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METRO

TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE

August 29, 2008

Metro Regional Center, 370A/B

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

AFFILIATION

Clackamas County
TriMet
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
Sorin Garber
John Hoefs
Susie Lahsene
Dean Lookingbill
Mike McKillip
Satvinder Sandhu
Sreya Sarkar
Paul Smith

AFFILIATION

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

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Robin McCaffrey
Margaret Middleton
Sharon Zimmerman

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland
City of Beaverton/Cities of Washington County

STAFF

Tom Kloster, Mark Turpel, Amy Rose, Ted Leybold, Kelsey Newell

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Mr. Tom Kloster declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Kloster briefly overviewed the regional choices engagement events for fall 2008; highlighting the *Making Connections Summit* and joint Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and JPACT meetings.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee members recommended that the presentations on ODOT's transportation enhancement programs and review of the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) process be added to the list of future agenda items.

5. APPROVAL OF TPAC MINUTES FOR JUNE 27, 2008

Approval of TPAC Minutes from June 27, 2008

MOTION: Ms. Karen Schilling moved, Mr. Louis Ornelas seconded, to approve the August 1, 2008 meeting minutes.

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

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Resolution No. 08-3973, For the Purpose of Approving the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Oregon Highway 213/Redlands Road Improvements as Part of the Federal Component of the Amended 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and Amended 2008-2011 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Mark Turpel of Metro provided a brief overview of air quality conformity requirements. Ms. Nancy Kraushaar gave a description of Oregon City's new development site entitled *The Rivers* and the proposed road improvements to Highway 213 and Redland Road.

With the recent adoption of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) air quality conformity determination and its identification of a significant "cushion" on Carbon Monoxide emissions, as well as the cost and time needed to complete a full conformed analysis and the likelihood that this project's impact on air quality would be slight, staff proposed a less extensive qualitative abbreviated analysis of the new transportation facility improvements be completed. The analysis

determined that the Highway 213/Redland Road improvements would not exceed regional Carbon Monoxide air quality standards.

Mr. Dave Nordberg stated that although staff's approach for meeting the regional emissions analysis was not the standard, it does adequately meet the requirements. However, he noted that there are other areas (e.g. "hot spot analysis") that must be satisfied in order to meet the full air quality conformity determination requirements.

Committee members were concerned that incremental allocation of RTP dollars without a full air quality analysis could limit opportunities for future projects and should not become the precedent. Staff agreed with concerns and proposed coming back to TPAC with an approach that addresses future similar requests.

MOTION: Ms. Elissa Gertler moved, Ms. Schilling seconded, to approve Resolution No. 08-3973, with the requirement that ODOT and Oregon DEQ evaluate the air quality conformity determination procedure for future projects of this nature.

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

6.2 Resolution No. 08-3974, For the Purpose of Amending the Federal Component of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro briefly overviewed the Highway 213 and Redland Road improvement project amendments to the 2035 RTP and 2008-11 MTIP.

Ms. Kraushaar submitted minor corrections to the project description outlined in the RTP Constrained Project list (Exhibit A of Resolution No. 08-3974).

MOTION: Mr. Ron Papsdorf moved, Mr. Ornelas seconded, to approve Resolution No. 08-3974 with the amended language.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor the motion passed.

6.3 Oregon Transportation Commission Reauthorization Project List

Mr. Travis Brower of ODOT (with assistance from Rian Windsheimer) provided information on the Oregon Transportation Commission's (OTC) policy for federal reauthorization highway program earmark requests. ODOT Region 1 staff have reviewed and screened each of the project proposals and have recommended 6 local projects for consideration. (Complete list of projects included as part of the meeting record.)

In addition, to these high priority project recommendations, ODOT recommended endorsement for the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project. The CRC project would compete for separate,

national level, discretionary earmark funds such as Projects of National and Regional Significance.

Committee discussion included the US 26 Springwater Interchange, I-84/257th Avenue Troutdale Interchange, statewide support for the CRC project and state highway and transit project funding.

MOTION: Ms. Gertler moved, Ms. Robin McCaffrey seconded, to recommend to JPACT the endorsement of all 8 projects (including the US 26 Springwater Interchange and I-84/257th Avenue Troutdale Interchange projects pending ODOT's approval) in no priority order.

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

6.4 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

6.4.1 ODOT Proposed Program

Mr. Windsheimer briefly overviewed the 2010-13 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) development timeline, project map, Region 1 proposed projects for 2012-13, and public involvement schedule for the draft STIP and first-cut transportation priority list for MTIP.

Committee members recommended contact information for submitting written comments on the STIP and MTIP be added to the public involvement flyer. Additional discussion included bike and pedestrian improvement projects.

6.4.2 Regional Flexible Fund Allocation: Step 2

Mr. Leybold and Ms. Amy Rose of Metro updated the committee on the Regional Flexible Fund (RFF) step 2 local project applications. Their presentation included information on RFF score adjustments and qualitative and quantitative summaries on each of the project categories: 1) Regional Mobility Corridor, 2) Mixed-used Implementation, 3) Industrial and Employment Area Implementation, 4) Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation projects, and 5) Project development.

JPACT is scheduled to release the RFF list for public review and comment at their Sept. 11th meeting.

Committee discussion included project evaluation criteria (e.g. project readiness or geographic region), project cost estimates and adjustments, and bike and pedestrian project ratings. Members recommended that project scoring be presented to the public in an alternative form that more simply illustrates the results of the technical project.

MOTION: Mr. Nordberg moved, Ms. Margaret Middleton seconded, to recommend that the complete Regional Flexible Fund project list move forward for public review and comment that the project list not be narrowed prior to distributing to the public.

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

7. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Regional Infrastructure Analysis

Mr. Andy Shaw of Metro briefed the committee on the regional infrastructure comparative cost analysis. His presentation included information on:

- Growth and Infrastructure
- Infrastructure Types and Needs
- Comparative Costs (e.g. case studies, local and regional community infrastructure and costs, and urbanizing/urban area costs)

Project next steps include increased public involvement and outreach such as the *Making Connections Summit* and numerous joint MPAC/JPACT meetings.

Committee discussion included tax-based and investment benefits, the Big Look Task Force and infrastructure cost estimates.

8. ADJOURN

As there was no further business, Mr. Kloster adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelsey Newell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR AUGUST 29, 2008

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
	Agenda	N/A	Revised 8/29/08 TPAC Agenda	082908t-01
	Flyer	N/A	Rail~Volution 2008 flyer	082908t-02
6.1	Resolution	N/A	Updated Resolution No. 08-3973.	082908t-03
6.2	Resolution	N/A	Updated Resolution No. 08-3974.	082908t-04
6.2	Memo	8/28/08	To: Nancy Kraushaar From: Aleta Forman-Goodrich RE: Description Change for the RTP Metro Project ID 10143	082909t-05
6.4.2	Chart	8/29/08	Updated 2010-2013 Regional Flexible Fund – Step 2 Local Projects	082908t-06
6.4.2	Memo	8/29/08	To: TPAC Members and Interested Parties From: Ted Leybold RE: RFF Score Adjustment	082908t-07
6.4.2	Chart	8/29/08	Quantitative Summary	082908t-08
6.4.2	Chart	8/29/08	Qualitative Summary	082908t-09
7.1	PowerPoint	8/29/08	<i>Regional Infrastructure: Comparative Costs</i> presented by Andy Shaw	082908t-10
7.1	Report	7/9/2008	Comparative infrastructure costs: local case studies	082908t-11