



METRO

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

January 15, 2009

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rex Burkholder, Chair
Robert Liberty, Vice Chair
Sam Adams
Shane Bemis
Nina DeConcini
Craig Dirksen
Fred Hansen
Kathryn Harrington
Donna Jordan
Lynn Peterson
Roy Rogers
Jason Tell
Don Wagner
Ted Wheeler

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Royce Pollard
Steve Stuart
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

City of Vancouver
Clark County
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Dean Lookingbill

AFFILIATION

Representing City of Vancouver

STAFF: Andy Contugo, Kelsey Newell, Deena Platman, Kathryn Sofia, Karen Withrow, Crista Gardner, Kayla Mullis.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Rex Burkholder declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Sharon Nasset expressed concern to the committee about congestion pricing and its effect on citizens' freedom of movement. Ms. Nasset felt citizens should continue to have the right to choose driving destinations and times of travel without incurring fees.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Burkholder announced that Councilor Robert Liberty will no longer be a member on JPACT. Councilor Carlotta Collette will replace Councilor Liberty who will now be a member of MPAC.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of the Joint MPAC/JPACT Minutes for October 22, 2008
Consideration of the Joint MPAC/JPACT Minutes for November 12, 2008
Consideration of the Joint MPAC/JPACT Minutes for December 10, 2008
Consideration of JPACT meeting minutes for December 11, 2008
Consideration of JPACT meeting minutes for January 8, 2009

MOTION: Commissioner Lynn Peterson moved, Mayor Craig Dirksen seconded, to approve the consent agenda.

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

6. High Capacity Transit Screened Corridors and Evaluation Criteria

Mr. Tony Mendoza and Mr. Ross Roberts of Metro briefed the committee on the status of the High Capacity Transit (HCT) screened corridors and evaluation criteria. Metro staff has proposed to apply multiple account evaluation methodology to evaluate the HCT screened corridors.

Components that will be incorporated at the recommendation of MPAC are:

- Applying criteria of cost per mile to each corridor
- Noting that corridors, shown as lines on the map of HCT corridors, only represent the potential final alignment

- Using a tier or grouping system for final product

The committee suggested the following changes and additions to the HCT screened corridors and evaluation criteria:

- Use a collective strategy to build a complete transit system
- Focus on the cohesiveness of the entire project
- Investigate an evaluation method that would monetize the benefits of each corridor, including the green dividend
 - Cost benefit per rider as an accessible method for monetizing benefits
- Include level of city preparedness in the evaluation criteria.

MOTION: Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved and Commissioner Peterson seconded, to approve the HCT screened corridors and evaluation Criteria with the suggested changes and additions.

VOTE: With all in favor, the motion passed.

7. Resolution No. 09-4016 for the Purpose Of Approving the Federal Priorities

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro briefed the committee on Resolution No. 09-4016 which will endorse the regional position on the reauthorization of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). (See errata sheet in the record.)

Further changes suggested by the committee include amending the Note in the Authorization Priorities Chart to reflect the agreed \$10 million earmark for Bike path and Trails rather than \$5 million per Congressional District if the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy Proposal is not successful.

MOTION: Mr. Fred Hansen moved and Commissioner Peterson seconded to approve Resolution No. 09-4016 with the amended language.

VOTE: With all in favor, the motion passed.

8. Direction For Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): Report/Debrief On the 2008 Joint MPAC/JPACT Meetings

Mr. Cotugno and Ms. Robin McArthur of Metro provided a brief synopsis on the major elements of direction identified in the series of Joint JPACT and MPAC meetings in 2008. The purpose of the meetings was to determine a policy direction by sharing information on land use and transportation.

The major elements of direction discussed included:

- Focusing Growth in Centers and Corridors
- Employment and Industrial Areas
- Urban Growth Boundary Expansion

- Transportation
- Climate Change

The committee discussed:

- Parking management and its effect on developing downtowns
- Increasing job opportunities
- Protecting the capacity of interchanges
- Achieving goals of previous UGB expansion before expanding again
- How to utilize demand management
- Using technology and a moderate pricing scheme to help reduce CO2 emissions
- Preserving industrial land for industrial purposes.

9. **Economic Stimulus**

Mr. Andy Shaw of Metro briefed the committee on the pending federal economic stimulus package for local agency transportation projects. He emphasized that the time frame for starting projects will likely be very limited. The Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) will also have to be amended before any project can be obligated funding. Jurisdictions should be compiling a potential project list for economic stimulus funds.

The committee discussed:

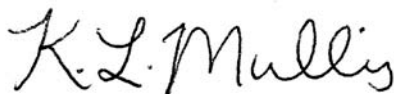
- Ideal project types for the stimulus will be small scale and will likely amend larger projects already in place
- Focus should be put on getting jobs on the ground quickly

The action item to approve the Resolution No. 09-4022 which would give Metro staff a direction for a project list was tabled for a future meeting when the topic can be discussed more thoroughly.

10. **ADJOURN**

With no further business, Chair Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kayla Mullis
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR JANUARY, 15 2009

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
1.0	Agenda	01/15/09	Updated Agenda for January 15, 2009 JPACT meeting	011509j-01
1.0	Handout	01/15/09	Updated 2009 JPACT Work Program Schedule	011509j-02
5.0	Minutes	10/22/08	Minutes for the October 22, 2008 Joint JPACT/MPAC meeting.	011509j-03
5.0	Minutes	01/08/09	Minutes for the January 8, 2009 JPACT meeting.	011509j-04
6.2	Report	N/A	Resolution No. 09-4016 for the Purpose of Approving the Federal Priorities	011509j-05
6.2	Report	N/A	Errata sheet to Resolution No 09-4016.	011509j-06
6.4	Report	N/A	Resolution No 09-4022 for the Purpose of Approving Federal Economic Stimulus Priorities	011509j-07
6.4	Letter	01/09/09	To: Chair Rex Burkholder From: ODOT Director Matthew Garrett Re: In regards to the Federal Economic Stimulus Package	011509j-08
6.4	Handout	N/A	Federal Economic Stimulus for Local Agency Transportation Projects	011509j-09
6.4	Report	1/14/09	Potential State Highway Systems Projects For a Federal Economic Stimulus Package	011509j-10
6.3	Letter	12/16/08	To: Council President David Bragdon From: Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland Re: Metro Council Policy Decisions- Impacts to Industry	011509j-11
6.3	Letter	01/06/09	To: Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland From: Council President David Bragdon Re: Response to <i>Metro Council Policy Decisions- Impacts to Industry</i>	011509j-12
4.0	Flyer	01/29/09	Announcing a Presentation on January 29, 2009 by Dr. Robert Sanchez focusing on Equity in regional Transportation.	011509j-13