



**METRO**

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE**

August 1, 2008

Metro Regional Center, 370A/B

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Elissa Gertler  
Alan Lehto  
Nancy Kraushaar  
Keith Liden  
Mike McKillip  
Dave Nordberg  
Louis A. Ornelas  
Ron Papsdorf  
John Reinhold  
Sreya Sarkar  
Satvinder Sandhu  
Karen Schilling  
April Siebenaler  
Rian Windsheimer

**AFFILIATION**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jack Burkman  
Bret Curtis  
Sorin Garber  
John Hoefs  
Susie Lahsene  
Dean Lookingbill  
Paul Smith

**AFFILIATION**

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

**ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Clark Berry  
Lynda David  
Robin McCaffrey

**AFFILIATION**

Washington County  
SW Washington RTC  
Port of Portland

**STAFF**

Andy Cotugno, Mark Turpel, Caleb Winter, Pam Peck, Tom Kloster, Pat Emmerson, Beth Cohen, Kelsey Newell

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

Chair Andy Cotugno declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

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

Ms. Karen Schilling introduced Multnomah County's new TPAC alternate Ms. Jane McFarland.

Mr. Satvinder Sandhu introduced Ms. Jazmin Easas with the Federal Highway Administration.

**3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The future agenda items were not discussed.

**4. APPROVAL OF TPAC MINUTES FOR JUNE 27, 2008**

**Approval of TPAC Minutes from June 27, 2008**

MOTION: Mr. Louis Ornelas moved, Mr. John Reinhold seconded, to approve the June 27, 2008 meeting minutes.

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

**5. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**5.1 Air Quality Update**

Ms. Nina DeConcini (with assistance from Dave Nordberg) of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) provided a status update on Oregon's air quality; specifically in the greater Portland metropolitan region. Her presentation included information on:

- The Clean Air Act
- The Metro Area Criteria Pollutants (Ozone, Carbon Monoxide, Particulate Matter)
- Air Toxics (Benzene, Diesel Particulate, PAHs)
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Strategies and Pollutant Reduction

Oregon DEQ is in collaboration with various local jurisdictions, including Clark County and SW Washington staff, to address outstanding air quality issues including the shared airshed between Oregon and Washington.

Committee discussion included diesel retrofit buses, health impacts, compliance with federal and state standards and requirements and primary greenhouse gas contributors in Oregon.

In addition to Ms. DeConcini's presentation, Mr. Mark Turpel of Metro provided a presentation on air quality in the Metro region. His presentation included information on:

- Metro region Carbon Monoxide and Ozone trends.
- The Metro Council goals, especially those that refer to air quality and greenhouse gas reduction.
- Greenhouse Gas contributors and emission rates.
- Metro and Oregon DEQ intergovernmental agreement concerning forecasting air toxics and greenhouse gas levels resulting from RTP and MTIP networks.
- Land Use, its relationship to energy (transportation, building operations and materials) and greenhouse gas emission levels.
- TriMet transit system coverage within the Metro area.
- Metro transportation forecasts of air toxics and greenhouse gases.
- Metro Greatest Places scenarios and forecasts of greenhouse gases.
- Greenhouse gas emission comparison of scenarios was being completed and results would be available in the fall.

Committee discussion included the economy, Portland General Electric energy sources, air quality standards and requirements, potential actions/activities to reduce greenhouse gases and pollutants and possible costs.

## **5.2 RTO Program Update**

Ms. Pam Peck of Metro provided an update on the Regional Travel Options (RTO) program. Her presentation included information on:

- *Walk There!* Guide
- *Drive Less Save More* (DLSM) Campaign
- [CarpoolMatchNW.org](http://CarpoolMatchNW.org) Web Site
- *Metro Vanpool* Program
- Upcoming RTO Grants

Ms. Sreya Sarkar recommended staff consider private rideshare partnerships and vehicle ownership for the DLSM program. Ms. Sarkar felt that deregulating taxis would be more efficient and effective.

In addition, committee members recommended development of a multimodal and multideestination component for the trip diary webtool, expand the DLSM campaign to include a larger regional market, and continue coordination with local jurisdictions to improve existing pedestrian routes highlighted in the new *Walk There!* publication.

## **5.3 Oregon Transportation Commission Reauthorization Project List**

Mr. Rian Windsheimer provided an update on the Oregon Transportation Commission's federal reauthorization earmark requests for highway projects. ODOT Region 1 staff have reviewed and screened each of the project proposals with the designated criteria and have drafted a high

priority project list to receive earmark funds. ODOT has assigned each project into one of three categories: projects that likely will be recommended for the JPACT list (Tier 1); projects that may be recommended for the JPACT list (Tier 2); and projects that will probably not be recommended for the JPACT list (Tier 3).

ODOT staff recommended that the I-205/I-5 interchange and I-84 eastbound to I-205 northbound merge lane receive "Tier 1" status. In addition to the high priority project recommendations ODOT will ask JPACT to endorse their request for megaproject earmark funding for the Columbia River Crossing project.

Additional committee discussion included phasing project funding and construction, definition of the benefits of regionally significant projects and withdrawal by Washington County of the US 26 Bethany Overcrossing project.

#### **5.4 PDX Master Plan**

Mr. Jay Sugnet of the City of Portland and Mr. Chris Corich of the Port of Portland provided a briefing on the airport futures project. Their presentation included information on:

- Integrated Planning Process (City of Portland, Port of Portland and metropolitan region)
- Airport Futures Project (Portland International Airport (PDX) Master Plan and City of Portland Land Use Plan)
- Project Schedule, Goals and Approach
- Project Forecasts (Issues, Trends, Models, Analysis)
  - Passenger
  - Cargo
  - Aircraft Operations
- Airline Industry Update (Labor and Fuel Economy and Expenses)
- Capacity Changes at PDX

The City and the Port are scheduled to adopt the new PDX master plan in the winter/spring of 2010.

Committee discussion included PDX's current construction (e.g. Airport Way and new parking facility) and primary travel destinations from Portland.

#### **5.5 Regional Choice Engagement Architecture**

Ms. Robin McArthur of Metro provided a brief overview of Metro's regional choices engagement architecture strategy for 2008-11. Staff are currently in phase one of four, of the process, using a set of scenarios and other tools to identify and illustrate trends in transportation, land use, and infrastructure investment choices.

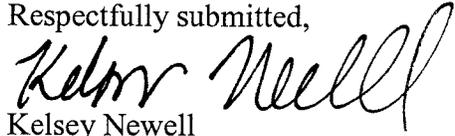
The process will provide a framework for implementation of integrated local, state and regional land use, transportation and investment strategies.

Committee discussion included urban and rural reserves growth demand (e.g. land area and density), locations, time frames and long-term vision.

**6. ADJOURN**

As there was no further business, Chair Cotugno adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR AUGUST 1, 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>
5.1	PowerPoint	N/A	Additional slides for the <i>Air Quality and the Metro Region presentation</i> , provided by Mark Turpel	080108t-01
5.1	Chart	N/A	Draft chart of <i>Projected Ozone, Air Toxics and Greenhouse Gas Emissions from On-Road Sources for the Metro Region</i>	080108t-02
5.2	PowerPoint	8/1/08	<i>Program Update: Regional Travel Options</i> presented by Pam Peck	080108t-03
5.2	Guide/Book	N/A	<i>Walk There! Guide</i>	080108t-04
5.4	PowerPoint	8/1/08	<i>Aviation Demand Forecasts</i> presented by Jay Sugnet and Chris Corich	080108t-05
5.5	Chart	7/18/08	Draft chart of the <i>Regional Choices Engagement Architecture for 2008-11</i>	080108t-06