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

Joint Meeting

MINUTES

December 10, 2008

4 to 7 p.m.

Oregon Convention Center
Portland Ballroom (Rm. 256)

MPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Alice Norris, Chair
Tom Brian, Vice Chair
Shane Bemis, Second Vice Chair
Pat Campbell
Craig Dirksen
Dave Fuller
Judie Hammerstad
Carl Hosticka
Dick Jones
Richard Kidd
Charlotte Lehan
Donald McCarthy
Rod Park
Wilda Parks
Michelle Poyourow
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 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
Clackamas Co. Special Districts
City of Forest Grove, representing Washington Co. Other Cities
City of Wilsonville, representing Clackamas Co. Other Cities
Multnomah Co. Special Districts
Metro Council
Clackamas Co. Citizen
Multnomah Co. Citizen
Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation & Development

JPACT MEMBERS PRESENT

Rex Burkholder, Chair
Robert Liberty, Vice Chair
James Bernard
Rob Drake
Fred Hansen
Kathryn Harrington
Donna Jordan
Royce Pollard
Lynn Peterson
Steve Stuart

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
Metro Council
City of Milwaukie, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington Co.
Tri-Met
Metro Council
City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
City of Vancouver
Clackamas Co.
Clark Co.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Bill Bash

AFFILIATION

City of Cornelius, Mayor

Amanda Fritz
Keith Mays
Marc San Soucie
Jerry Willy

City of Portland, Commissioner-elect
City of Sherwood, Mayor
City of Beaverton, Councilor-elect
City of Hillsboro, Mayor-elect

1. PURPOSE AND CONTEXT

Facilitator Michael Jordan called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. Mr. Jordan welcomed MPAC and JPACT members, alternates and newly elected and/or re-elected officials.

Mr. Jordan reiterated that this region faces important decisions over the next two years that will shape how we grow for the next 20 to 50 years. How we grow and what our communities look like will result from decisions made on the local and regional level. This series of joint meetings allows MPAC and JPACT to collectively weigh the risks, benefits and trade-offs of different choices. The two previous meetings on October 22nd and November 12th focused first on land use and then on transportation investments and both of their roles in sustaining great communities.

The December 10th meeting was aimed at confirming and clarifying what was heard in previous meetings and seeking more input on different tools and strategies. The meeting was intended to receive *guidance* from committee members and interested parties on how Metro should proceed in transportation and land use policy.

2. TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT SCENARIO RESULTS

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro provided a presentation about linking transportation, land use, the economy and the environment. His presentation included information on:

- Key decisions ahead on the local and regional level.
- Results from the two previous joint MPAC and JPACT meetings.
- Land use strategies and tools including:
 - Reference Case
 - Tight Urban Growth Boundary (UGB)
 - Infrastructure funding delays
 - Corridor amenity investments
 - Center amenity investments
 - Tight UGB and Center amenity investment
- Infrastructure in UGB expansion areas
- 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) funding assumptions including:
 - Federal and state spending continuing to decline
 - Local revenues are limited
 - Current RTP funding gap
 - Existing funding sources
 - New funding sources
- Climate Change
- Oregon Greenhouse Gas Goals

- The Climate Change Integration Group Final Report including:
 - Greenhouse gas sources in Oregon
 - Energy sources in Oregon
 - State forecasts
 - Overall recommendations
 - Land Use and Transportation sector recommendations

3. DISCUSSION AND PREFERENCE POLLING ON CONFIRMING THE RESULTS OF THE LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION SCENARIOS MEETINGS AND OBTAINING FURTHER DIRECTION.

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

- How strongly they agree or disagree with the presumed results of previous joint meetings. Members provided response on:
 - Focusing growth in corridors and centers with the UGB as a tool
 - Investment strategies
 - Serving UGB expansion areas
 - Timing and availability of infrastructure finance
 - Changing zoning in centers
 - Targeting public investments
 - Pursuing new public financing tools
 - Zoning that protects interchange capacity
 - Parking management
 - Turning emphasis away from throughway capacity
 - Putting emphasis on High Capacity Transit.

The committees and attendees discussed the relationship between parking management and adequate public transportation and objection to a one size fits all cities assumption in regional land use and transportation planning.

- How strongly they agree or disagree with potential conditions for expanding the Urban Growth Boundary in the future. Members provided response concerning these circumstances:
 - Prior concept planning
 - Infrastructure finance planning
 - Governance
 - Supporting existing centers, corridors or employment areas
 - Measuring growth in recent UGB expansions
 - The “10-year lag”

The committees and attendees discussed implications of a less than 10 year-lag on the pace of UGB additions, UGB as a tool to bring development into centers and corridors, difficulty of pre-planned financing when farmers still own the land, advance planning leading to more efficiency and less need for land, basing expansion on whether the addition will create a more complete community, using urban reserve period as a planning period and the view that urban reserves have been unrealistic leaving expectations of land owners un-met.

- Planning size and scope is based on the level of funding available. Metro has made assumptions on how much funding will be available on the local, state and federal level. Committee members and attendees provided response on:
 - Local revenues
 - TriMet and Smart payroll taxes
 - Federal revenues
 - State gas tax
 - State vehicle registration fees

The committee and attendees discussed the gas tax as a diminishing resource and the gas tax speculation should focus on how much revenue will be brought in rather than the amount of the tax.

- Strategies to reduce the amount people drive:
 - System operations and maintenance strategies
 - Land use changes
 - Trip reduction and travel information strategies
 - Congestion pricing strategies
 - Parking management and pricing strategies
 - Intelligent Transportation System strategies
 - Bike, pedestrian and trail connections
 - Transit service
 - Incentives

The information obtained from this polling will provide staff with a short summary of committee member's preferences on issues regarding land use and transportation scenarios and investments. Chair Tom Brian of Washington County would like to stress that this polling is not a scientific example as information and opinions change frequently. He and the other committee members hope to work further with Metro to discuss specific goals within each committee.

4. SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS

Committee members will be addressed at regular January meetings to confirm the direction provided to date by committee members and interested parties on the mix of land use and transportation strategies Metro should evaluate further. These meetings will help inform the big policy decisions Metro faces next year like adopting the RTP with a long-term funding strategy, creating urban and rural reserves and developing an urban growth report to accommodate growth over the next 20 years.

Mr. Michael Jordan thanked the following committee members that are either leaving their positions or changing roles: Mayor Tom Hughes, Mayor Judie Hammerstad, Mayor Rob Drake, Mayor Jim Bernard and Mayor Paul Thalhofer.

5. ADJOURN

Mr. Michael Jordan adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kayla Mullis
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR DECEMBER 10, 2008

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
1.0	Report	11/2008	Choices: Land Use and Investment Strategies	121008mj-01
1.0	Report	11/2008	Choices: Transportation Investment Scenarios	121008mj-02
1.0	Memo	12/8/2008	To: Metro Council, MPAC, JPACT From: Sherry Oeser Re: Summary of Polling Findings	121008mj-03
2.0	PowerPoint	12/10/2008	Making the Greatest Place: Linking Transportation, Land Use, the Economy and the Environment. Presented by Andy Cotugno	121008mj-04
2.0	Handout	12/10/2008	Joint MPAC/JPACT Meeting: Keypad Polling Questions	121008mj-05
2.0	Handout	Summer 2008	2035 Regional Transportation Plan: Transportation and climate Change	121008mj-06