



METRO

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

June 12, 2008

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rex Burkholder, Chair
Robert Liberty, Vice Chair
Sam Adams
James Bernard
Rob Drake
Fred Hansen
Jason Tell
Paul Thalhofer
Ted Wheeler

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Kathryn Harrington
Dick Pedersen
Lynn Peterson
Royce Pollard
Roy Rogers
Steve Stuart
Don Wagner
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
DEQ
Clackamas County
City of Vancouver
Washington County
Clark County
Washington DOT
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Nina DeConcini
Susie Lahsene
Dean Lookingbill

AFFILIATION

DEQ
Port of Portland
SW RTC

STAFF

Andy Cotugno, Mark Turpel, Andy Shaw, Kim Ellis, Deena Platman, Ted leybold, Ted Reid, Chris Deffebach, Carl Hostica, Kelsey Newell

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rex Burkholder declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Doug Allen: Mr. Allen submitted a handout drafted by local economist Joe Cortright regarding the financial risks of the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project.

Ron Schwartz: Mr. Schwartz was concerned with the estimated costs for the CRC project. He felt that the project would be the first of many. He cited other comparable metropolitan areas that have significant bridge freeway infrastructure.

Sharon Nassett: Ms. Nassett commended the Metro Council for having the CRC public hearing. She reiterated the recommendation to have an oversight committee to help provide direction and leadership for the project. She emphasized coordination between the Metro Council, Bi-State Committee, Regional Transportation Council and C-TRAN, and discussed the federal appropriation and New Start deadlines. She encouraged members not to move forward with the locally preferred alternative decision process until more work and jurisdictional coordination has been completed.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Burkholder reminded attendees of the joint Urban Land Institute/Metro Regional Transportation Finance Expert Panel events scheduled for June 25th - 26th.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Jason Tell, with assistance from Mr. Travis Brouwer, provided information on the Oregon Transportation Commission's (OTC) federal reauthorization highway program earmark requests. 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 projects. In addition, due to limited funding, the OTC is soliciting projects with at least partial funding, where supplemental STIP or local funding would complete a highway project or large project milestone/phase. Individual jurisdiction project recommendations must be submitted by July 7th.

TPAC and JPACT are scheduled to discuss the draft recommendation list in early August, followed by an official JPACT recommendation in September.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of the JPACT meeting minutes for April 25, 2008 and May 2, 2008.

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 Archive Data User Services Project

MOTION: Mayor Rob Drake moved, Mayor Jim Bernard seconded, to approve the consent agenda/

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

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Resolution No. 08-3956, For the Purpose of Endorsing Regional Priorities for State Transportation Funding Legislation

Mr. Andy Cotugno, with assistance from Mr. Andy Shaw, overviewed Resolution No. 08-3956 which would endorse a set of regional priorities for the 2009 state transportation funding legislature and provide policy direction to JPACT's legislative/lobby staff. Mr. Cotugno highlighted the Portland metropolitan area's transportation priorities policy and potential revenue sources; including potential increases in gas taxes and vehicle registration fees.

Councilor Robert Liberty thanked the drafters for their work in preparing the resolution, which had many good elements. However, he added that a \$0.14 gas tax increase would be a very big tax increase and the taxpayers needed to know what the vision was for the use of their money. He believed the top priority should be fixing the roads, highways and bridges we already have and to make specific commitments to transit and rail freight, and the resolution did not clearly reflect those priorities.

Additional committee discussion included ConnectOregon's distribution methodology, incentives for freight-oriented development, the public's response to an increase in gas tax, and the importance of taking a bold legislative approach.

MOTION: Commissioner Sam Adams moved, Council President David Bragdon seconded, to approve Resolution No. 08-3956.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, one opposed (Liberty) and one abstained (Tell), the motion passed.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1A Performance-based Growth Management

Councilor Carl Hosticka briefed the committee on Metro's new outcome-based approach entitled Performance-based Growth Management (PBGM). PBGM's will allow for more robust conversation about how different growth management strategies compare to the region's aspirations as well as provide a framework for greater coordination between land use and transportation investment decisions. Councilor Hosticka highlighted PBGM's definitions of a successful region, a comparison of growth management systems and PBGM's guiding principles.

Committee discussion included the City of Damascus, jurisdictional performance measures and development of performance-based goals.

8.2A RTP Performance Measures

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

- RTP Performance Measures Work Group – Process to Date
- Framework Purpose (to evaluate environmental, social and economic benefits and impacts)
- Framework Elements (RTP goals, geographic extent and application performance measures)
- System Evaluation Matrix (recommended performance measures to test in scenario phase)
- Future Steps

Staff anticipate the scenario results will be available fall 2008.

Committee members recommended the performance measures include system maintenance, travel time reliability, safety, freight mobility (e.g. during peak hours), mode access and connections (e.g. between rail, freight and marine), funding resources, incentives for households and businesses, local government incremental decision-making, and deferred maintenance per capital measures.

8.2 Portland – Milwaukie Light Rail Locally Preferred Alternative

Ms. Bridget Wieghart of Metro provided a presentation on the Portland – Milwaukie light rail locally preferred alternative (LPA). Her presentation included:

- Project Overview and Update
- Ridership and Transportation Performance
- Environmental Impacts
- River Crossing, Alignment and Southern Terminus Options
- Overall Funding Strategy (including funding scenarios)

- Locally Preferred Alternative Process

JPACT is scheduled to take action on the Portland – Milwaukie LPA, the land use final order (LUFO) and amend the RTP at their July 10th meeting.

Mayor Bernard encouraged members to support the Portland – Milwaukie light rail alignment to Park Avenue, stating that local partners (e.g. Oregon City and Clackamas County) are supportive of the terminus option.

8.3 Columbia River Crossing Locally Preferred Alternative

Mr. Ross Roberts of Metro provided a briefing on the CRC project. His presentation included information on:

- Project Status
- 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
- Cost and Funding
- Project Schedules, Decision Process and Next Steps

JPACT and the Metro Council are scheduled to take action on the CRC LPA on July 10th and 17th respectively.

Due to time constraints, Chair Burkholder requested staff poll members on their interest and availability for a special JPACT meeting to discuss both the CRC and Portland- Milwaukie projects prior to taking action at their regularly scheduled meeting on July 10th. Staff will follow up with JPACT members and alternates.

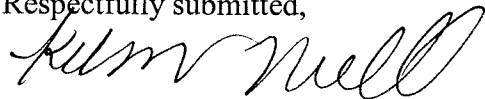
8.4 TriMet 2009 Transit Investment Plan

This item was rescheduled to a later date.

9. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Chair Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR JUNE 12, 2008

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
	Agenda	6/12/08	Revised JPACT Agenda	061208j-01
3.0	Memo	6/2/2008	To: David Bragdon and et al. From: Joe Cortright RE: Financial Risks of the Columbia River Crossing Project (Submitted by citizen Doug Allen)	061208j-02
8.1A	Handout	N/A	Performance-based Growth Management Handout	061208j-03
8.1B	PowerPoint	6/12/08	<i>2035 RTP Performance Measure Framework</i> presented by Deena Platman	061208j-04
8.2	PowerPoint	5/30/08	<i>Portland – Milwaukie Light Rail Project: Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation</i> presented by Bridget Wieghart	061208j-05