



**METRO**

**Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation**

**MINUTES**

October 17, 2008

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Oregon Zoo, Skyline Rm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rex Burkholder, Chair  
Robert Liberty, Vice Chair  
Sam Adams  
James Bernard  
Nina DeConcini  
Rob Drake  
Fred Hansen  
Lynn Peterson  
Roy Rogers  
Paul Thalhofer  
Ted Wheeler

AFFILIATION

Metro Council  
Metro Council  
City of Portland  
City of Milwaukie, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.  
DEQ  
City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington Co.  
TriMet  
Clackamas County  
Washington County  
City of Troutdale, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.  
Multnomah County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Tom Brian  
Doug Ficco  
Tom Imeson  
Donna Jordan  
Susie Lahsene  
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

Washington County  
WS DOT  
Port of Portland  
City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.  
Port of Portland  
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT-Region 1)

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Kathryn Harrington  
Royce Pollard  
Steve Stuart  
Jason Tell  
Don Wagner  
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

Metro Council  
City of Vancouver  
Clark County  
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT-Region 1)  
WSDOT  
Port of Portland

## STAFF

Michael Jordan, Andy Cotugno, Rod Park, Carlotta Collette, Randy Tucker, Robin McArthur, Kelsey Newell, Ross Roberts, Tom Kloster, Andy Shaw, Josh Naramore, Kim Ellis, Kathryn Sofich

### 1. WELCOME & RETREAT AGENDA

Chair Rex Burkholder called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m. Chair Burkholder, with assistance from Facilitator Michael Jordan, welcomed attendees and overviewed the retreat agenda.

### 2. OREGON LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Mr. Randy Tucker of Metro provided an update on the Governor's transportation committees, highlighting the Vision Committee discussions on short and long-term policy and transportation funding legislation. The Vision Committee is scheduled to issue its report to the Governor in November 2008.

He overviewed shared themes between the Vision Committee and JPACT's adopted Portland metro area transportation priorities, proposed amendments to the region's priorities, and the 2009 state transportation funding package (e.g. lottery and multimodal investments, flexible funds, policy changes and new approaches).

Additional topics highlighted by the regional lobby staff (Dennis Mulvihill, Dan Bates, Annette Price and Olivia Clark) included telling the Portland story, job creation, climate change and sustainable practices (e.g. interconnectedness of land use and transit), local and state support, and the importance of a united regional vision.

Committee discussion included local tolling and the Willamette River bridges, timber counties, safety, the funding formula, minimum investment return to the region, prioritizing projects and investing in a proactive unified regional transportation agenda. Committee members agreed to produce a short video to "market" the region and illustrate its needs. Members requested the lobby staff develop a work plan and draft a resolution outlining the region's updated legislative priorities.

### 3. BREAK

Committee members recessed for a short break.

### 4. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION BILL

*Overview of federal reauthorization landscape*

Mr. Peter Peyser of Blank Rome Government Relations, LLC provided a presentation on the historical perspective for the next federal surface transportation bill. His presentation included information on:

- History of federal gas tax
- Historic funding levels for highway and transit
- Growth in earmarks (ISTEA, TEA-21, and SAFETEA-LU)
- Toll financing
- Public and private partnership
- The future of “authorization” verses “reauthorization”

Committee discussion included congressional earmarks, public and private partnerships and “players and attractors” for authorization (e.g. American Public Transportation Association (APTA)).

*Review of regional policy and project position*

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro overviewed a draft policy proposal on the Portland metropolitan area federal transportation authorization priorities; highlighting metropolitan mobility and freight movement as the primary programs of federal interest. In addition, the proposal identified important issues for the Portland metropolitan region including the New Starts and Small Starts program process, preservation and maintenance of the existing transportation systems, funding increases and climate change. JPACT is scheduled to formally consider adoption of the priorities at their December meeting.

Committee members recommended the following policy direction:

- The authorization priorities include demand management (e.g. tolling, trip reduction or greenhouse gas reduction) and least cost planning elements.
- Draft the paper to illustrate the “Portland region story.”
- Draft the paper to draw away from price points and focus emphasis on completion of the greater regional vision.
- Put the Columbia River Crossing project in the context of a Portland region story.
- Revise language on use of climate change funding.

In addition, Mr. Cotugno briefly overviewed a list of possible projects suggested over the past few months for discussion. (Complete list included as part of the meeting record.) He asked members for agency and jurisdictional direction on targets, local priorities and themes; emphasizing integrated county and regional project packages.

Committee discussion included development a climate change and system wide strategy and inclusion of the Oregon Transportation Commission’s recommended projects.

*Washington, DC trip strategy*

Chair Burkholder welcomed members to stay for a 1 p.m. small group legislative session with Peter Peyser to discuss the annual Washington, DC trip.

## 5. GREATER REGIONAL DISCUSSION

### *Update on OMPOC Greater Regions Project and ODOT Research Project on MPOs and ACTs*

Mr. Tom Kloster of Metro provided a brief update on the Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium (OMPOC) Greater Region's project; highlighting the Northern Willamette Valley's travelshed, population density and land use. In addition, he briefly touched on the ODOT's research project on MPOs and ACTs. Currently, despite the dense travel throughout the Portland metro region, there is no formal planning mechanism for our region that allows local decision makers an opportunity to influence land use behaviors and transportation investments outside our MPO boundary. The current MPO boundaries do not fit the region's structure. Formal results from ODOT's research will be available shortly.

The committee recommended the map include the metropolitan region airshed and the ODOT boundaries.

## 6. LUNCH

The committee briefly recessed for lunch.

## 7. IMPLICATIONS TO JPACT

Chair Burkholder briefly overviewed the findings from the joint ULI/Metro transportation expert panel; highlighting the panel's recommendations to (1) seize the region's destiny by pursuing a bold funding strategy, (2) develop a regional vision that is compelling and engages the public, and (3) encourage political leadership to carry the region's issues through. Chair Burkholder asked members for feedback on JPACT's role and function, interagency coordination opportunities, MPO functions and designation, and membership. Direction provided will be used to develop the 2009 JPACT work program.

Committee members recommended consideration of the following:

- Reduce the Metro Council's JPACT representation from three seats to one.
- Address whether the JPACT Chair AND/OR Vice Chair must be a Metro Councilor.
- Reduce Washington's JPACT representation from three to two seats.
- Allocate the three "new" seats to elected City representatives from each of the three counties.
- Engage the business community. Increase business representation on JPACT; rotate in different members of the local business community (e.g. PBA, Westside Economic Alliance, etc.).
- Engage the public health and special districts (e.g. school districts) communities.
- Develop an ACT, separate from JPACT, for the region outside Metro.
- Address environmental equity.


Additional discussion included voting privileges and the ACT definition and boundaries. Staff have been directed to:

- Draft guidelines for establishing better coordination with the county coordinating committees.
- Draft a proposal for the level of Metro staff support JPACT will require
- Draft potential ACT options for the region
- Draft potential JPACT membership changes; establish a stakeholder advisory committee or change JPACT membership organization and function.

8. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Chair Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kelsey Newell  
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR OCTOBER 17, 2008

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
2.	Handout	10/17/08	Draft proposed amendments to the adopted regional priorities	101708j-01
2.	Chart	N/A	<i>Portland Metro Area Transportation Priorities for the 2009 Oregon Legislative</i>	101708j-02
4.	PowerPoint	10/17/08	<i>Historical Perspective for the Next Federal Surface Transportation Bill</i> presented by Peter Peyser	101708j-03
4.	Report	10/7/08	<i>Needs, Costs and Funding Alternatives for Transportation Services for Older Adults and People with Disabilities in Urban and Rural Oregon</i>	101708j-04
5.	Map	N/A	<i>Greater Regions of Oregon: Northern Willamette Valley Map</i>	101708j-05