



TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE
March 27, 2009
Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mara Gross
Nancy Kraushaar
Alan Lehto
Keith Liden
Mike McKillip
Dave Nordberg
Louis A. Ornelas
Karen Schilling
Paul Smith

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brent Curtis
Sorin Garber
Elissa Gertler
John Hoefs
Susie Lahsene
Dean Lookingbill
Ron Papsdorf
John Reinhold
Satvinder Sandhu
April Siebenaler
Rian Windsheimer
Sharon Zimmerman

AFFILIATION

Washington County
Citizen
Clackamas County
C-TRAN
Port of Portland
SW Washington RTC
City of Gresham
Citizen
FHWA
Citizen
Oregon Department of Transportation
Washington Department of Transportation

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Lynda David
Clark Berry
Katherine Kelly
Lidwien Rahman

AFFILIATION

SW Washington RTC
Washington County
City of Gresham
ODOT, Region 1

STAFF

Stephan Lashbrook, Tom Kloster, Ted Leybold, Pat Emmerson, Sean Tevlin, Kayla Mullis, Josh Naramore.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Mr. Stephan Lashbrook 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. Lashbrook briefly overviewed the future agenda items.

5. APPROVAL OF TPAC MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 5, 2009

Approval of TPAC Minutes from February 27, 2009

MOTION: Ms. Karen Schilling moved, and Ms. Nancy Kraushaar seconded, to approve the TPAC Minutes for February 27, 2009.

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

6. ACTION & INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Resolution No. 09-4038, For the Purpose of Certifying that the Portland Metropolitan Area is in Compliance with Federal Transportation Planning Requirements

Mr. Tom Kloster briefed the committee on Resolution No. 09-4038 which would certify that the Portland metropolitan area is in compliance with federal transportation planning requirements. Self-certification is required in order to receive federal funds and is considered yearly at the time of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) approval.

The committee discussed Metro's planning agreements with other governing bodies in the region, including Oregon Department of Transportation Region 1, the Department of Environmental Quality and the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) as discussed on pg. one of Exhibit A to the resolution.

Ms. Schilling requested that the language on pg. two of Exhibit A to the resolution be corrected to read, "~~... nine local elected officials including two from Clark County, Washington~~ seven locally elected officials representing cities and counties, and appointed officials from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), TriMet, the Port of Portland, and the Department of

Environmental Quality (DEQ). The State of Washington is also represented with three seats that are traditionally filled by two locally elected officials and an appointed official from the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT)” in order to accurately reflect the State of Washington representatives on JPACT.

MOTION: Ms. Schilling moved, Ms. Nancy Kraushaar seconded, to recommend approval of Resolution No. 09-4038 to JPACT with the amended language.

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

6.2 Resolution No. 09-4037, For the Purpose of Adopting the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Kloster briefed the committee on Resolution No. 09-4037 which would adopt the FY 2010 UPWP. The UPWP is a federal mandated requirement to document how federal transportation planning dollars will be used in the region. In contrast to previous years’ UPWP format, the FY 2010 UPWP has a new organizational format, and focuses on project delivery.

The committee discussed:

- ODOT support funds
- Metro Planning dollars and how they will be spent
- Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) timing
- ODOT “cost and funding sources”
 - Will be determined and documented accordingly before the resolution goes to JPACT

MOTION: Mr. Alan Lehto moved, Mr. Paul Smith seconded, to recommend approval of Resolution No. 09-4037 to JPACT.

ACTION TAKEN: With a majority in favor and one abstained (Rahman), the motion passed.

6.3 Endorse Metro’s Participation in the Strategic Highway Research Program’s (SHRP2) Partnership to Develop an Integrated, Advanced Travel Demand Model and Fine-Grained, Time-Sensitive Network

Mr. Mike Hoglund of Metro briefed the committee on Metro’s participation in the strategic highway research program’s (SHRP2) partnership to develop an integrated, advanced travel demand model and fine-grained, time-sensitive network. Metro and a team of regional consultants will be submitting a proposal on behalf of the Portland metropolitan region that addresses four strategic areas related to the development of the travel demand model. If chosen the team will receive a \$1.4 million dollar grant to execute the proposal.

Policy guidance often requires complex, technical inquiry and this model will enable technical staff to handle these inquires more accurately and efficiently. If awarded the grant, the team will begin the two to three year project in November 2009. They will work closely with the recipient

of a \$2.6 million grant (intended for larger metropolitan areas) also related to the travel demand model development. Regional commitment to Metro's participation is required, thus the JPACT chair and the Metro Council President will be asked to sign a letter of intent in support of the project.

The committee discussed:

- The extent of non-highway modes of transportation in the travel demand model
- Effect on other Metro projects if staff time is dedicated to this new project
- Proving the accuracy of the model
- Rapid highway renewal
- The decision to seek the smaller grant award
- Calibrating the new tool

MOTION: Mr. Louis Ornelas moved, Mr. Paul Smith seconded, to recommend the support of the SHRP2 project to JPACT.

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

6.4 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro briefed the committee on the next steps for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The process for defining local projects for funding has been very rapid and thus leaves the possibility of preclude projects from being able to obligate funding in accordance with federal regulations.

Jurisdictions should submit a back-up strategy for re-programming funds from projects that are determined *before* July 30th to be unable to meet federal regulations. The back-up strategy should include obligating funds to existing ARRA and federal projects or ready-to-go projects. In addition, two to three federal aid projects that can immediately absorb funds should be suggested to Metro as "fail-safe" projects. All back-up and "fail-safe" projects should be submitted to Metro by April 21, 2009.

Jurisdictions should also notify Metro of where they intend to obligate their portion of the \$22,000 in additional funds the region received over the forecasted amount already obligated. In addition, projects selected to receive additional funds from ODOT must be allocated within 120 days and incorporated into the MTIP.

The committee discussed the additional ODOT funds and the status of the clause which states that if your agency is receiving a additional funds they must meet the 120 day obligation deadline for ALL of their ARRA funds. They also discussed the quality of construction bids being made for ARRA projects.

Mr. Paul Smith requested additional language be added to Resolution No. 09-4043, Exhibit A , in the chart entitled "Brief Description" for the Southwest and East Portland sidewalk infill

project the language should read, “Sidewalk infill on various Portland and ODOT arterial streets.”

MOTION: Ms. Kraushaar moved, Ms. Schilling seconded, to recommend approval of Resolution No. 09-4043 to JPACT with the amended language.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor the motion passed.

6.5 Regional Transportation Plan: Needs and Investment Strategy Development

Mr. Tom Kloster of Metro updated the committee on the status of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) needs and investment strategy development. Mr. Kloster outlined and requested feedback on the following points:

- Investment strategy framework: Mobility Track and Community Building Track
 - Overlapping projects and features between two tracks
- Policy driven RTP
- Adequate systems
 - Rethinking investments in terms of what “adequacy” means
- Multi-modal integration
- Investment strategy framework
- Investment scenarios
- Local aspirations
- System Management Operations Plan
- Freight and Goods Movement Plan
- High Capacity Transit (HCT)
- Agency approach to developing investment strategy
 - Coordinating committee meetings
 - RTP work group meetings
 - Regional workshops

Local partners will be asked to identify investment priorities for the community building track of the RTP update by July in order to incorporate them into the September public release draft of the RTP. Metro staff then asked for input from the committee on any content or development strategies involved with the RTP system development approach.

The committee discussed:

- Categorizing the constrained system as “adequate” by the Transportation Planning Rule (TPR) may be misleading
- TPR needs assessment requirements
- Engaging the private sector in RTP effort
- Emphasis on maintenance in the funding scenario
- Public involvement
- Choice of partners should reflect the goals of the plan
- Using small scale solutions before looking at a big capacity fix

6.6 Local Aspirations and Implications for Investments

Ms. Chris Deffebach of Metro briefed the committee on local aspirations and their implications for investment. Aspirations Metro has received thus far from local jurisdictions predominately reflect what is adopted in each jurisdiction's comprehensive plan. Common themes among local aspirations include:

- Great potential within existing zoning
- Desire to initiate new planning efforts
- A commitment to growing broad employment areas
- Support for the Region 2040 vision

Local aspirations information will help determine where efforts and investments are being guided. Currently, staff is working to summarize and confirm local aspirations. Information gathered will help inform investment priorities and support implementation of aspirations.

The committee discussed aiding initiatives financially and employment aspirations.

7. ADJOURN

Mr. Lashbrook adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kayla Mullis
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR MARCH 27th 2009.

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
6.1	Resolution	N/A	Updated resolution No. 09-4038	032709t-01
6.2	Resolution	N/A	Updated resolution No. 09-4037	032709t-02
6.4	Resolution	N/A	Resolution No. 09-4043	032709t-03
6.5	Power Point	3/27/09	Updated RTP 2035 Power Point presented by Tom Kloster	032709t-04
--	Periodical	Spring 09	<i>Green Scene</i> - Your spring guide to great places and great living	032709t-05