



**METRO**

**Metro Policy Advisory Committee**

**MINUTES**

January 14, 2009

5 to 7 p.m.

Council Chambers

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Alice Norris, Chair  
Tom Brian, Vice Chair  
Shane Bemis, Second Vice Chair  
Sam Adams  
Pat Campbell  
Jody Carson  
Nathalie Darcy  
Dennis Doyle  
Amanda Fritz  
Jack Hoffman  
Carl Hosticka  
Dick Jones  
Richard Kidd  
Rod Park  
Wilda Parks  
Michelle Poyourow  
Judy Shiprack  
Rick VanBeveren  
Jerry Willey  
Dilafruz Williams

**AFFILIATION**

City of Oregon City, representing Clackamas Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City  
Washington Co. Commission  
City of Gresham, representing the Multnomah Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City  
City of Portland  
City of Vancouver  
City of West Linn, representing Clackamas Co. Other Cities  
Washington Co. Citizen  
City of Beaverton, representing Washington Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City  
City of Portland  
City of Lake Oswego, representing Clackamas Co. Largest City  
Metro Council  
Clackamas Co. Special Districts  
City of Forest Grove, representing Washington Co. Other Cities  
Metro Council  
Clackamas Co. Citizen  
Multnomah Co. Citizen  
Multnomah Co. Commission  
TriMet Board of Directors  
City of Hillsboro, representing Washington Co. Other Cities  
Governing Body of School Districts

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Ken Allen  
Richard Burke  
Carlotta Collette  
Andy Duyck  
Sandra Ramaker  
Martha Schrader  
Steve Stuart  
Mike Weatherby  
Richard Whitman

**AFFILIATION**

Port of Portland  
Washington Co. Special Districts  
Metro Council  
Washington Co. Commission  
Multnomah Co. Special Districts  
Clackamas Co. Commission  
Clark Co., Washington Commission  
City of Fairview, representing Multnomah Co. Other Cities  
Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation & Development

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Jim Kight  
Charlotte Lehan  
Donald McCarthy

AFFILIATION

City of Troutdale, representing Multnomah Co. Other Cities  
Clackamas Co. Commission  
Multnomah Co. Special Districts

STAFF

Andy Cotungo, Robin McArthur, Sherry Oeser, Christina Deffebach, Tony Mendoza, Crista Gardner, Karen Withrow, Kelsey Newell

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Alice Norris called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

She recognized and thanked the following members and alternates for their service to MPAC:

- Mayor Tom Hughes, City of Hillsboro
- Mayor Judie Hammerstad, City of Lake Oswego
- Mayor Tom Potter, City of Portland
- Councilor David Ripma, City of Troutdale
- Mayor Rob Drake, City of Beaverton
- Mayor Bob Austin, City of Estacada
- Mayor Norman King, City of West Linn
- Councilor Randy Carson, City of Canby
- Mayor Charlotte Lehan, City of Wilsonville (Now representing Clackamas County Commission)

**2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATION**

All attendees introduced themselves.

Councilor Rod Park announced that Dr. Thomas Sanchez, is scheduled to present on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Metro Council Chambers as part of the transportation speaker series. Mr. Sanchez’s presentation will focus on equity in regional transportation.

In addition, Councilor Park announced that the *Green from the Ground Up* event has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at the Lloyd District Double Tree Hotel. For more information, visit the Metro web site.

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro stated that staff would like to schedule a special MPAC meeting to provide a MPAC 101 presentation. The presentation will focus on committee organization, state land use requirements, regional plans and policies, *Making the Greatest Place Plan Initiative*, and planned adoption actions and schedule. Committee members agreed to hold an extended meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup> (majority ruled) and to have staff video tape the presentation for members and alternates unable to attend. Video presentation and materials will be provided online. Staff will distribute more information shortly.

**3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

There was none.

#### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Consideration of the MPAC Minutes for September 24, 2008**

**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**

Ms. Wilda Parks requested that her name be added to the list of MPAC members present in the November 12<sup>th</sup> Joint MPAC/JPACT meeting minutes.

MOTION: Mayor Richard Kidd moved, Ms. Nathalie Darcy seconded, to approve the consent agenda with the additional language.

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

#### **5. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **5.1 Nomination of Officers**

Mayor Kidd presented the MPAC Nomination Subcommittee's recommendation for the 2009 MPAC officers. The nominations were as follows:

- Commission Chair Tom Brian, MPAC Chair
- Mayor Shane Bemis, Vice Chair
- Commissioner Charlotte Lehan, Second Vice Chair

MOTION: Mayor Kidd moved, Mayor Denny Doyle seconded, to elect the above MPAC members into office.

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

New MPAC Chair Brian thanked Mayor Alice Norris for her service as 2008 committee chair. In addition, Councilor Park presented Mayor Norris with a certificate of appreciation from Metro.

##### **5.2 High Capacity Transit (HCT) Screened Corridors and Evaluation Criteria**

Mr. Tony Mendoza of Metro provided a presentation on the High Capacity Transit (HCT) System Plan. His presentation included information on:

- Overview of HCT system plan
- 1982 HCT System Plan Map
- Making the Greatest Place timeline
- Goals framework (Greatest Place, Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), HCT)
- Complete transit system components (systems and responsible agencies)
- HCT modes (MAX, Commuter rail, Rapid Streetcar, Bus Rapid Transit)
- HCT definition
- HCT Evaluation Framework Overview
- Evaluation Criteria Development
- Public outreach themes
  - Access, services and speed, safety and security, and land use
- Going Places map (highlighting the broad range of corridors identified by public)

- Proposed list of screen corridors to advance for detailed evaluation
- Draft evaluation criteria
  - Community, environment, economy and deliverability

Mr. Mendoza highlighted comments received on two evaluation criteria:

- 1) “Acceptability of Local Communities” versus “aspirations” in the community evaluation criteria, and;
- 2) “Ridership generators” as additional attractors to the region (e.g. OSHU) as criterion

Mr. Rick VanBeveren recommended that the evaluation results be depicted in tiered ratings versus numerical order.

Additional committee discussion included the *transportation efficiency* and *acceptability to local communities* evaluation criterion, the HCT system plan timeline, “personalizing” the project costs for constituents, additional criterion on capital cost per mile and monetizing the cost/benefit per rider for environmental impacts (e.g. air quality).

MOTION: Mayor Sam Adams moved, Mayor Norris seconded, to approve the screened corridors and evaluation criteria with the above recommendations.

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

## **6. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Ordinance No. 09-1204. For the Purpose of Determining the Implementing Transit Oriented Development is a Matter of Metropolitan Concern**

Ms. Megan Gibb of Metro briefly overviewed the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) program. For the past 12 years, the TOD program, operated by Metro, has been formally under TriMet’s delegated authority. Ordinance No. 09-1204, establishes the TOD program as a matter of metropolitan concern and therefore determines the program to be under Metro’s jurisdiction. Ms. Gibb, at the request of the Metro Council through Ord. 09-1204, elicited MPAC members for “advice” in order to operate the TOD program functions under Metro authority.

This ordinance will formalize the agreement between Metro and TriMet and simply acknowledges the existing policy and practice for the TOD program. Chair Brian asked questions about the program. Mr. VanBeveren stated that TriMet is in full support of Ordinance No. 09-1204. No other members stated opinions about the Ordinance.

### **6.2 Report/Debrief on the 2008 Joint MPAC/JPACT Meetings**

Mr. Cotugno and Ms. Robin McArthur, of Metro, provided a brief synopsis of the major elements of direction identified by JPACT and MPAC at the joint meetings held in the fall of 2008. Themes identified include:

- Focus growth in Centers and Corridors
- Employment and Industrial Areas
- Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Expansion
- Transportation
- Climate Change

Committee members discussed:

- Employment and Industrial Areas:
  - Add freight access and protection of industrial lands from conversion to non-industrial uses.
- UGB Expansion:
  - Do not expand the UGB without first identifying funding mechanisms for infrastructure.
  - The region must first fulfill its current visionary plans before considering expansion.
  - Large concern that current funding resources are being spread too thin across jurisdictions.
  - UGB financial and governance means should be taken into consideration and identified.
  - Questions were raised on how to count Damascus toward meeting the requirement for a 20-year land supply since it won't fully develop in 20 years.
- Climate Change
  - Add technology (e.g. video conferencing) to actions to emphasize in order to reach state greenhouse gas reduction targets.

Direction received will be taken into account as proposed land use and transportation policy direction is formulated.

### **6.3 Title 13: Nature in Neighborhoods**

Due to lack of time, the committee agreed to postpone this agenda item to a later date.

### **6.4 Local Aspirations**

Ms. Chris Deffebach of Metro provided a short brief on Metro's work on local aspirations. Currently, Metro staff is working with planning directors throughout the region to identify growth aspirations for their communities. Information gathered will help illustrate how land use and transportation investment scenarios are being used to shape local communities as well as identify existing barriers to achieving aspirations. The results will help prioritize regional investments and shape regional policy for growth and ongoing technical assistance.

Local planning directors have been asked to submit their local aspirations by January 2009. A complete summary of the region's local aspirations will be available for MPAC review in March.

## **7. ADJOURN**

Chair Brian reminded members to submit, in writing, their MPAC member and alternate appointments for 2009 to Kelsey Newell.

Seeing no further business, Chair Brian adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelsey Newell  
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR JANUARY 14, 2009

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

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>
2.	Outline	1/14/09	MPAC 101 orientation	11409m-01
2.	Flyer	N/A	Transportation Speaker Series presenter Dr. Thomas Sanchez	11409m-02
4.	Minutes	N/A	MPAC Minutes for September 24, 2008	11409m-03
4.	Minutes	N/A	Joint MPAC/JPACT Minutes for October 22, 2008	11409m-04
5.2	PowerPoint	1/14/09	<i>High Capacity Transit System Plan</i> presentation provided by Tony Mendoza of Metro	11409m-05
6.2	Memo	1/14/09	To: MPAC and JPACT From: Andy Cotugno RE: Recap of direction from the Joint MPAC/JPACT meetings	11409m-06
6.3	MPAC Worksheet	N/A	Updated MPAC worksheet for the Title 13: Nature in Neighborhoods Compliance Update	11409m-07
	Letter	12/16/08	Letter to Metro Council President David Bragdon from Home Builders Association President Tom Skaar	11409m-08
	Letter	1/6/09	Response letter to Home Builders Association President Tom Skaar from Metro Council President David Bragdon	11409m-09