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METRO

TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE

January 9th, 2009

Metro Regional Center, 370A/B

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sorin Garber
Elissa Gertler
Mara Gross
Alan Lehto
Mike McKillip
Dave Nordberg
Keith Liden
Louis A. Ornelas
Ron Papsdorf
John Reinhold
Karen Schilling
April Siebenaler

AFFILIATION

Citizen
Clackamas County
Citizen
TriMet
City of Tualatin, Representing Cities of Washington Co.
Department of Environmental Quality
Citizen
Citizen
City of Gresham
Citizen
Multnomah County
Citizen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bret Curtis
John Hoefs
Nancy Kraushaar
Susie Lahsene
Keith Liden
Dean Lookingbill
Satvinder Sandhu
Paul Smith
Rian Windsheimer
Sharon Zimmerman

AFFILIATION

Washington County
C-TRAN
City of Oregon City, Representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
Port of Portland
Citizen
SW Washington RTC
FHWA
City of Portland
Oregon Department of Transportation
Washington Department of Transportation

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Andy Back
Lynda David
John Gillam
Lidwien Rahman

AFFILIATION

Washington County
SW Washington RTC
City of Portland
Oregon Department of Transportation, Region 1

STAFF

Robin McArthur, Amy Rose, Ted Leybold, Anthony Butzek, Kelsey Newell, Kayla Mullis.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Robin McArthur declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Karen Schilling of Multnomah County announced that the 223rd Avenue Railroad Project will be breaking ground on February 26th, 2009.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair McArthur briefly overviewed the future agenda items.

5. APPROVAL OF TPAC MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 5, 2008

Approval of TPAC Minutes from December 5th, 2008

MOTION: Mr. John Reinhold moved, Ms. Schilling seconded, to approve the December 5, 2008 meeting minutes.

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

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Resolution No. 09-4018 For The Purpose Of Approval of the Regional Travel Options Program Work Plan and Funding Suballocations for Fiscal Year 09-10

Ms. Pam Peck of Metro gave a presentation on Resolution No. 09-4018 which will approve the Regional Travel Options (RTO) work plan and funding suballocations for fiscal year 2009-2010. The RTO Program implements regional policy to reduce reliance on automobile and promote all alternative modes of travel to driving for all trips.

Key components of the RTO program highlighted include:

- Collaborative Marketing
- Commuter Services
- Traveler Information Services
- Downtowns and Centers
- Policy, funding and program administration
- Individualized marketing grants
- Travel options grants

The committee discussed:

- Methods for determining cost of individualized marketing grants for each city
- Components of TriMet allocation
- The budget source
- The geographic distribution of funds
- Potential effect of the economic recession on budgets

Proposed Amendments:

- Add Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Key number to RTO Budget 2009-2010 Chart.
- Verification of shaded text in the 2000 Regional Transportation Plan section of staff report.
- Amend the language, “The RTP establishes regional TDM policy and objectives to help reduce ~~vehicle trips and vehicle miles traveled~~” to “...reduce vehicle trips per capita and vehicle miles traveled per capita” in the 2000 Regional Transportation Plan section of staff report.

MOTION: Mr. Louis Ornelas moves, Mr. Ron Papsdorf seconded, to approve Resolution No. 09-4018 with the proposed amendments

VOTE: With all in favor, the motion passed.

7. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Recommendation on Regional Flexible Fund Allocation Options

Ms. Pat Emmerson of Metro presented a summary of the public comment period that closed December 1, 2008. 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.

Ms. Amy Rose of Metro (with assistance from Mr. Ted Leybold) briefed the committee on the Regional Flexible Fund narrowing factors. Technical staff will use these factors to narrow the current project list to a final list of projects. She suggested that the chart titled 2010-2013 Regional Flexible Fund (RFF), which demonstrates policy priority trade-offs, could be used as a starting point for discussion. She also announced that all proposals for scaling projects must be submitted to Metro staff by January 17th, 2009.

The committee discussed:

- Public comments should be considered in the narrowing process,
- Whether inflation factors over exaggerated Project costs,
- Focusing on construction projects rather than project development,
- Putting more stress on the “other considerations” category,
- All three goals cannot be accomplished thus trade offs are necessary,

- Choosing two of the themes in the RFF tradeoff chart for Metro staff to use for the narrowing process.

Committee members recommended that when narrowing the project list for the next TPAC meeting technical staff should:

- Make meeting Bike and Pedestrian target a priority.
- Consider the trade-off categories Bike/Pedestrian Development & Top Tier and Region & Bike/Pedestrian Minimum.
- Focus on the differences between the two trade-off categories.
- Leave out the French Prairie Bridge project, even though it falls under one of the two categories agreed upon.

MOTION: Mr. Andy Back moved, and Mr. Alan Lehto seconded, to approve the recommendation to technical staff for narrowing the RFF project list.

ACTION TAKEN: With 9 in favor and 4 opposed, the motion passed.

7.2 Regional Transportation System Management and Operations Refinement Plan Update

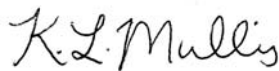
Ms. Deena Platman of Metro updated the committee on the status of the Regional Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO) Plan. The project is on schedule and initial products are under review by the advisory committees including the TSMO Vision Goals and Objectives.

The next steps will focus on needs assessment and financing. Comments may be submitted to Ms. Platman by e-mail at deena.platman@oregonmetro.gov.

7. ADJOURN

As there was no further business, Chair McArthur adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kayla Mullis
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR JANUARY 9TH, 2009.

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
	Agenda	01/09/09	Revised January 9, 2009 TPAC Meeting Agenda	010909j-01
6.1	Report	12/29/08	Updated Resolution No. 09-4018 with staff report	010909j-02
7.1	Memo	01/08/09	To: TPAC and Interested Parties From: Amy Rose, Associate Transportation Planner Re: Project Packages demonstrating policy priority tradeoffs	010909j-03
7.1	Report	12/08	Transportation Projects and Programs: <i>2010-2013 Regional Flexible Fund Allocation- Public Comment Executive Summary</i>	010909j-04
7.2	Memo	01/09/09	To: TPAC and Interested Parties From: Deena Platman, Principal Transportation Planner Re: Regional Transportation System Management & Operations (TSMO) Plan Update	010909j-05