



METRO

**Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC)
and Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation Committee (JPACT)**

**Joint Meeting
MINUTES**

November 12, 2008

5 to 7 p.m.

Oregon Convention Center
Portland Ballroom (Rm. 256)

MPAC PRESENT

Alice Norris, Chair
Tom Brian, Vice Chair
Shane Bemis, Second Vice Chair
Pat Campbell
Shirley Craddick
Nathalie Darcy
Craig Dirksen
Dave Fuller
Judie Hammerstad
Carl Hosticka
Laura Hudson
Dick Jones
Richard Kidd
Norm King
Charlotte Lehan
Don McCarthy
Rod Park
Wilda Parks
Michelle Poyourow
Martha Schrader
Rick Van Beveren
Richard Whitman

AFFILIATION

City of Oregon City, representing Clackamas Co. 2nd Largest City
Washington Co. Commission
City of Gresham, representing Multnomah Co. 2nd Largest City
City of Vancouver
City of Gresham, representing Multnomah Co. 2nd Largest City
Washington Co. Citizen
City of Tigard, representing Washington Co. Other Cities
City of Wood Village, representing Multnomah Co. Other Cities
City of Lake Oswego, representing Clackamas Co. Largest City
Metro Council
City of Vancouver
Clackamas Co. Special Districts
City of Forest Grove, representing Washington Co. Other Cities
City of West Linn, representing Clackamas Co. Other Cities
City of Wilsonville, representing Clackamas Co. Other Cities
Multnomah Co. Special Districts
Metro Council
Clackamas Co. Citizen
Multnomah Co. Citizen
Clackamas Co. Commission
TriMet Board of Directors
Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation & Development

JPACT PRESENT

Rex Burkholder, Chair
Robert Liberty, Vice Chair
James Bernard
Nina DeConcini
Kathryn Harrington
Donna Jordan
Lynn Peterson
Roy Rogers
Paul Thalhofer

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
Metro Council
City of Milwaukie, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
Oregon DEQ
Metro Council
City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
Clackamas Co.
Washington Co.
City of Troutdale, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.

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Multnomah Co.

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Bill Bash
Amanda Fritz
Diane McKeel
Marc San Soucie
Judy Shiprack

AFFILIATION

City of Cornelius, Mayor
City of Portland, Commissioner-elect
Multnomah Co., Commissioner-elect
City of Beaverton, Councilor-elect
Multnomah Co., Commissioner-elect

1. PURPOSE AND CONTEXT

Facilitator Michael Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. Mr. Jordan welcomed MPAC and JPACT members, alternates and newly elected and/or re-elected officials.

Over the next two years, the region will be faced with important decisions on how to shape its growth over the next 20 to 50 years. To help inform these decisions, MPAC and JPACT (as well as various elected officials and staff) have united in a series of meetings to address how our local and regional choices, with regard to different land use and transportation investment strategies, can result in different outcomes. These meetings provide the committees with an opportunity to collectively weigh in on the risks, benefits and trade-offs of the different investment choices.

The November 12th meeting, focused on transportation investment scenarios, was the second meeting in the three part event series. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce attendees to four distinct transportation investment choices and provide an opportunity to evaluate and review the results of the scenarios on the region's air quality, land use and traffic patterns, and other effects, discuss policy implications and choices, and provide initial direction on elements to emphasized in the RTP investment strategy that will be developed in 2009. Preliminary direction provided by the region's policymakers will direct staff to select the right mix of transportation investments to pursue in the next round of analysis.

2. TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT SCENARIO RESULTS

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro provided a presentation on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) "Cause and Effect" scenarios which link transportation and land use to the economy and environment. His presentation included information on:

- Choices for the Future (including urban form, transportation and investments)
- RTP Investment Strategy Direction
- Assumptions Overview
- RTP Scenarios
 - Current Plans and RTP: Reference Scenario
 - Concept A: Connectivity Scenario
 - Concept B: High Capacity Transit Scenario
 - Concept C: Throughways Scenario
 - Concept D: System Management Scenario
- Results
 - Overall System Cost
 - Housing Reacts to Congestion and Access
 - Jobs React to Congestion and Access
 - Air Quality Improvements
 - Greenhouse Gas Emissions Increase
 - Congestion and Delay Grow
 - Walking, Biking and Transit Trips Increase
 - Financial and Political Considerations

- o Environmental, Community and Economic Considerations

(The complete presentation is included as part of the meeting record.)

3. DISCUSSION AND PREFERENCE POLLING OF TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT SCENARIOS

Mr. Walt Roberts, of The Performance Center, polled attendees on:

- Each scenario's level of difficulty to implement and their ability to achieve local and regional goals for air quality, greenhouse gases, community development and the economy. Members rated each scenario on financial and political feasibility and environmental, community and economic considerations.
- The attendees' view of how the region should adjust its emphasis (from the Reference scenario) for each activity to better address transportation issues and needs. Members provided responses on:
 - o Land use strategies
 - o System operations and maintenance strategies
 - o Transit Service
 - o Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) strategies
 - o Access management strategies
 - o Trip reduction and traveler information strategies
 - o Tolling strategies
 - o Parking management and pricing strategies
 - o Bike, pedestrian and trail connections
 - o High Capacity Transit (HCT)
 - o Road and bridge capacity
 - o Throughway capacity
 - o Freight rail connections
- The attendees' view of how to adjust the emphasis for each strategy in comparison to their understanding of the current level of effort for the reference scenario. Members were polled on:
 - o Focus on local ability to fund transportation
 - o Focus on regional ability to fund transportation
 - o Pursue more public private funding partnerships
 - o Leverage state legislative delegation and state lobbying efforts
 - o Leverage U.S. Congressional Team and federal lobbying efforts

Information received from the polling exercise will provide staff with a preliminary read on how to direct energy and resources to accomplish the region's desired outcomes as they begin to develop the RTP Investment Strategy in 2009. The actions and strategies selected could help protect the investments the region has already made and move the region closer to achieving the vision embodied in the 2040 Growth Concept. (The complete list of polling questions and responses are included as part of the meeting record.)

Committee discussion included:

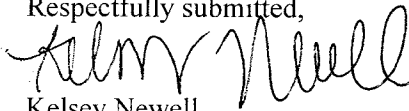
- Methods for reducing greenhouse gases (e.g. technology and land use and transportation forms).
- The interconnectedness of political and financial feasibility; specifically in regards to the Concept D: System Management Scenario. In addition, members addressed public verses private partnerships.
- Concept B: High Capacity Transit Scenario's high economic consideration rating by attendees. In addition, HCT's ability to provide congestion relief, job creation, freight movement, safety and light rail's popularity.
- Demand management programs including parking programs and arterial signals.

4. SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS

Committee members will have an opportunity to provide feedback on land use and transportation strategies at the December 10th Joint MPAC and JPACT meeting. Information gathered will help inform large policy decisions on the RTP, Urban and Rural Reserves and assist in development of the Urban Growth Report next year.

Mr. Jordan adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2008

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
2.	PowerPoint	11/12/08	<i>RTP "Cause and Effect" Scenarios: Linking Transportation to Land Us, the Economy and the Environment" presented by Andy Cotugno</i>	111208jm-01
3.	Handout	11/12/08	<i>Discussion and Keypad Polling Worksheet (Questions 4-8 and 9-10)</i>	111208jmj-02
	Report	11/2008	<i>Choices: Transportation Investment Scenarios discussion guide</i>	111208jm-03
	Memo / Charts	10/30/08	To: Metro Councilors, MPAC, JPACT, MTAC From: Sherry Oeser RE: Joint MPAC/JPACT October 22 Meeting Polling Summary	111208jm-04
	Report	11/2008	<i>Choices: Land Use and Investment Scenarios discussion guide</i>	111208jm-05