



Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

April 9, 2009

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carlotta Collette , Chair
Sam Adams
Rex Burkholder
Nina DeConcini
Craig Dirksen
Fred Hansen
Kathryn Harrington
Lynn Peterson
Roy Rogers
Jason Tell
Don Wagner

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
City of Portland
Metro Council
Department of Environmental Quality
Cities of Washington County
TriMet
Metro Council
Clackamas County
Washington County
Oregon Department of Transportation
Washington Department of Transportation

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Shane Bemis
Donna Jordan
Royce Pollard
Steve Stuart
Ted Wheeler
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

City of Gresham
City of Lake Oswego, Representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
City of Vancouver
Clark County
Multnomah County
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Shirley Craddick
Susie Lahense
Dean Lookingbill
Alice Norris

AFFILIATION

City of Gresham
Port of Portland
Representing City of Vancouver
Representing Cities of Clackamas County

STAFF: Robin McArthur, Andy Cotugno, Kelsey Newell, Kim Ellis, Randy Tucker, Ted Leybold, Andy Shaw, Denna Platman, Josh Naramore, Tom Kloster, Ina Zucker, Kathryn Sofich and Kayla Mullis.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Rex Burkholder declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

2. TRANSITION IN COMMITTEE CHAIR

Chair Rex Burkholder announced the transition of the chair position to Councilor Carlotta Collette. He expressed honor for having served the position of chair for the past four years and acknowledged the committee's success at handling big issues.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Collette introduced Gresham City Councilor Shirley Craddick as the alternate for Cities of Multnomah County.

4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Randy Tucker of Metro, Ms. Olivia Clark of TriMet, and Mr. Dennis Mulvihill of Washington County updated the committee on the current legislative session. In the current legislative session substantial transportation revenue decisions are being overshadowed by the state budget deficit. The main focus of this session is addressing the economic recession. Three budget packages are being considered and the final package will likely be closely associated with job creation. A transportation package is being worked on and will likely portray a commitment to multi-modal transit and addressing environmental issues.

The committee discussed utility fees, legislative time frame and a non-referable transportation package.

Chair Collette encouraged committee members to test the High Capacity Transit Build-a-System online tool on the Metro web site. The public comment questionnaire portion of the tool is scheduled to go offline on Sunday, April 26th.

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro briefed the committee on the process for requesting earmarks in the federal budget. Metro staff will work with jurisdictions and provide assistance for submitting the information necessary for requests.

Mr. Cotugno also announced that Metro will be hosting a contingent from the British Parliament in June. Information concerning JPACT's involvement in the visit will be made available as it is known.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- **Consideration of JPACT meeting minutes for March 5, 2009**
- **Approve Letter of Support for 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.**

MOTION: Mayor Sam Adams moved, Mr. Fred Hansen seconded, to approve the consent agenda.

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

7. ACTION & INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Ms. Robin McArthur of Metro briefed the committee on Resolution No. 09-4037, which would adopt the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP is a description of all projects in the region that will use federal planning dollars during FY 2010. TPAC has endorsed the FY 2010 UPWP.

MOTION: Commissioner Roy Rogers moved, and Mayor Alice Norris seconded, to approve Resolution No. 09-4037.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor the motion passed.

7.2 **Report on Federal Quadrennial Review**

Ms. McArthur briefed the committee on the report on the federal quadrennial review. Every four years the federal Department of Transportation conducts an audit of planning dollars used in the region and documents the findings in the final report of the *Transportation Planning Certification Review for the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan Area*.

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

Ms. McArthur briefed the committee on Resolution No 09-4038, which would certify that the Portland metropolitan area is in compliance with federal transportation planning requirements. This is an annual self-audit to demonstrate the region's compliance with federal planning requirements. TPAC has endorsed the resolution.

MOTION: Commissioner Lynn Peterson moved, Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded, to approve Resolution No. 09-4038.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor the motion passed.

7.4 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

7.4.1 Resolution No. 09-4043, For the Purpose of Amending the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Add New Projects to Receive Funding From the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act Allocated by the Oregon Transportation Commission

Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro briefed the committee on Resolution No. 09-4043, which would amend the remaining American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) project funds into the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Project (MTIP). The projects being amended into the MTIP are receiving ARRA funds through the Oregon Transportation Commission and must abide by the agreed upon obligation deadlines.

The committee discussed

- Where ODOT funds will be redistributed if projects do not meet obligation deadlines;
- Specifics concerning ODOT obligation deadlines vs. local project funds deadlines.

MOTION: Mayor Adams moved, and Ms. Susie Lahsene seconded, to approve Resolution No. 09-4043.

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

7.4.2 ODOT Update

Mr. Jason Tell of ODOT updated the committee on the obligation process for ODOT funds. A quicker and more efficient process for obligating funds is being used and all projects are currently moving forward.

Committee discussion included the following points:

- The 120-day deadline for obligating *all* ARRA funds (local and ODOT) to be eligible for receiving ODOT funds and certain jurisdictions inability to meet the deadline
- Limitations of the project proposal process because of the obligation time frame
- The unnecessary ODOT obligation time frame for local ARRA funds effect on the ability to deliver projects
- Communication difficulty because of fast-paced process
- Focus on creating jobs with ARRA funds
- Spending money quickly as a method for receiving more funds at the end of the two year general deadline
- Resources ODOT is providing to help jurisdictions meet deadlines
- Importance of reporting and project delivery
- Portion of funds going to non-highway transportation modes

7.5 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): Review Community Building Needs and Introduction to Mobility Atlas

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro briefed the committee on the community building needs portion of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The investment strategy framework for the RTP has two integrated tracks - mobility corridors and community building - which together are focused on addressing mobility, economic, environmental and community needs through investments in the regional transportation system.

The mobility track represents those investments that support multi-modal mobility in the region's major travel corridors – including interstate and cross-regional travel. This track defines mobility more broadly than previous RTPs – looking at the mix of land use, management, transit, road, highway, bike and pedestrian investments needed to move people and goods safely and efficiently. The mobility atlas was developed as a tool to look at multi-modal needs and solutions across jurisdictions. It also provides a framework for comparing how different corridors are performing and prioritizing investments and strategies within each corridor.

The community building track represents those investments that support placemaking and aspirations for vibrant downtowns and strong industrial and employment centers. This track will look at local aspirations and needs in a holistic way to define innovative solutions that support local and regional aspirations for growth. The following topics relating to building the RTP investment strategy were discussed:

- Low cost and high output for community development project
- Integration of Local Aspirations in community building investment strategy
 - Prioritizing transportation in areas where growth is designated to occur
- Integration of various RTP-related elements in community building investment strategy
 - Freight and Goods Movement Plan
 - Transportation System Management Operations (TSMO) strategies
 - High Capacity Transit plan
 - Blue Ribbon Committee for Trails and Active Transportation Corridors
- System Development next steps

Committee discussion included the following points:

- Consideration of equity and environmental justice in the process
- Sharing findings and ideas with the private sector
- Transportation's role in realizing local aspirations
- Transportation Planning Rule (TPR) and mobility standards as potential constraints
- Integrating rail freight movement into the plan
- Forming sub-committees to address unresolved issues and emerging policy areas such as electric vehicles and high-speed rail after the RTP update is complete

At the next meeting, staff will brief JPACT on the preliminary findings from the mobility corridor needs assessment and next steps for developing the RTP Investment Strategy. The JPACT retreat on May 22 will focus on the use of case studies to further illustrate the integration

of local aspirations, TSMO, Freight and HCT elements and how to fund RTP investment priorities.

8. ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair Collette adjourned the meeting at 8:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kayla Mullis
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR APRIL 9, 2009

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

ITEM	TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOC #
--	Letter	4/2/09	To: Honorable David Limpinski From: US House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	040909j-01
7.3	Chart	N/A	Updated Pg. 2 of Metro Response Certification	040909j-02
7.5	Memo	4/6/09	To: JPACT and Interested Parties From: Kim Ellis, RTP Project Manager Re: 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update – System Development Next Steps	040909j-03
7.5	Power Point	4/9/09	2035 RTP Power point presentation	040909j-04
7.5	Power Point	4/9/09	UPDATED 2035 RTP Power point presentation	040909j-05
7.5	Publication	Spring 2009	2035 RTP: <i>Investing in a Transportation System for the 21st Century</i>	040909j-06
7.5	Report	April 2009	Draft 1.0- Atlas of Mobility Corridors	040909j-07
--	Flyer	N/A	Save the Date: Building University- Community Partnerships for a Sustainable Regional Economy: May 1, 2009 at PSU	040909j-08