



METRO

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

December 11, 2008

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Don Wagner
Fred Hansen
Jason Tell
Kathryn Harrington
Lynn Peterson
Nina DeConcini
Paul Thalhofer
Rex Burkholder, Chair
Rob Drake
Robert Liberty
Roy Rogers
Sam Adams
Ted Wheeler

AFFILIATION

Washington Department of Transportation
TriMet
Oregon Department of Transportation
Metro Council
Clackamas County
Department of Environmental Quality
Cities of Multnomah County
Metro Council
City of Beaverton, Representing Cities of Washington Co.
Metro Council
Washington County
City of Portland
Multnomah County

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Bill Wyatt
Dick Pederson
Don Wagner
James Bernard
Royce Pollard
Steve Stuart

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland
Department of Environmental Quality
Washington Department of Transportation
City of Milwaukie, Representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
City of Vancouver
Clark County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Dean Lookingbill
Donna Jordan

AFFILIATION

Representing City of Vancouver
City of Lake Oswego, Representing Cities of Clackamas Co.

STAFF

Andy Cotugno, Kelsey Newell, Amy Rose, Josh Naramore, Randy Tucker, Pat Emmerson,
Andy Shaw, Karen Withrow.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Rex Burkholder acknowledged and thanked Mayor Jim Bernard, Mayor Paul Thalhoffer, Mayor Rob Drake and Mayor Tom Hughes for their service on JPACT.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of JPACT meeting minutes for November 13, 2008

MOTION: Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve the consent agenda.

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

6. AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Connecting Green Trails Systems

Mr. David Yaden of the Blue Ribbon Committee on Trails and Dr. Phil Wu of Kaiser Permanente Hospitals gave a presentation about non-motorized mobility in the Portland Metropolitan Region. The presentation included information concerning:

- Committee Charges
- Committee Members
- The German Marshall Fund study tour to Copenhagen and Amsterdam
- Safety Concerns
 - Perceived and objective
 - Separation from motorized transportation
- Accelerating Trails Development
 - Specifically by pushing trails and on-street routes as a mobility strategy
- Returns on Investments
- Strategies
- Setting Priorities
- Funding Requests

The next steps in connecting green trails systems are to continue to push the Rails to Trails

Conservancy's "2010 Campaign for active transportation" at the federal level, push for flexible funding from the State, continue to build individual trails and on-street routes and to create a caucus of elected leaders and leadership council to advocate for non-motorized transportation.

6.2 Metropolitan Transportation Involvement Program (MTIP): Direction on finalizing local project selection process

Ms. Pat Emmerson of Metro presented a summary of the public comment period that closed on December 1st. Ms. Emmerson reported that about 70% of the comments supported bike, trail and pedestrian improvements. A complete text of the public comments received will be available in January 2009.

Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro solicited input from the committee on how they would like to receive recommendations from TPAC on the allocation of regional flexible funding. The committee discussed the options of a single recommendation, multiple recommendations with clearly defined themes.

The committee agreed to receive a single recommendation from TPAC.

6.3 High Capacity Transit (HCT)

Mr. Tony Mendoza of Metro updated the committee on the High Capacity Transit (HCT) System Plans, screened corridors and evaluation criteria.

The screened corridors were determined through public input and are reflected in the Going Places: Regional High Capacity Transit Plan map in the High Capacity Transit System Plan Screening Criteria Update memo.

The evaluation criteria are based on broad outcome goals including community, environment, economy and deliverability. A full report of the evaluation framework used to select the HCT corridors is provided in the Detailed HCT Evaluation Framework memo.

The committee discussed the HCT corridors in the Portland Central City, possibility of subterranean lines, speed of lines, community building and the order of construction of the lines.

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

Mr. Randy Tucker of Metro briefed the committee on minor updates that were made to Resolution No. 08-4003. This resolution is an updated version of Resolution 08-3956, which passed in June 2008, and is intended to set regional priorities for transportation funds provided by the State of Oregon.

Changes and recommendations made to the resolution by Metro staff include:

- Addition of support for Governor Ted Kulongoski's proposed transportation funding package and addition of language highlighting the general components of the plan.

- The addition of language supporting least-cost decision making, non-motorized transportation and the local distribution formula.
- Staff concern with the imbalance between road and non-road transportation funding from the State of Oregon.
- Staff concern with the absence of bike and pedestrian facilities (“non-highway transportation infrastructure”) in the multimodal component of Governor Ted Kulongoski’s proposed transportation funding package.

The committee discussed local funding gaps and the viability of the gas tax.

MOTION: Mr. Fred Hansen moved, Mayor Drake seconded, to approve Resolution No. 08-4003.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor and one abstained (Tell), the motion passed.

6.5 Resolution No. 09-4016, For the Purpose of Approving the Federal Priorities

Mr. Andy Cotugno briefed the committee on changes made to Resolution No. 09-4016 which endorses a regional position on reauthorization of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Changes highlighted included:

- Reinforcing the issue of economic stimulus and Portland’s leadership role nationwide.
- Placing more emphasis on Vehicle Miles Traveled fees.
- Endorsing the Federal Rails-to-Trails program.
- Emphasizing metro mobility and freight.
- Continuing and improving the New Starts/Small Starts program.

Chair Rex Burkholder requested that an additional JPACT meeting be held in order to discuss this item further. With no objections a special JPACT meeting was scheduled for January 8th, 2009 for the purpose of discussing Resolution No. 09-4016.

6.6 Resolution No. 08-4013, For the Purpose of Endorsing the Transportation for America Platform

MOTION: Commissioner Lynn Peterson moved, Mayor Drake seconded, to approve Resolution No. 08-4013.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor the motion passed. However, due to lack of a quorum the resolution will be reconsidered at the January 8th, 2009 JPACT meeting.

7. ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kayla Mullis

Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR DECEMBER, 11 2008

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
6.1	Power Point	12/11/08	Non-Motorized Mobility Presented by David Yaden and Dr. Phillip Wu	121108j-01
6.2	Memo	12/08/08	To: JPACT, Metro Council and Interested Parties From: Ted Leybold Re: TPAC Recommendation: RFF Allocating Narrowing Process	121108j-02
6.2	Chart	N/A	2010-2013 Regional Flexible Fund (RFF)	121108j-03
6.2	Calendar	N/A	Calendar of Upcoming RFF activities	121108j-04
6.2	Report	12/2008	2010-13 RFF Allocation: Public Comment Executive Summary	121108j-05
6.3	Map	N/A	Going Places: Regional High Capacity Transit System Plan	121108j-06
6.3	Chart	11/25/08	HCT Screened Corridors	121108j-07
6.3	Chart	N/A	HCT Evaluation Framework	121108j-08
6.4	Resolution	N/A	Updated Resolution No. 08-4003	121108j-09
6.5	Chart	N/A	Updated Authorization Priorities to Resolution No. 09-4016.	121108j-10
6.5	Chart	N/A	Updated FY' 10 Appropriations Priorities to Resolution No. 09-4016.	121108j-11
6.5	Report	12/4/08	New Starts Small Starts Suggested Improvements	121108j-12
6.6	Resolution	N/A	Updates Resolution No. 08-4013	121108j-13