finance**

#### 6.1.1 *Report from Regional Transportation Authority Subcommittee*

Commissioner Peterson provided a brief update on the Regional Transportation Authority. Despite the potential for a state funding increase, the subcommittee has identified a large funding gap for local projects. In response, the committee recommended the Portland Metropolitan Region's leaders agree to pursue a transportation funding proposal in May 2010. The funding source would be an increased vehicle registration fee and funds generated would be distributed between local and regional projects. The proposal would fund: (1) several large regional projects; (2) city and county projects; (3) alternative mode-supporting facilities; and (4) freight-mobility projects.

JPACT supported the subcommittee's charge and thanked Commissioner Peterson for chairing the group. Discussion included the "spiderweb", freight weight/mile fees and funding for several regional projects based upon proportional use of facilities, governance and the ballot measure process.

#### 6.1.2 *Report from Regional Lobby Group on State Package*

Mr. Andy Shaw of Metro provided a brief update on the regional lobby group's draft state legislative transportation priorities. He highlighted the policy themes, draft policy and the new potential revenue sources. JPACT will be asked to make a formal endorsement of the principles at their June meeting. Final action on the principles is anticipated for fall 2008.

Commissioner Peterson recommended language be added to highlight the region's move from its dependence on gas taxes towards alternative funding sources.

Committee discussion included the equity among the jurisdictions (e.g. timber counties), potential funding sources through the Western Climate Initiative, ODOT regional flexible funds, transfer of ODOT roads to regional and jurisdictional responsibility, public communication and the connections between land use, transit and livability.

7. **ADJOURN**

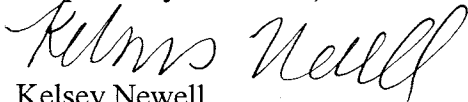
President Bragdon reminded members of the June 26<sup>th</sup> Urban Land Institute and Metro joint event on transportation finance.

Councilor Kathryn Harrington reminded members of the May 28<sup>th</sup> joint MPAC/JPACT infrastructure workshop to discuss land use and transportation.

Chair Burkholder directed TPAC to discuss and report back to JPACT on prioritization of the regional corridors.

Seeing no further business, Chair Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR MAY 22, 2008**

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

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>
	Work program	5/22/08	2008 JPACT Work Program updated on 5/22/08	052208j-01
3.	Letter	5/21/08	To: Rex Burkholder From: John Osborn RE: CRC and NEPA process	052208j-02
5.1	Chart	N/A	Updated list of the large unfunded projects with estimated costs of over \$100 million	052208j-03
5.1	Draft Motion	N/A	Draft JPACT SB 566 Motion	052208j-04
6.1	Resolution	N/A	Resolution No. 08-3921 and Exhibit A	052208j-05