



METRO

TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE

December 5, 2008

Oregon Convention Center, Room D133-134

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sorin Garber
Elissa Gertler
Nancy Kraushaar
Alan Letho
Mike McKillip
Ron Papsdorf
John Reinhold
Karen Schilling
April Siebenaler

AFFILIATION

Citizen
Clackamas County
Cities of Clackamas County
TriMet
Cities of Washington County
Cities of Multnomah County
Citizen
Multnomah County
Citizen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jack Burkman
Brent Curtis
John Hoefs
Susie Lahsene
Keith Liden
Dean Lookingbill
Dave Nordberg
Louis Ornelas
Satvinder Sandhu
Paul Smith
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

WSDOT
Washington County
C-TRAN
Port of Portland
Citizen
SW Washington RTC
Oregon DEQ
Citizen
FHWA
City of Portland
ODOT, Region 1

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Clark Berry
Jazmin Casas
Lynda David
Courtney Duke
Scott King
Lidwien Rahman
Cory Ann Wind

AFFILIATION

Washington County
FHWA
SW Washington RTC
City of Portland
Port of Portland
ODOT, Region 1
Oregon DEQ

STAFF

Tom Kloster, Andy Cotugno, Randy Tucker, Tony Mendoza, Ted Leybold, Kelsey Newell,

Kayla Mullis, Deena Platman, Joshua Naramore, Anthony Butzek, John Mermin, Crista Gardner, Cliff Higgins

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Mr. Tom Kloster declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Tom Kloster introduced Ms. Mara Gross as the new TPAC citizen member beginning in 2009. Ms. Gross will take Ms. Sreya Sarkar's seat on the committee. In addition he welcomed Ms. Cory Ann Wind as the new alternate for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

Ms. Deena Platman of Metro introduced the PORTAL advisory committee members who will work with the Archived Data User Service Project.

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro announced that the Joint TPAC/MTAC work group for the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) will begin on January 12, 2009 and is open to committee members and interested parties. Mr. Ron Papsdorf announced that Mr. John Harker will take his place in representing the City of Gresham in the work group.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Kloster briefly overviewed the future agenda items.

5. APPROVAL OF TPAC MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 31, 2008

Approval of TPAC minutes for October 31, 2008

MOTION: Mr. Alan Letho moved, Mr. Sorin Garber seconded, to approve the October 31, 2008 meeting minutes.

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

6. INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 High Capacity Transit Screened Corridors and Evaluation Criteria

Mr. Tony Mendoza of Metro briefed the committee on key changes made to the High Capacity Transit (HCT) screening criteria specifically in regards to:

- Defining the meaning of HCT to focus only on high capacity options, which includes light rail, commuter rail, bus rapid transit and rapid streetcar.
- The transit corridor map has been modify to reflect changes made at former meetings.

ODOT raised concerns regarding:

- Availability and costs.
- HCT's effect on road capacity including bike trails.
- Consideration aspirations of community activity in evaluation.
- Keeping evaluation criteria consistent with the RTP transit concept not the 2040 land use concept.

In addition the committee discussed:

- Connectivity of lines.
- Methodology of rankings.
- Objection to social equity criteria and evaluation criteria.
- Absence of certain factors in ridership generation, specifically industrial areas.
- The time frame for implementing non-priority lines.
- Ensuring that concentrations of employers be included in ridership generator evaluation.

The City of Portland requested continued work and coordination with Metro on the Portland central city corridors.

The next HCT subcommittee meeting is tentatively scheduled for the end of January. Staff will distribute meeting information shortly.

6.2 Status Report

6.2.1 Resolution No. 09-4016, For the Purpose of Endorsing A Regional Position on Reauthorization of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Act: Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro briefly discussed Resolution No. 09-4016 which reauthorizes the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Act: Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Mr. Cotugno emphasized that JPACT should act aggressively with their authorization project requests and be more conservative for the one-year appropriation requests. In addition, he stated that the current generality of the New Starts and Small Starts programs must be made more specific.

JPACT and the Metro Council will consider the resolution for adoption in January 2009.

6.2.2 *Resolution No. 08-4013, For the Purpose of Endorsing the Transportation for America (T4America) Platform*

Mr. Andy Cotugno briefed the committee on Resolution No. 08-4013 which would endorse the Transportation for America position on reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU. Mr. Cotugno informed the committee that TPAC is not required to make a recommendation on the resolution and that it will be considered for adoption at the next JPACT meeting.

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

Mr. Randy Tucker of Metro briefed the committee on changes to Resolution No. 08-4003, which would endorse the final regional priorities for the 2009 state transportation funding legislation. Resolution No. 08-4003 is a refinement of the state priorities JPACT adopted as part of Resolution No. 08-3956 in June 2008.

Highlighted changes to the Resolution No. 08-4003 include:

- BE IT RESOLVED, No. 2, be updated to read, “that the Metro Council and JPACT endorse ~~the Governor’s proposed package or elements thereof to be completed after November 10~~ support the proposed package by Governor Kulongoski, which reflects a balance between roads and multimodal investments; and...”
- A WHEREAS section be updated to read, “WHEREAS, that proposed package ~~includes to be completed after November 10~~ calls for \$499 million annually in new revenues for roads and highways, a new ‘ConnectOregon’ package calling for \$150 million in multimodal projects, the creation of a dedicated account for funding non-highway investments, new tools for addressing transit operating costs eventual dedication of 15% of lottery funds to multimodal transportation, and several reforms aimed at improving transportation governance and addressing the climate change impacts of transportation; and...”

Additional refinements highlighted include additional language on least-cost planning, non-motorized transportation and the distribution formula.

Mr. Tucker also highlighted staff concerns with Governor Ted Kulongoski’s proposed transportation funding package, in particular the absence of bike and pedestrian facilities (“non-highway transportation infrastructure”) in the multimodal component of the package.

The committee discussed road rehabilitation and funding for maintenance, furthering work to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and including facilities out of the right-of-way in the plan.

6.3 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Local Project Solicitation Process

Mr. Ted Leybold introduced Mr. David Galati of the Local Government Section at ODOT. Mr. Galati is working on creating partnerships with Transportation Management Associations throughout the state to enhance local project delivery.

Mr. Leybold briefed the committee on the decision process for allocating Regional Flexible Funds (RFF). Mr. Leybold solicited the committee's opinion on how TPAC would like to make recommendations to JPACT for RFF funds. Committee comments included:

- Supportive of both recommending a single package of projects as a means of keeping the JPACT/Metro Council decision process simple as well as recommending multiple options as a means of providing alternatives for JPACT consideration. Therefore, the decision process should only include multiple package options if JPACT expresses a clear interest in this approach and has general consensus on the themes or options they wish to consider.
- Any themes that guide development of multiple options (e.g. a single package of projects or multiple package options) must recognize the existing weighting criteria of the quantitative project evaluation process.
- Regardless of the number of recommendations (e.g. a single package of projects or multiple package options), any option will be evaluated by listing the option's strength and weaknesses relative to the narrowing process. Recommendation and evaluation should be presented to JPACT for adoption of a final list of projects to receive funding.

6.4 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) System Update Process

The purpose of the RTP system maps is to define the extent of the regional transportation system based on the function(s) an individual facility serves. Refinements to the system map will inform the RTP system development phase that is planned to begin in January 2009.

Mr. John Mermin of Metro reminded the committee that edits to the five RTP system maps must be submitted electronically by January 30, 2009 and to contact him with any questions.

6.5 Bicycle Transportation Study by Jennifer Dill of Portland State University.

Ms. Jennifer Dill of Portland State University presented the results of her bicycle transportation study to the committee. The presentation included the following information and findings:

- Where the data is from and where funding came from.
- Why people are not bicycling more.
 - Traffic and safety are concerns holding back infrequent cyclists.
- The role of infrastructure.
 - Cyclists are going longer distances to use bicycle infrastructure.
- Comparing men and women cycling habits.

- What is the data telling us?
- Next steps.

Committee discussion included the importance of bike infrastructure, the difficulty of building bike infrastructure in suburban communities, and re-sampling in order to further confirm and add to these findings.

7. ADJOURN

As there was no further business, Mr. Kloster adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kayla Mullis
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR DECEMBER 5, 2008

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
	Agenda	N/A	Updated TPAC Agenda	120508t-01
2.	Memo	12/5/08	To: TPAC From: Robin McArthur RE: Approve appointment of members to PORTAL Advisory Committee	120508t-02
6.1	Memo	12/5/08	To: TPAC From: Tony Mendoza RE: High Capacity Transit System Plan Screening Criteria Update - REVISED	120508t-03
6.1	Memo	12/1/08	To: HCT Subcommittee From: Thomas Brennan RE: Preliminary HCT Screening Results - DRAFT	120508t-04
6.1	Memo	12/8/08	To: HCT Team From: Steer Davies Gleave & Nelson/Nygaard RE: Portland HCT	120508t-05
6.1	Memo	12/4/08	To: JPACT From: Tony Mendoza RE:HCT System Plan Update	120508t-06
6.2.1	Resolution	N/A	Updated Resolution No. 09-4016 presented by Andy Cotugno	120508t-07
6.2.2	Resolution	N/A	Resolution No. 08-4013 regarding Transportation for America presented by Andy Cotugno	120508t-08
6.2.3	Resolution	N/A	Updated Resolution No. 08-4003 presented by Randy Tucker	120508t-09

6.5	PowerPoint	12/5/08	<i>Where Do People Bicycle? The Role of Infrastructure in Determining Bicycling Behavior</i> presented by Jennifer Dill	120508t-10
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