



**Metro Policy Advisory Committee
Orientation**

S U M M A R Y

February 11, 2009

1 to 6 p.m.

Oregon Convention Center, Rms. 256-257

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Brian, Vice Chair
Richard Burke
Jody Carson
Pat Campbell
Denny Doyle
Amanda Fritz
Jack Hoffman
Dick Jones
Don McCarthy
Alice Norris
Rod Park
Wilda Parks
Judy Shiprack
Dilafroz Williams
Jerry Willey

AFFILIATION

Washington Co. Commission
Washington Co. Special Districts
City of West Linn, representing Clackamas Co. Other Cities
City of Vancouver
City of Beaverton, representing Washington Co. 2nd Largest City
City of Portland
City of Lake Oswego, representing Clackamas Co. Largest
Clackamas Co. Special Districts
Multnomah Co. Special Districts
City of Oregon City, representing Clackamas Co. 2nd Largest City
Metro Council
Clackamas Co. Citizen
Multnomah Co. Commission
Governing Body of School Districts
City of Hillsboro, representing Washington Co. Largest City

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Ruth Adkins
Catherine Arnold
Bob Austin
Meg Fernekees
Dresden Skees-Gregory
Keith Mays
Doug Neeley

AFFILIATION

Governing Body of School Districts
City of Beaverton, representing Washington Co. 2nd Largest City
Clackamas County
Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation & Development
Washington County Citizen
City of Sherwood, representing Washington Co. Other Cities
City of Oregon City, representing Clackamas Co. 2nd Largest City

STAFF

Andy Cotugno, Robin McArthur, Michael Jordan, Sherry Oeser, Kelsey Newell, Kayla Mullis, Paulette Copperstone, Dan Cooper, Alison Kean Campbell, Malu Wilkinson, Kim Ellis, Brian Harper, Matthew Craigie, John Williams, Andy Shaw.

1. WELCOME

Chair Tom Brian called the MPAC orientation to order at 1:03 p.m.

Facilitator Michael Jordan welcomed attendees and outlined the format of the orientation.

2. THE 2040 STORY (1996-2000)

Ms. Judie Hammerstad, former MPAC Chair and City of Lake Oswego representative, provided a brief history on the foundation of Metro and the agency's charter, jurisdictional authority, responsibilities, vision and framework, and the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). She emphasized the importance of MPAC providing input to the Metro Council to ensure land use decisions can be effectively implemented by local governments.

3. THE 2040 STORY (2000-2006)

Mayor Jack Hoffman, current City of Lake Oswego representative, provided a brief historical overview of 2040 and the urban and rural reserves. He emphasized that the reserves process is a regional effort and that members have an opportunity and responsibility to work collectively as regional leaders. Mayor Hoffman emphasized that each city is part of the larger region and that due to diverse lifestyles (live, work or entertainment); citizens' mobility is not contained within a single city or county.

Mr. Jordan overviewed the committee's anticipated workload for 2009-10. He stated that information presented during the orientation will provide members with a better understanding of the committee/process dynamics and material for the upcoming year. In addition, Mr. Jordan briefly overviewed MPAC's role, responsibilities and resources available to the committee (e.g. MTAC).

4. REGIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

Mr. Andy Cotugno, of Metro, provided an introduction and overview on the regional plans and policies. His presentation included information on:

- 2040 Growth Concept
 - Centers and corridors, employment and industrial areas, traditional neighborhoods, greenspaces, rural resource and exception lands, and urban and rural reserves.
- Urban Growth Management Functional Plan
 - Titles 1-13
- Introduction to the Regional Transportation Plan

Committee discussion included relocation of centers, the policy decision process for the UGB, the MPAC agenda setting process, and urban, resource and exception land requirements.

5. OVERVIEW OF MAKING THE GREATEST PLACE INITIATIVE

Ms. Robin McArthur, of Metro, provided a presentation on the Making the Greatest Place Initiative which addresses the shape of our communities and region for the next 50 years. Her presentation included information on:

- The 2040 UGB map and images of the Portland metropolitan region
- The public's values and desired outcomes for the region
- Focused implementation
 - Local and regional challenges
 - Choices for the future
 - Urban form (urban and rural reserves, Urban Growth Report (UGR), local aspirations)

- Transportation (High Capacity Transit (HCT) system plan, Regional Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO) plan, and Regional Freight)
- Investment (investment incentives and toolkits and regional infrastructure strategy)
- Key decisions ahead

Committee discussion included costing the additional developable acreage and infrastructure needs.

6. URBAN GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Ms. Malu Wilkinson, of Metro, briefed the committee on the urban growth report. Her presentation included information on:

- Great community creation, definition and characteristics
- Outcome-based growth management
- Managing growth and urban form
- UGR components
 - Range forecast, residential trends, capacity considerations, measuring progress, and employment and economic trends, highlights, and policy questions.
- MPAC's role, schedule and next steps

Committee discussion included changes in local aspirations (e.g. adjustment to center and corridor locations), financial constraints, zoning, densities and amenities, and emphasis on further dialogs between local jurisdictions and agencies on growth management.

7. PDXPLORE MAP EXERCISE / BREAK

The committee recessed for a short break.

Mr. Cotugno introduced the PDXplore floor map, which provides an aerial view of the cities and counties in the Portland metropolitan region. Committee members were asked to stand next to their city and/or county and provide a brief overview of their communities' local aspirations.

Clackamas County: Commissioner Bob Austin stated that the county is very diverse with many challenges. The commission will be an active participant in future local aspiration discussions.

City of Lake Oswego: Mayor Hoffman indicated that the Lake Oswego community would like to increase density in the Foothills neighborhood, downtown and Lake Grove Village centers, as well as connect downtown Lake Oswego with the City of Portland by streetcar. He cited the community's resistance to change as a potential challenge.

City of Oregon City: Mayor Alice Norris stated that Oregon City has capacity for 2,000 more residents and would like to expand accordingly. She noted that the City is currently investigating the potential for infill. In addition, Mayor Norris indicated that the community would like to diversify its employment centers. Mr. Doug Neeley also highlighted the community's great sense of place.

City of West Linn: Councilor Jody Carson stated that the City of West Linn is very contained, with the Stafford Basin acting as a "green" buffer to other communities. She indicated that the West Linn community aspires to increased employment opportunities. The City is looking for opportunities for infill

that maintain historic neighborhoods. In addition, West Linn looks forward to further continued discussions on greenspace, transportation and connectivity to other communities.

City of Estacada: Commissioner Austin, former Mayor of the City of Estacada, indicated that the community would like to expand, but is focused on maintaining a “green” buffer. He stated that the City aspires to be a complete community that is connected to the County and greater region.

Clackamas County Special Districts: Mr. Dick Jones discussed the McLoughlin area, highlighting the communities content with the local shopping (e.g. Target, Walmart and Costco), amenities and location. He indicated that the neighborhoods and businesses do not expect or desire change.

Multnomah County: Commissioner Judy Shiprack emphasized the County’s high population and limited geographic size. She stated that the cities of Multnomah County are all well developed and currently practice infill. She indicated that the County is interested in improving services, education, and the quality of life for those living in a high density urban environment.

Portland School District: Ms. Dilafruz Williams emphasized the need to integrate schools in planning; specifically highlighting children’s needs for greenspaces. In addition, she highlighted the importance of infrastructure, walkable neighborhoods and communities and integrated schools.

Washington County: Chair Tom Brian indicated that the cities of Washington County are very engaged. The County looks to further diversify their employment centers while maintaining the existing high tech, pharmaceutical, appeal and solar businesses. In addition, the County looks for ways to maintain their valuable farm and forest land while investigating new urbanization methods.

City of Beaverton: Mayor Dennis Doyle addressed the City of Beaverton’s downtown revitalization challenges. He indicated that the community aspirers to expand the southwest area and balance job distribution. In addition, Mayor Doyle indicated that the City will need to address its two regional centers. Councilor Marc San Soucie added that future discussions will be needed with neighboring jurisdictions as an additional Regional Center in the Tanasbourne/Amber Glen area of Hillsboro will affect the northwest portion of Beaverton, and could have an impact on Beaverton's Regional Center.

City of Hillsboro: Mayor Jerry Willey indicated that the City of Hillsboro would like to maintain a good balance of in job, home and livability standards. The community aspirers to expand on the existing employment centers while providing opportunities for industrial and housing development/expansion.

City of Forest Grove: Mayor Richard Kidd discussed the City of Forest Groves local aspirations highlighting the City’s desire to expand north. He cited available acreage and utility services (e.g. power and fire assistance) already provided by the City as reasoning.

City of Sherwood: Mayor Keith Mays emphasized the financial strain on the Sherwood community; stating that the community aspires to correct the current funding imbalance with more employment growth. In addition, the community desires modest growth and is tracking the surrounding exception lands.

8. LOCAL ASPIRATIONS

Mr. Brian Harper and Mr. John Williams, both of Metro, provided a presentation on Metro staff’s engagement with local jurisdiction’s on their communities’ aspirations. Their presentation included information on:

- Implementation
- Metro technical assistance
- Policy
- Local aspiration next steps

Committee discussion included financial limitations due to infrastructure costs, annexation and preservation of the Stafford Basin area.

9. INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. Andy Shaw, of Metro, briefed the committee on infrastructure finance. His presentation included information on:

- Regional infrastructure analysis
- Infrastructure needs and the region’s challenge
 - Transportation, water, sewer and stormwater, schools, energy, and parks open space and civic buildings.
- Strategies and options

Committee discussion included examples of demand management tools (e.g. ramp metering or tolling), potential regional funding mechanisms and untapped funding sources, the importance of educating communities about infrastructure finance and MPAC’s role in the process.

10. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Ms. Kim Ellis, of Metro, provided a presentation on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Her presentation included information on:

- The purpose of the RTP
- Federal planning requirements
- State planning requirements
- Decision-making process
- Project timeline and milestones
- RTP goals and outcomes
- Current and new performance measures
- 2009 MPAC activities
 - Identify needs and potential solutions, develop funding strategy and develop RTP investment strategy.
- Upcoming MPAC milestones

Committee discussion included JPACT and MPAC roles and responsibilities, “Safe Routes to Schools” and general local connectivity that facilitates walking and biking, and the Columbia River Crossing project.

11. URBAN AND RURAL RESERVES

Mr. Doug McClain, of Clackamas County, and Mr. Brent Curtis, of Washington County, with assistance from Mr. Williams, provided a presentation on urban and rural reserves. Their presentation included information on:

- The UGB

- Shape of the region
- The new approach with Senate Bill 1011
- Urban reserves
 - Lands suitable for urban development
- Rural reserves
 - Working farms, forest and natural area
- The “Core 4” representatives and actions
- Regional Reserves Steering Committee
- Reserves schedule
- Map of the study area
- Next Steps

Mr. McClain provided a brief overview of Clackamas County’s approach to the urban and rural reserves. He emphasized that the County does not intend to designate all of the lands and that the reserves process should be collaborative; specifically highlighting that the public, technical committees and C4 coordinating committee will be included throughout the process. In addition, Mr. McClain stated that the process is complicated and that neither the urban or rural reserves can be adopted alone.

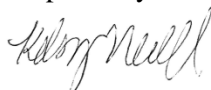
Mr. Curtis provided an overview of Washington County’s approach to the reserves process; detailing the recommendation process and diverse interests represented on the County’s coordinating committee. In addition, Mr. Curtis address the reserves’ study areas and public involvement process.

Committee discussion included freight transportation, options and requirements for undesignated lands, identifying and justifying the region’s land needs, and upcoming deadlines (e.g. urban and rural reserves, UBG, and UGR).

12. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Chair Brian adjourned the orientation at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelsey Newell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2009

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

ITEM	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
	Agenda	2/11/09	Updated MPAC orientation agenda	021109m-01
	Annotated Agenda	2/11/09	Annotated MPAC orientation agenda	021109m-02
4.-13.	PowerPoint	N/A	<i>Metro Policy Advisory Committee Orientation: MPAC 101</i>	021109m-03
	Orientation Binder	N/A	MPAC Orientation binder	021109m-04