



METRO

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

November 13, 2008
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rex Burkholder, Chair
Robert Liberty, Vice Chair
Sam Adams
James Bernard
Nina DeConcini
Fred Hansen
Kathryn Harrington
Lynn Peterson
Roy Rogers
Paul Thalhofer
Don Wagner
Ted Wheeler

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Rob Drake
Royce Pollard
Steve Stuart
Jason Tell
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington Co.
City of Vancouver
Clark County
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT-Region 1)
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Dean Lookingbill
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

SW RTC
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT-Region 1)

STAFF

Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Josh Naramore, Tom Kloster, Pat Emmerson, Randy Tucker,
Kelsey Newell

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rex Burkholder called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

Chair Burkholder briefly overviewed the 2009 JPACT meeting schedule, updated work program and October 17th retreat deliverables.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Sharon Nasset: Ms. Nasset stated that funding for Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project would not be included in the federal appropriations bill for 2009 and is not anticipated to receive funding until 2017. Secondly, Ms. Nasset stated that New Starts funding can be used to finance heavy rail projects. She was in favor of constructing a new north south continental rail connection, citing new services and job creation as reasoning. Lastly, she emphasized that a third river crossing would provide a direct freeway connection between the Port of Portland and the Port of Vancouver. She encouraged members to take advantage of the buildable acreage and job creation opportunity.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Commissioner Lynn Peterson provided a brief update on the Regional Transportation Funding subcommittee's regional transportation funding initiative. The campaign is anticipated for the November 2009 ballot. JPACT members will have an opportunity to review the draft measure shortly.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

**Consideration of the JPACT meeting minutes for September 11, 2008
Consideration of the JPACT Retreat minutes for October 17, 2008**

MOTION: Mayor Jim Bernard moved to approve the consent agenda.

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

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Federal Legislation

A. Draft Portland Metropolitan Area Federal Transportation Authorization Priorities

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro updated the committee on the federal transportation authorization policy and projects for the Portland metropolitan region.

Policy Discussion

Mr. Cotugno briefly overviewed updates to the draft policy; highlighting additions recommended by JPACT including clarification on greenhouse gas emissions, demand

management, the CRC project, the Portland region’s strategy and story, and priority recommendations.

Committee members recommended:

- 1) Update the policy to read, “...U.S. gateways to handle the increasing volume of international and domestic trade...” under the freight program direction category.
- 2) Add a system management (Intelligent Transportation System) program direction category that highlights efficiency and cost effectiveness of projects.

Project Discussion

Mr. Cotugno overviewed the criteria for the federal authorization project list; highlighting the four major components of the project list: 1) the adopted priorities of the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC), 2) priorities for New and Small Starts programs, 3) the Oregon Transportation Research and Education Consortium funding, and 4) the local priority projects for the “highway” component of the authorization bill. He recommended limiting the fourth category to \$100 million with suballocations to jurisdictions in each of the three counties.

Committee members recommended that the monetary cap be removed, but that local and agency jurisdictions submit projects in a prioritized order for each of their counties. Members were concerned that the geographic population-based model did not account for large funding requests including the Sellwood Bridge or the Port of Portland projects. The committee is scheduled to discuss and the formally adopt by resolution the project list at their December 11th and January 15th meetings respectively.

Additional committee discussion included the economic stimulus bill, New and Small Starts projects, and the importance of a unified project list and regional approach.

B. Introduction to T4 America Platform

Chair Burkholder briefly overviewed the Transportation for America (T4America) “Platform for the Surface Transportation Program Authorization” report. T4America is a coalition of national organizations that have developed a platform for authorization of the new federal transportation bill that addresses the critical need for a balanced, multi-modal transportation system integrated with economic, community, health, social equity, energy and climate change objectives. JPACT will be asked to endorse, by resolution, the Platform at their December meeting.

C. Regional Priority Setting for Economic Stimulus Bill

JPACT briefly discussed developing a very short-term priority list for the economic stimulus bill. In addition, they acknowledge it will extend beyond transportation.

6.2 Resolution No. 08-4003, For the Purpose of Endorsing Final Regional Priorities for the 2009 State Transportation Funding Legislation

Mr. Randy Tucker of Metro briefed the committee on the Governor’s proposed 2009 “Jobs and Transportation Act,” highlighting the road/highway and multi-modal investments elements of the package. He then discussed the regional priorities for 2009 state funding legislation adopted by

JPACT earlier in the year in Resolution No. 08-3956 and presented proposed updates to those priorities embodied in draft Resolution No. 08-4003.

Commissioner Sam Adams stated that although he accepted the additional language included in the resolution related to future changes in the state funding formula, he would continue to push for a minimum return of investments for the Portland region based on the region's contribution to state transportation revenues.

Committee recommendations included:

- Update the language in Exhibit A on the state formula to refer to "...the Portland region and other metropolitan regions..."
- Also in Exhibit A, change "Invest in Trails" to "Invest in Non-Motorized Transportation" to ensure that the language does not exclude bike boulevards.

Mr. Dennis Mulhivill of Washington County briefed the committee on the 2009 JPACT transportation and infrastructure legislative work plan. He highlighted the consistency between the region's priorities, the direction proposed by the Governor's office, and the efforts of the local business community to advance transportation funding in Oregon. He emphasized the region's need to be coordinated, flexible and adjust as appropriate. In addition, he highlighted necessary additions to the work plan: message consistency in Salem, cite job creation as "economic stimulus" and highlight safety elements of the regional package.

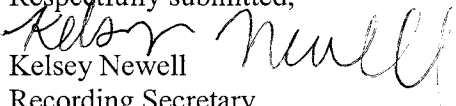
6.3 Sellwood Bridge Update

Mr. Ian Cannon of Multnomah County briefed the committee of the Sellwood Bridge project. His presentation included information on the purpose and need, build alternatives, costs, potential project phasing, and the timeline for the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) process. The formal public comment period is scheduled for Nov. 7th through Dec. 22nd. A formal LPA recommendation is anticipated for spring 2009.

7. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Chair Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kelsey Newell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2008

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
4.	Memo	2/14/08	To: JPACT From: Rex Burkholder, JPACT Chair RE: JPACT retreat deliverables	111308j-01
4.	Memo	11/13/08	To: JPACT From: Rex Burkholder JPACT Chair RE: JPACT Retreat Deliverables	111308j-02
6.2	Handout	N/A	<i>Selected highlights of Governor Kulongoski's 2009 "Jobs and Transportation Act"</i>	111308j-03
6.2	Report	N/A	<i>Governor Ted Kulongoski: Jobs and Transportation Act 2009"</i>	111308j-04
6.2	Handout	N/A	<i>2009 JPACT Transportation-Infrastructure Legislative Agenda Work plan</i>	111308j-05
7.	Report	11/2008	<i>The case for an integrated mobility strategy</i>	111308j-06
7.	Report	11/2008	<i>Choices: Transportation Investment Scenarios discussion guide</i>	111308j-07
7.	Memo	10/30/08	To: Metro Council, MPAC, JPACT, MTAC From: Sherry Oeser RE: Joint MPAC/JPACT October 22 nd Polling Summary	111308j-08