



METRO

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

August 14, 2008

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Robert Liberty, Vice Chair
Sam Adams
Dick Pedersen
Royce Pollard
Steve Stuart
Don Wagner
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
City of Portland
DEQ
City of Vancouver
Clark County
WSDOT
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

David Bragdon
Nina DeConcini
Doug Ficco
Susie Lahsene

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
DEQ
WSDOT
Port of Portland

STAFF

Andy Cotugno, Mike Wetter, Mark Turpel, Lake McTighe, Pat Emmerson, MaryAnne Cassin, Randy Tucker, Robin McArthur, Ted Leybold, Kelsey Newell

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rex Burkholder called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Burkholder briefly provided information on the annual Rail~Volution conference scheduled for October 26-29th in San Francisco, California.

In addition, Chair Burkholder briefly overviewed the JPACT work program including additional joint MPAC and JPACT meetings, a *Making Connections Summit* and a JPACT retreat. Meeting and event details will be provided shortly.

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.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of the JPACT meeting minutes for July 10, 2008.

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

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

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 TriMet Investment Program

Mr. Fred Hansen briefed the committee on TriMet's Transportation Investment program for 2008. His presentation included information on new bus and light rail service, increased ridership and tools to help increase ridership (e.g. Transit Tracker, Online Trip Planner and Google Map System), and safety and security enhancements (e.g. fare inspections and increased security and law enforcement personnel).

Committee discussion included system reliability and performance measures, bike service on light rail, increased service to Washington County and overcrowding of bus and light rail systems during peak commute hours.

6.2 Oregon Transportation Commission Reauthorization Project List

Mr. Travis Brouwer provided a brief update on the Oregon Transportation Commission's (OTC) federal reauthorization earmark requests for highway projects. ODOT Region 1 staff have reviewed and screened each of the project proposals with the designated criteria (e.g. project completion and/or phasing opportunities) 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.

JPACT is scheduled to make a final recommendation to the OTC at their September 11th meeting.

Committee discussion included the Port of Portland and Multnomah County's projects in "Tier 2 and 3", Sandy River bike and pedestrian connections and the importance of project feasibility and phasing. ODOT staff will continue to work with local agency staff to define project scopes for projects on the Tier 2 and 3 list that would meeting OTC criteria for the Tier 1 project. They will also provide the statewide earmark request list to members at their next JPACT meeting.

6.3 Draft Federal Authorization Policy & Project

Mr. Andy Cotugno introduced a draft policy proposal on the Portland metropolitan area federal transportation authorization priorities. He highlighted metropolitan mobility, freight and New and Small Starts programs as high priorities for the metro region. In addition Mr. Cotugno outlined the draft reauthorization project criteria. A draft reauthorization project list is anticipated for the JPACT retreat in October.

Councilor Kathryn Harrington requested that information in support of an increased federal commitment to cycling and pedestrian infrastructure and multimodal trails be included in the program direction of the authorization priorities.

Additional committee discussion included preservation/maintenance versus expansion of the regional system, the importance of defining the region's vision, and inclusion of freight and pedestrian movement in the Portland area policy priorities.

6.4 PDX Master Plan

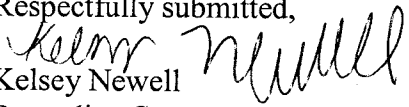
Mr. Chris Corich of the Port of Portland (with assistance from Jay Sugnet of the City of Portland) briefed the committee on the *Airport Futures* collaborative effort between the City and the Port of Portland to create an integrated long-range development plan and land use designation for the Portland International Airport (PDX). His presentation included information on project goals (e.g. sustainability), facility requirements and forecasts (e.g. cargo, passenger, military and general aviation), capacity changes, facility and technology improvements (e.g. e-tickets) and the public involvement process.

Ms. Susie Lahsene thanked Mr. Corich and Mr. Sugnet for their work on the PDX master plan; emphasizing the public's positive response and involvement in the project.

7. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Chair Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kelsey Newell

Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR AUGUST 14, 2008

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
	Work Program	8/13/08	Updated JPACT Work Program	081408j-01
4.0	Program	N/A	Rail~volution program	081408j-02
6.1	Graph	N/A	<i>TriMet Bus and MAX Passenger Loads Downtown and Lloyd District</i> handout distributed by Fred Hansen	081408j-03
6.1	Handout	N/A	<i>Security Enhancements</i> handout distributed by Fred Hansen	081408j-04
6.3	Handout	N/A	<i>Portland area Federal Authorization Policy Priorities and Reauthorization Project Criteria</i> handout distributed by Andy Cotugno	081408j-05
6.3	Report	2008	The USDOT Report entitled <i>Reform. Refocus. Renew. A new Transportation Approach for America</i>	081408j-06
6.3	Handout	7/28/08	<i>The case for building the nation's moat complete urban trails network</i>	081408j-07
6.3	Handout	7/24/08	<i>Points and Counterpoints: Arguments for and against building a regional trails network</i>	081408j-08
6.3	Handout	N/A	<i>Benefits of Trails Summary: Bottom Line</i>	081408j-09
6.4	PowerPoint	8/14/08	<i>Portland International Airport Aviation Demand Forecasts</i> presented by Chris Corich	081408j-10