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METRO

TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE

October 31, 2008

Metro Regional Center, 370A/B

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sorin Garber
Nancy Kraushaar
Alan Lehto
Keith Liden
Mike McKillip
Dave Nordberg
Ron Papsdorf
John Reinhold
Satvinder Sandhu
Paul Smith
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jack Burkman
Bret Curtis
Elissa Gertler
John Hoefs
Susie Lahsene
Dean Lookingbill
Louis A. Ornelas
Sreya Sarkar
Karen Schilling
April Siebenaler

AFFILIATION

WSDOT
Washington County
Clackamas County
C-TRAN
Port of Portland
SW Washington RTC
Citizen
Citizen
Multnomah County
Citizen

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Andy Back
Lynda David
Scott King
Jane McFarland
Ron Weinman

AFFILIATION

Washington County
SW Washington RTC
Port of Portland
Multnomah County
Clackamas County

STAFF

Tom Kloster, Ross Roberts, John Mermin, Barry Hennelly, Crista Gardner, Ted Reid, Alan Gunn, Karen Withrow, Pat Emmerson, Matt Bihn, Kim Ellis, Josh Naramore, Deena Platman, Ted Leybold, Kelsey Newell, Tony Mendoza

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. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Kloster briefly overviewed the future agenda items.

4. APPROVAL OF TPAC MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2008

Approval of TPAC Minutes from September 26, 2008

Mr. Scott King requested at the meeting minutes be corrected to read, "... the vacant Deputy Director of Planning and ~~Placement~~ Placemaking director position..."

MOTION: Mr. Dave Nordberg moved, Mr. King seconded, to approve the September 26, 2008 meeting minutes with the amended language.

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 High Capacity Transit Screening Criteria

Mr. Tony Mendoza of Metro briefed the committee on the High Capacity Transit (HCT) system screening criteria. His presentation included information on:

- Project Process and Next Steps for 2009
- Issues Identified at "Think Tank" Meetings
 - Including placemaking, access, speed, equity, centers and corridors, marketing, concepts, future growth and present population, and federal policy changes.
- Themes Identified by Public Outreach
 - Including access, service and speed, safety and security, and land use.
- Goal Priorities Identified by Regional Workshops
 - 1) Foster vibrant communities and efficient urban form
 - 2) Expand transportation choices
- Review of Qualitative and Quantitative Screening Criteria

Committee members recommended:

- A line be added to connect the cities of Tualatin/Wilsonville/Sherwood and Hillsboro.
- A line be added to provide a northern east west connection along the Columbia corridor from Troutdale to St. Johns.
- Update the land use criterion to reflect the RTP land use definition and qualifications.
- Include a criterion that addresses impacts to the region's natural environment.

Committee discussion included social equity and ridership demand (e.g. choice riders), 2040 land use priorities, geographic equity, industrial and employments centers (e.g. Intel and OHSU), and system connectivity.

Committee members confirmed the screening criteria with the above additions and recommendations.

6. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 High Capacity Evaluation Criteria

Mr. Alan Jones of Steer, Davies, Gleave in London, United Kingdom (with assistance from Tom Brennan of Nelson & Nygaard) provided a presentation on the HCT evaluation framework. His presentation included information on:

- Evaluation Approach
- Multiple Account Evaluation (MAE) (e.g. approach, framework, goals, deliverability)
- Liverpool vs. Portland – HCT Planning and Approach
- Network Evaluation (e.g. problem identification, access alternatives, think network, project development)
- Summary Table Examples
- Proposed Evaluation Criteria
 - Including corridor, community environment, economy and deliverability characteristics

TPAC will be asked to confirm the evaluation criteria at their November 21st meeting.

6.2 RTP System Development – Formation of RTP Subcommittee

Mr. Kloster briefly announced the development of a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) subcommittee to TPAC and MTAC. This subcommittee, comprised of agency and jurisdictional staff from both committees, would review materials related to the RTP update and assist Metro staff with other technical coordination activities related to the RTP work program. The subcommittee is scheduled to begin monthly meetings in January 2009.

Committee members recommended the subcommittee increase the recommended city representatives from 3 to 5- 6 seats.

6.3 Regional Transportation Plan Scenario Results & Policy Implications

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro provided an abbreviated presentation on the RTP “Cause and Effect” scenarios which link transportation and land use to the economy and environment. Her presentation included information on:

- Notable Household, Air Quality and Job Effects
- TPAC and MTAC Workshop Themes
 - Benefits and tradeoffs to consider
 - Hybrid scenarios approach (including land use and transportation menus)

Committee members recommended tolling findings not be highlighted given the need to further evaluate this strategy and potential effects on parallel arterials, low-income households and land use patterns. Additional discussion included model methodology, economic data, and reporting on air quality and greenhouse gas emission results and implications separately.

6.4 Regional Transportation Plan Bicycle Policy Requirements

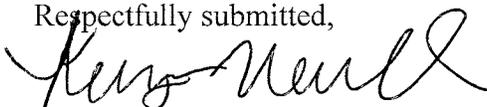
Mr. John Mermin of Metro briefed the committee on the RTP bike policy work completed in spring 2008 and recommended policy refinements. Refinements highlighted include RTP bicycle policy language, updates to the existing bicycle system map and potential actions. Local jurisdictions will have an opportunity to recommend edits to the system map consistent with the new policy language by the end of January 2009. Refinements to the map will inform the RTP system development planned to begin in February 2009. In addition, there will be a second opportunity to recommend amendments to the map during the formal 45-day comment period to be held in fall 2009.

Committee discussion included system connectivity, MTIP and regional flexible funds, and flexibility of the policy.

7. ADJOURN

As there was no further business, Mr. Kloster adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR OCTOBER 31, 2008

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
5.1	PowerPoint	10/31/08	<i>HCT Screening Criteria</i> presented by Tony Mendoza	103108t-01
5.1	Chart	10/31/08	Updated proposed Screening Criteria	103108t-02
6.1	Memo	10/30/08	To: HCT Team From: Steer, Davies, Gleave and Nelson & Nygaard RE: Detailed HCT Evaluation Framework – Draft for Discussion	103108t-03
6.1	PowerPoint	N/A	<i>HCT Evaluation Framework</i> presented by Alan Jones	103108t-04
6.2	Memo	10/31/08	To: TPAC, MTAC and Interested Parties From: Kim Ellis RE: RTP Update – Scenarios Results	103108t-05
6.2	PowerPoint	10/31/08	<i>RTP “Cause and Effect” Scenarios</i> presented by Kim Ellis	103108t-06
6.2	Report	10/2008	2035 RTP “Cause and Effect” Transportation Scenarios	103108t-07
	Report	11/2008	<i>Choices: Land Use and Investment Scenarios</i> discussion guide	103108t-08