



Metro Policy Advisory Committee

MINUTES

April 22, 2009

5 to 7 p.m.

Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Brian, Chair
Sam Adams
Pat Campbell
Jody Carson
Nathalie Darcy
Dennis Doyle
Amanda Fritz
Jack Hoffman
Dick Jones
Richard Kidd
Robert Liberty
Don McCarthy
Rod Park
Wilda Parks
Michelle Poyourow
Judy Shiprack
Rick VanBeveren
Jerry Willey
Dilafruz Williams

AFFILIATION

Washington Co. Commission
City of Portland
City of Vancouver
City of West Linn, representing Clackamas Co. Other Cities
Washington Co. Citizen
City of Beaverton, representing Washington Co. 2nd Largest City
City of Portland
City of Lake Oswego, representing Clackamas Co. Largest City
Clackamas Co. Special Districts
City of Forest Grove, representing Washington Co. Other Cities
Metro Council
Multnomah Co. Special Districts
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
Shane Bemis, Vice Chair
Richard Burke
Carl Hosticka
Robert Kindel
Charlotte Lehan
Alice Norris
Steve Stuart
Mike Weatherby
Richard Whitman

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland
City of Gresham, representing the Multnomah Co. 2nd Largest City
Washington Co. Special Districts
Metro Council
City of North Plains, representing City in Washington Co. outside UGB
Clackamas Co. Commission
City of Oregon City, representing Clackamas Co. 2nd Largest City
Clark Co., Washington Commission
City of Fairview, representing Multnomah Co. Other Cities
Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation & Development

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Bob Austin
Shirley Craddick
Jim Kight
Keith Mays
Doug Neeley

AFFILIATION

Clackamas Co. Commission
City of Gresham, representing the Multnomah Co. 2nd Largest City
City of Troutdale, representing Multnomah County Other Cities
City of Sherwood, representing Washington County Other Cities
City of Oregon City, representing Clackamas Co. 2nd Largest City

STAFF

Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Kelsey Newell, Ken Ray, Malu Wilkinson.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tom Brian declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATION

All attendees introduced themselves.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of the MPAC Minutes for April 8, 2009

MTAC Member Nomination

MOTION: Councilor Jody Carson moved, Mayor Richard Kidd seconded, to adopt the April 8, 2009 meeting minutes.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

MOTION: Commissioner Bob Austin moved, Councilor Doug Neeley seconded, to approve the MTAC member nomination.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

5. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Robert Liberty stated that the second of the three part series of construction excise tax meetings has been scheduled for April 28th. MPAC is scheduled to discuss and make a recommendation to the Metro Council at their May 13th and May 27th meetings respectively. In addition, Councilor Liberty stated that Metro Council is currently reviewing potential budget amendments including funding for a Regional Choice Housing Fund, Climate Change, a Development Opportunity Fund and so on. A formal Council hearing has been scheduled for April 30th.

Councilor Carlotta Collette reminded committee members to visit the Metro web site and review the High Capacity Transit build-a-system online tool. The web-tool will be taken offline on April 24th.

Mr. Mike Wetter of Metro briefly introduced Ms. Ellen Pope, Director of Comparative Domestic Policy with the German Marshall Fund, which recently invited Portland to participate in the Transatlantic Cities Network (TCN). The TCN is a network of 25 cities in the US and Europe working to exchange information about innovative policies, best practices, and local policy challenges.

6. ACTION ITEMS & INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Review “Recap” memo, provide direction on areas of consensus and agree on schedule for areas of further discussion

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro asked committee members to review the policy direction received at the fall 2008 Joint MPAC/JPACT land use and transportation meetings and identify issues that the committee has agreement on and outstanding issues that require further discussion and policy direction. Staff will use this information to schedule MPAC policy discussion over the next several months.

Committee members provided comments on the first of five of the major policy elements of direction, “Focusing Growth in Centers and Corridors.” Discussion included:

- not limiting growth and tools to encourage growth exclusively to centers and corridors, especially when there is significant potential for capacity in unincorporated county areas;
- governance of incorporated versus unincorporated areas;
- a regional parking management program, concern with potential for urban sprawl if development of an urban form is not complete;
- urban services areas, presentation of the policy elements in a scenario format; and
- the relationship between taking an aggressive approach and maintaining a tight Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).

Members agreed that a committee retreat be scheduled to provide time for in-depth discussion on the above and the four remaining policy themes, “Employment and Industrial Areas,” “UGB Expansion,” “Transportation,” and “Climate Change.” Metro staff will poll members on their availability for a retreat shortly.

MOTION: Councilor Neeley moved, Mayor Kidd seconded, to approve the draft 2009 MPAC policy discussion schedule with the addition of a retreat in late spring or early summer.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

MOTION: Mayor Sam Adams moved, Commissioner Judy Shiprack seconded, that the committee recognize that the recap memorandum from Andy Cotugno and Robin McArthur to MPAC, dated January 16, 2009 and revised February 4, 2009, is a starting point for discussion, further recognizing that different views exist among the elements of each of the five policy themes and that MPAC wishes future information and discussion.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

6.2 Update on Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Choices

6.2.1 Overview of process for integrating land use and RTP-related efforts into a comprehensive investment strategy

Councilor Rod Park provided a brief update on the process for integrating land use and Regional Transportation (RTP) related efforts into a comprehensive investment strategy for the state component of the 2035 RTP in preparation for future policy discussions on priorities and funding. His presentation included information on:

- Pressing challenges (i.e. Climate change and Energy Costs)
- Urban form, transportation and investment choices for the future
- Elements of a successful future and region

6.2.2 *Share case study illustrating integration in context of RTP Investment Strategy*

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro provided a case study presentation on the City of Tigard illustrating the approach for integrating local aspirations and other RTP-elements into an updated RTP investment strategy this summer. Ms. Ellis reminded the committee that the RTP sets direction for transportation's role in supporting how and where the region wants to grow and addressing mobility, economic, environmental and community needs. She explained a goal of the presentation is to emphasize the land use and transportation connection and encourage MPAC members to think about and weigh in on what the RTP can do to further local and regional aspirations for growth.

Her presentation included information on:

- Investment strategy framework
 - 2035 Investment Strategy – Track 1: Regional and State Mobility
 - 2035 Investment Strategy – Track 2: Community Building
- Linking aspirations to priorities
 - Downtown Tigard
 - Washington Square regional center
 - Identified constraints
 - Highway 99W as an opportunity and constraint
 - Comparison of Tigard's local aspirations and investment priorities in current RTP
- MPAC's role and upcoming discussions

Ms. Ellis emphasized the importance of MPAC members talking with their land use and transportation staff and JPACT representatives to convey the importance of re-examining transportation investment priorities in the RTP to ensure they support local and regional aspirations for growth.

Ms. Nathalie Darcy highlighted an article written by Mr. Neil Pierce for the Oregonian addressing the federal government's movement towards integrating land use and transportation. (Article included as part of the meeting record.)

6.3 Preliminary Housing Needs Analysis

Councilor Liberty provided a presentation on the preliminary housing needs analysis. His presentation included information on:

- The importance of the analysis
- Requirements (e.g. Statewide Planning Goal 10 and State Metropolitan Housing Rule)
- Past efforts to increase housing choices
- The new analysis approach
- Cost-burdened household and key findings about the trends
- Affordability
- Possible household distribution with current high and low policy direction growth scenarios
- PSU's 2008 Housing Needs Study
- Next Steps

Councilor Liberty polled members on their opinion of the current state of the cost-burdened trend and where the trend is taking the region in the future. The majority of members disliked the current trend and agreed that the committee should take actions to change it.

Committee discussion included utility costs, affordable housing and urban sprawl in Clark County, Washington, and housing and transportation information as they pertain to schools.

ADJOURN

Chair Brian adjourned the meeting at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelsey Newell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR APRIL 22, 2009

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
4.	Memo	4/15/09	To: MPAC From: Robin McArthur RE: New MTAC Member for MPAC Consideration	042209m-01
6.2	PowerPoint	4/22/09	Regional Transportation Plan: A Case Study of Tigard presented by Rod Park and Kim Ellis	042209m-02
6.2	Article	4/20/09	Article by Neil Peirce, The Oregonian	042209m-03
6.3	Report	4/2009	Preliminary Housing Needs Analysis Executive Summary	042209m-04
6.3	PowerPoint	4/22/09	Housing Needs Analysis presented by Robert Liberty	042209m-05