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METRO

TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE

January 30th, 2009

Metro Regional Center, 370A/B

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sorin Garber
Mara Gross
Nancy Kraushaar
Alan Lehto
Keith Liden
Dave Nordberg
Ron Papsdorf
John Reinhold
April Siebenaler
Paul Smith
Rian Windsheimer
Sharon Zimmerman

AFFILIATION

Citizen
Citizen
City of Oregon City, Representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
TriMet
Citizen
Department of Environmental Quality
City of Gresham
Citizen
Citizen
City of Portland
Oregon Department of Transportation
Washington Department of Transportation

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brent Curtis
Elissa Gertler
John Hoefs
Susie Lahsene
Dean Lookingbill
Mike McKillip
Louis A. Ornelas
Karen Schilling
Satvinder Sandhu

AFFILIATION

Washington County
Clackamas County
C-TRAN
Port of Portland
SW Washington RTC
City of Tualatin, Representing Cities of Washington Co.
Citizen
Multnomah County
FHWA

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Andy Back
Lynda David
Scott King
Jane McFarland
Margaret Middleton
Ron Weinman

AFFILIATION

Washington County
SW Washington RTC
Port of Portland
Multnomah County
Cities of Washington County
Clackamas County

STAFF

Ross Roberts, Amy Rose, Ted Leybold, Anthony Butzek, Kelsey Newell, Kayla Mullis, Deena Platman, Pat Emmerson, Caroline Leary, Pam Peck.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Mr. Ross Roberts declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were none.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Roberts briefly overviewed the future agenda items.

5. APPROVAL OF TPAC MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 5, 2009

Approval of TPAC Minutes from January 9, 2009

Mr. Keith Liden requested that his name be added to the list of members present at the January 9, 2009 TPAC meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Liden moved, Mr. Dave Nordberg seconded, to approve the January 9, 2009 meeting minutes with the amended language.

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

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Regional Flexible Fund Allocation

Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro briefly overviewed the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Regional Flexible Fund (RFF) allocations process to date. Staff provided the committee with a suggested base package of local projects to use as a starting point for discussion. In addition, Washington County, TriMet and the Bicycle Transportation Alliance provided recommendations for TPAC to consider.

Mr. Andy Back outlined Washington County's base package recommendation; highlighting geographic equity and the \$7.2 million bike and pedestrian goal as the package's main objectives for MTIP allocations.

The committee then discussed:

- The Red Electric Trails project's benefits to the West side
- The pending federal stimulus focus on highway funding
- The difficulty in securing funding for trail specific bike and pedestrian projects
- The \$7.2 million minimum target for bike and pedestrian projects
- Selection of projects based on merit instead of geographic location.

Mr. Alan Lehto outlined TriMet's base package recommendations. TriMet's three suggested packages make assumptions about the scalability of projects while focusing on either reaching the bike and pedestrian targets or top tier projects.

The committee then discussed:

- Concerns about deliverability of projects if they receive scaled funding
- Addressing regional cohesiveness in the package instead of geographic equity
- Adding the French Prairie Bridge back to the recommended package

MOTION: Mr. Back moved, and Ms. Margaret Middleton seconded, to adopt Washington County Base Suggestion No. 1 as the MTIP recommendation to JPACT.

VOTE: With two in favor (Back and Middleton), and 16 opposed (Nordberg, Siebenaler, Papsdorf, Windsheimer, Lehto, Smith, Gross, Garber, Liden, King, Reinhold, Kraushaar, McFarland, David, Zimmerman, Weinman) the motion failed.

MOTION: Mr. Paul Smith moved, Mr. Scott King seconded, to adopt the Metro base proposal as the MTIP recommendation to JPACT.

AMENDMENT #1: Mr. Ron Papsdorf moved, Ms. Nancy Kraushaar seconded, to amend the motion by replacing the even distribution of funding between the Bus Stop Development and Streamline Program project and the School Bus Diesel Engine Emission Reduction to a proportionate distribution of funds and removing the St. John's Rail Line project and adding the West Side Trail project. The remaining funds will be allocated to the 102nd Avenue Project.

The committee discussed merits of the St. John's Rail Project and caution in scaling the School Bus Diesel Engine Emission reduction before voting on the amendment.

AMENDMENT #1 ACTION TAKEN: With five in favor (Papsdorf, Siebenaler, Kraushaar, Reinhold and Middleton), 12 opposed (Nordberg, Windsheimer, Smith, Gross, Garber, Liden, Back, King, McFarland, David, Zimmerman and Weinman) and one abstained (Lehto) amendment #1 failed.

AMENDMENT #2: Mr. Lehto moved, Mr. John Reinhold seconded, to amend the base package to equal TriMet's third suggested base package.

AMENDMENT #2 ACTION TAKEN: With two in favor (Lehto and Reinhold), 15 opposed (Siebenaler, Kraushaar, Back, Middleton, Nordberg, Windsheimer, Smith, Gross, Garber, Liden, King, McFarland, David, Zimmerman and Weinman) and one abstained (Papsdorf), the amendment #2 failed.

AMENDMENT #3: Mr. Reinhold moved, Mr. Back seconded, to amend the motion by removing the St John's Rail Line Project and adding the French Prairie Bridge Project and the West Side Trail Project at an amended funding amount of \$2,399,830.

AMENDMENT #3 ACTION TAKEN: With 10 in favor (Reinhold, Kraushaar, Papsdorf, Nordberg, Back, Liden, Middleton, Siebenaler, Weinman and Gross), six opposed (McFarland, Windsheimer, Lehto, Smith, Garber, King) and two abstained (David and Zimmerman), the amendment #3 passed.

ACTION TAKEN: With 12 in favor (Nordberg, Siebenaler, Zimmerman, David, Kraushaar, Reinhold, Back, Middleton, Liden, Gross, Weinman and Papsdorf) and six opposed (Windsheimer, Lehto, Smith, McFarland, Garber and King), the motion to recommend the Metro base proposal to JPACT with the approved amendment passed.

7. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

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 highlighting changes to goal three and removing performance methods from the way objectives are defined. The handouts show a compilation of needs identified over the course of the project and are broken down into system management services. As actual project development begin high priority needs and projects must be identified. JPCAT is schedule to review the plan on January 12th 2009.

The committee discussed equity in fair collection on rail lines and the specifics of traveler information signs.

7.3 Federal Economic Stimulus Bill

Mr. Andy Shaw of Metro briefly overviewed the federal economic stimulus bill; highlighting the anticipated distribution of funding to the state and local governments. Discussions on the timing and process that will be used for allocating funds is scheduled for January 30th 2009 at 1p.m at Metro. Members and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

The committee discussed:

- How to streamline traditional funding processes
- Preference of complex construction projects, not simple paring projects for creating jobs
- Hiring local contractors for projects
- Submitting project proposals to ODOT by the week of February 2nd 2009.

7.4 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro stated that the draft Unified Planning Work Program is now available for viewing. The document includes the work plan and budget for all regional planning projects in fiscal year 2009-2010. A follow up with ODOT has been scheduled for the March TPAC meeting.

7.5 Local Aspirations

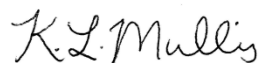
Ms. Christina Deffebach of Metro briefed the committee on the Local Aspirations process that is part of Making the Greatest Place. Metro staff has asked Metro area planning directors to provide information on their communities' local growth aspirations. Information gathered will be used to support the High Capacity Transit System Plan evaluation process, the Regional Transportation Plan, the Urban Growth Report and other elements of Making the Greatest Place.

Additional tools available to local communities include the final copy of Our Place in the World and a draft copy of the State of the Centers.

7. ADJOURN

As there was no further business, Mr. Roberts adjourned the meeting at 12:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kayla Mullis
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR JANUARY 30TH 2009.

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
6.1	Report	Dec. 2008	MTIP 2008 Project Obligation Report	013009t-01
6.1	Flyer	4/4/2008	French Prairie Bridge: Bike-Ped-Emergency Bridge Informational Flyer	013009t-02
6.1	Chart	N/A	TriMet: Three Options for Finalizing RFF Step 2 Project Shares	013009t-03
6.1	Report	N/A	TriMet Bus Stop Development & Streamline Program	013009t-04
6.2	Report	N/A	Washington County's Regional Flexible Fund Allocation	013009t-05
6.2	Memo	01/29/09	To: TPAC Members From: Michelle Poyourow, Bicycle Transportation Alliance Re: TPAC Recommendations for Local RFF Projects	013009t-06
6.2	Report	Sep. 2008	RFF: Technical Evaluation and Qualitative Summary- 2010-2013 MTIP	013009t-07
6.2	Chart	N/A	Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Projects- Qualitative Summary	013009t-08
6.2	Chart	N/A	Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Projects- Quantitative Summary: Emission Reduction Track	013009t-09
7.2	Report	01/33/09	Regional Transportation System Management and Operations Refinement Plan: Guiding Principals	013009t-10
7.2	Report	01/30/09	Regional Transportation System Management and Operations Refinement Plan: Program Goals and Objectives	013009t-11
7.3	Chart	1/30/09	Economic Stimulus Fund Distribution Flow Chart	013009t-12
7.4	Report	1/22/09	FY 2009-10 Unified Planning Work Program: Updated Report	013009t-13
7.5	Report	N/A	<i>Our Place in the World</i> - The Portland Metro Region	013009t-14
7.5	Report	N/A	<i>State of the Centers</i>	013009t-15