



METRO

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

September 11, 2008

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rex Burkholder, Chair
Robert Liberty, Vice Chair
James Bernard
Nina DeConcini
Rob Drake
Fred Hansen
Kathryn Harrington
Roy Rogers
Jason Tell
Paul Thalhofer
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sam Adams
Lynn Peterson
Royce Pollard
Steve Stuart
Don Wagner
Ted Wheeler

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
Clackamas County
City of Vancouver
Clark County
WSDOT
Multnomah County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Bill Kennemer
Maria Rojo de Steffey
Dean Lookingbill

AFFILIATION

Clackamas County
Multnomah County
SW RTC

STAFF

Richard Brandman, Amy Rose, John Mermin, Andy Shaw, Malu Wilkinson, Anthony Butzek, Randy Tucker, Ted Leybold

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

Ron Swaren, 1543 SE Umatilla St., Portland, OR 97202: Mr. Swaren provided comment on potential areas in the Portland metropolitan region that he felt would benefit from an additional river crossing; specifically along the Sellwood and I-5 corridors. He briefly touched on travelshed and employment growth maps, traffic congestion relief and alternative bridge designs.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Burkholder briefly overviewed the JPACT work program highlighting the additional joint MPAC and JPACT meetings, a *Making Connections Summit* and a JPACT retreat. In addition, he encouraged committee members to attend the *Metro Council Commute Challenge* scheduled for September 16th.

Councilor Robert Liberty announced that Mr. Troy Russ, of the Urban Design and Transportation Practice Group, is scheduled to speak on September 24th as part of the Transportation Speaker Series.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of the JPACT meeting minutes for August 14, 2008

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

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

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

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Oregon Transportation Commission Reauthorization Project List

Mr. Travis Brower of ODOT 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 I-84/257th Avenue Troutdale Interchange. The City of Troutdale is currently developing an alternative proposal for the interchange to meet ODOT's project criteria.

MOTION: Mr. Jason Tell moved, Commissioner Bill Kennemer seconded, to recommend the 6 project earmark requests and the CRC project to the OTC for consideration.

AMENDMENT: Mr. Bill Wyatt moved, Mayor Paul Thalhoffer seconded, to move the I-84/257th Avenue Troutdale Interchange into the recommended project list, contingent on ODOT's approval of an alternative design.

Discussion on Amendment: Mr. Tell emphasized that in order for ODOT to recommend the project to the OTC, City and Port staff must illustrate that the project can be phased or that an additional local funding source is available. Mayor Thalhoffer stated that the project was much needed and a very important improvement for East Multnomah County.

ACTION TAKEN ON AMENDMENT: With all in favor, the amendment passed.

Discussion on Motion: Councilor Liberty indicated that he would abstain from the motion since he did not attend the briefing at the August 14th meeting.

ACTION TAKEN ON MOTION: Will all in favor, and one abstained (Liberty), the motion passed.

6.2 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Updates

6.2.1 ODOT Proposed Program

Mr. Tell stated that the draft State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project list has been released for public comment. He encouraged members to attend the joint STIP/MTIP public open houses for detailed information on each of the projects. ODOT and Metro staff will be present to answer questions. The OTC is scheduled to adopt the final STIP list in August 2009.

6.6.2 Release of Regional Flexible Project Proposal for Public Review

Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro overviewed the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Regional Flexible Fund (RFF) process to date. He recommended that the committee not narrow the local project list prior to releasing it for public comment. He cited limited funding, reduced number of proposals, and the detailed project criteria as reasoning.

The committee released the draft RFF list for public comment between October 13th – December 1st. Interested parties may provide verbal testimony at any of the four listening posts and/or may submit written comments on the Metro web site, by mail, e-mail or fax. Staff will provide details shortly.

Committee discussion included the technical evaluation of industrial projects and economic development, safety, leverage of existing and future project funds, and completing a retrospective analysis when the MTIP process is complete.

7. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Regional Infrastructure Analysis

Mr. Andy Shaw (with assistance from Malu Wilkinson) of Metro provided a presentation on regional infrastructure analysis. His presentation included information on:

- Analysis Purpose
- Infrastructure Types
- Infrastructure Finance
- Regional Infrastructure Analysis (e.g. transportation, water/sewer, schools, parks, energy)
- Comparative Costs (e.g. return on investments, case studies, and regional and local community costs)
- Growth and Infrastructure
- Next Steps and Solutions

These topics (and more) will be discussed at *The Future is Here: Is Business As Usual Good Enough?* event scheduled for October 8th with moderator Gail Achterman of the OTC and keynote speaker Arthur Nelson of the University of Utah.

Committee discussion included housing and employment growth and associated costs, comparative costs of development in various locations and levels of density, the Urban Growth Boundary and investment strategies.

7.2 Transportation Finance

Council President David Bragdon updated the committee on the Regional Transportation Funding (RTF) subcommittee and findings from the joint Urban Land Institute/Metro transportation expert panel held in June 2008. The subcommittee continues to research ways to formulate a regional transportation initiative. Discussions included establishing a regional

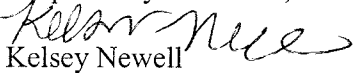
vehicle registration fee, communication strategies that illustrate the region's needs and regional funding for transit. The next RTF subcommittee meeting is being scheduled in October.

Committee discussion included community education and outreach, taxing authority and alternative funding sources for regional transportation projects.

8. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Chair Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kelsey Newell

Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
	Agenda	9/11/08	Updated JPACT agenda	091108j-01
4.	Flyer	N/A	<i>The Future is Here: Is Business as Usual Good Enough?</i> forum	091108j-02
4.	Flyer	N/A	<i>Metro Councilor Commute Challenge</i>	091108j-03
4.	Flyer	N/A	<i>Troy Russ: Rebalancing roadways to build sustainable communities</i>	091108j-04
6.1	Chart	N/A	<i>Statewide Highway Program Authorization Earmark Proposals</i> distributed by Travis Brouwer	091108j-05
6.1	Chart	N/A	<i>ODOT Region 1 Authorization Earmark Proposals</i> handout distributed by Travis Brouwer	091108j-06
6.2.2	Chart	N/A	<i>2010-2013 Regional Flexible Fund – Step 2 Local Projects</i> handout distributed by Ted Leybold	091108j-07
7.1	Report	7/2008	<i>Regional Infrastructure Analysis</i> handout distributed by Andy Shaw and Malu Wilkinson	091108j-08
7.1	Report	7/2008	<i>Regional Infrastructure Analysis: Executive Summary</i> distributed by Andy Shaw and Malu Wilkinson	091108j-09
	Newsletter	Fall 2008	<i>GreenScene</i>	091108j-010