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**METRO**

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE**

May 30, 2008

Metro Regional Center, 370A/B

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sorin Garber  
Elissa Gertler  
Nancy Kraushaar  
Keith Liden  
Dave Nordberg  
Louis A. Ornelas  
Ron Papsdorf  
John Reinhold  
Karen Schilling  
April Siebenaler  
Rian Windsheimer

**AFFILIATION**

Citizen  
Clackamas County  
City of Oregon City/Cities of Clackamas County  
Citizen  
DEQ  
Citizen  
City of Gresham  
Citizen  
Multnomah County  
Citizen  
ODOT

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jack Burkman  
Bret Curtis  
John Hoefs  
Susie Lahsene  
Alan Lehto  
Dean Lookingbill  
Mike McKillip  
Satvinder Sandhu  
Sreya Sarkar  
Paul Smith

**AFFILIATION**

WASDOT  
Washington County  
C-TRAN  
Port of Portland  
TriMet  
SW Washington RTC  
City of Tualatin/Cities of Washington County  
FHWA  
Citizen  
City of Portland

**ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Andy Back  
Kelly Betteridge  
John Gillam  
Robin McCaffrey  
Margaret Middleton

**AFFILIATION**

Washington County  
TriMet  
City of Portland  
Port of Portland  
City of Beaverton/Cities of Washington Co.

## **STAFF**

Richard Brandman, Josh Naramore, Joyce Felton, Mark Turpel, Pat Emmerson, Athony Butzek, Tom Kloster, Andy Shaw, Kim Ellis, Ross Roberts, Tony Mendoza, Kelsey Newell

### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

Mr. Richard Brandman declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

### **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Andy Shaw of Metro reminded members of the June 25-26<sup>th</sup> joint Urban Land Institute and Metro events on transportation finance.

### **3. APPROVAL OF TPAC MINUTES FOR MARCH 28, 2008**

Ms. Nancy Kraushaar requested language be added to the May 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes to clarify the committee's discussion on removal of the Green Streets program from the *Environmental and Enhancement and Mitigation* solicitation category; stating that with numerous jurisdictions requiring or voluntarily implementing Green Streets practices, there is no longer a need to recognize pilot projects, and the program should be a requirement.

MOTION: Mr. Dave Nordberg moved, Ms. Karen Schilling seconded, to approve the April 25, 2008 and May 2, 2008 meeting minutes with the additional clarifying language.

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

### **4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Brandman briefly overviewed the future agenda items.

### **5. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **5.1 Resolution No. 08-3952, For the Purpose of Amending the 2008-09 Unified Planning Work Program and the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to Allocate Intelligent Transportation System Program Funds to the PORTAL Archived User Services Project**

Ms. Deena Platman of Metro briefly overviewed Resolution No. 08-3952, which would amend the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to allocate \$203,000 of the Transportation System Management and Organization (TSMO) funds to Portland State University (PSU) for Portland Oregon Regional Transportation Archive Listing (PORTAL) management.

Ms. Platman, with assistance from Ms. Kristin Tufte of PSU, provided a presentation on PORTAL. The presentation included information on:

- PORTAL's Current Funding Situation
- PORTAL's Database Contents (e.g. loop detector, incident, and bus data)
- Performance Report on Reliability
- Cross Section Study
- Google Traffic Features
- Performance Measures
- TransPort Committee's Recommendation

The committee was very supportive of PORTAL as a resource tool. Discussion included PSU's involvement and contribution to the system, allocation of TSMO funds, and administration, monitoring and future funding sources for PORTAL. It was noted that funding for PORTAL was not to be considered an on-going commitment and that additional matching sources be sought in the future.

MOTION: Mr. Ron Papsdorf moved, Mr. Sorin Garber seconded to approve Resolution No. 08-3952.

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

## **6. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Portland – Milwaukie Light Rail Locally Preferred Alternative**

Mr. Ross Roberts of Metro appeared before the committee and provided a presentation on the Portland – Milwaukie light rail project. His presentation included information on:

- Project Overview and Update (Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS))
- Ridership, Transportation Performance and Environmental Impacts
- Project Options (including Willamette River bridge alignments, North Milwaukie alignment, Southern Terminus and station and park and rider locations)
- Willamette River Partnership Recommendation
- Steering Committee Direction
- Overall Financial Strategy and Cost Effectiveness
- Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) Process

TPAC is scheduled to make a recommendation to JPACT at their June meeting.

Mr. Papsdorf indicated that the City of Gresham is currently working with TriMet and Metro to resolve outstanding issues with the potential light rail extension to Ruby Junction. The City will provide specific recommendations for the LPA at TPAC's June meeting.

Additional committee discussion included questions related to transportation performance, price of oil and level of project support from Oregon Health and Sciences University and the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry.

## **6.2 Columbia River Crossing Locally Preferred Alternative**

Mr. Tom Margraf of The CRC Project appeared before the committee and provided a presentation the Columbia River Crossing project. His presentation included information on:

- Historical Information on the 1917 Interstate Bridge
- Existing Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
- Interstate 5 Problems Addressed by Project (congestion, public transit, freight, safety, bicyclists and pedestrians and earthquake safety)
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Alternatives
- Bridge Choice – Supplemental or Replacement
- High Capacity Transit Alignments – Vancouver and Portland
- Traffic Demands Reflects Multi-modal Projects
- Proposed Polls
- Cost and Funding
- Project Schedule and Outreach Opportunities

The DEIS public comment period closes July 1<sup>st</sup>. TPAC is scheduled to make a recommendation to JPACT at their June meeting followed by JPACT and Metro Council actions on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> respectively.

Committee members were concerned with the project web site, CRC Task Force and outreach opportunities, stating that some questions and/or comments from the public have not been responded to. Additional committee discussion included federal support for the I-5 corridor and CRC project, traffic impacts and diversion onto Interstate 205, and toll rates, restrictions and credits.

## **6.3 High Capacity Transit System Plan**

Mr. Tony Mendoza of Metro provided an update on the Metro High Capacity Transit (HCT) system plan. Staff have incorporated comments received on the initial HCT network and are preparing for the first of four model runs.

The initial HCT model run is scheduled for early July. Staff anticipate results/data will be available to committee members in September. Comments and/or recommendations for the initial model run must be submitted within the first two weeks of June.

Committee members recommended staff consider the following in the initial HCT model run:

- Remove HCT line 13 and modify 16B to complete a north/south alignment from Damascus through Gresham to Troutdale. (See map.)
- Incorporate the historical regional commuter rail plan.

- Include a minor freight component in the HCT network.
- Label the map shading (e.g. blue coded town centers) in the map legend.

Additional committee discussion included urban reserves, street connectivity and station and park and ride facilities modeling.

#### **6.4 TriMet 2009 Transit Investment Plan**

Mr. Ken Zatarain of TriMet appeared before the committee and provided a presentation on TriMet's Transit Investment Plan (TIP) for 2009. His presentation included information on:

- TIP and Priorities
- Total Transit System (service, access/amenities, customer information)
- Passenger Amenities, Riders and Pedestrian Accessibility
- Customer Information and Tools (e.g. online tools and Transit Tracker)
- TriMet Compared to Other Service Areas (e.g. revenue, boardings, regional trends)
- The Region's Transit Investment (e.g. bus and MAX ridership, frequent service, funding sources and finances)

Committee discussion included coordination with SMART, annual TriMet ridership and the recent increase in transit riders due to increased oil prices.

#### **6.5 RTP Performance Measures Framework**

Ms. Platman provided a presentation on the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) performance measurement framework. Her presentation included information on:

- Performance Measurement Cycle
- Outcomes-based Performance Measurement Framework
- Framework Elements and Guiding Principles
- Performance Measures for System Evaluation (see detailed matrix)
- Outstanding Issues

Project next steps include testing the performance measures this summer, followed by result presentations in September/October 2008.

Committee members recommended staff:

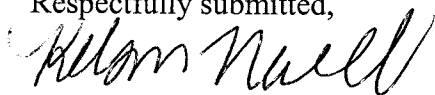
- Include a performance measure to address safety.
- Provide information on system evaluation
- Provide more detail on the performance measurement framework in future presentations.
- Provide an example of a project that qualifies under the *geographic extent* framework element.
- Incorporate a carbon footprint and greenhouse gas element.

#### **7. ADJOURN**

Ms. Lidwien Rahman briefed the committee on the Oregon Transportation Commission's (OTC) earmark policy. In order to ensure input from local stakeholders on the ODOT reauthorization earmark requests, the OTC has requested local jurisdictions and JPACT to submit an earmark recommendation list of state highway project. Project recommendations must be submitted by July 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR MAY 30, 2008**

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
5.1	PowerPoint	N/A	<i>PORTAL: Transportation Data Archive</i> presented by Deena Platman and Kristin Tufte	053008t-01
6.1	PowerPoint	5/30/08	<i>Transportation Policy Advisory Committee</i> presented by Ross Roberts	053008t-02
6.2	Handout	N/A	Funding and Opportunity Cost for funding CRC is small; Not funding CRC would be a major financial opportunity lost	053008t-03
6.2	PowerPoint	N/A	<i>A Bridge, Transit and Highway Improvement Project</i> presented by Tom Markgraf	053008t-04
6.3	Map	5/2008	Regional High Capacity System Plan – Potential High Capacity Transit Routes	053008t-05
6.4	PowerPoint	5/30/08	<i>Transit Investment Plan – TPAC</i> presented by Ken Zatarain	053008t-06
6.5	PowerPoint	N/A	<i>2035 RTP Performance Measurement Framework</i> presented by Deena Platman	053008t-07
6.5	Memo	5/30/08	To: TPAC and MTAC Members and Interested Parties From: Kim Ellis and Deena Platman RE: RTP Performance Measurement Framework	053008t-08
	Flyer	N/A	Save the Date for Joint ULI and Metro Transportation Financing Events	053008-09
	Handout	N/A	ODOT Earmark Policy	053008-10
	Handout	N/A	Reauthorization Earmark Proposal Form	053008-11
	Handout	N/A	Guidance for Preparing Earmark Recommendation Lists	053008-12