



**Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation**

**MINUTES**

May 14, 2009

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Carlotta Collette, Chair  
Shane Bemis  
Rex Burkholder  
Nina DeConcini  
Fred Hansen  
Kathryn Harrington  
Donna Jordan  
Lynn Peterson  
Roy Rogers  
Jason Tell  
Ted Wheeler

**AFFILIATION**

Metro Council  
City of Gresham  
Metro Council  
Department of Environmental Quality  
TriMet  
Metro Council  
City of Lake Oswego, Representing Cities of Clackamas Co.  
Clackamas County  
Washington County  
Oregon Department of Transportation  
Multnomah County

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Sam Adams  
Craig Dirksen  
Royce Pollard  
Steve Stuart  
Don Wagner  
Bill Wyatt

**AFFILIATION**

City of Portland  
Cities of Washington County  
City of Vancouver  
Clark County  
Washington Department of Transportation  
Port of Portland

**ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Jef Dalin  
Doug Ficco  
Susie Lahense  
Dean Lookingbill  
Troy Rayburn

**AFFILIATION**

City of Cornelius, Cities of Washington County  
WSDOT  
Port of Portland  
Representing City of Vancouver  
Clark County

**STAFF:** Andy Cotugno, Chris Deffebach, Tony Mendoza, Ross Roberts, Kim Ellis, Deena Platman, Ted Leybold, Kelsey Newell, Kayla Mullis, Pat Emmerson, John Mermin.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

Chair Carlotta Collette declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Collette welcomed Mr. Troy Rayburn, alternate for Clark County, and Mr. Jef Dalin, alternate for Cities of Washington County.

**3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were none.

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro explained the Transportation for America's (T4 America) "Route to Reform: Blueprint for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Federal Transportation Program" included in committee member's packets. The bill proposal is a detailed account of the legislation T4 America will be pursuing based on their ideals, which JPACT endorsed in January.

Chair Collette opened discussion around the current State legislative transportation package. The list of Portland metropolitan region projects funded under the current version does not include all of the projects the region hoped for. The committee discussed:

- Moratorium on the vehicle registration tax, which is included in the current version of the package;
- Preemption removing local control from jurisdictions;
- Aspects of the package that the region supports and avoiding destroying the whole package with objections; and
- Leaving lobbyist to continue this discussion in Salem using conversation from this JPACT meeting.

Mr. Jason Tell of ODOT updated the committee on the status of federal stimulus funds. ODOT Region 1 has obligated 81% of their funds with one month to go in the obligation period.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Consideration of JPACT meeting minutes for April 9, 2009**
- **Approval of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Back-Up Strategy**
- **Approval of Resolution No. 09-4053, For the Purpose of Amending the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Eliminate American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funding for Three Projects and add ARRA Funding For Two Projects in Washington County**

MOTION: Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved, and Mr. Fred Hansen seconded, to approve the consent agenda.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor the motion passed.

## **6. INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Overview of Local Aspirations and Implications for Transportation Investments Priorities**

Ms. Chris Deffebach of Metro briefed the committee on the Local Aspirations program and transportation investment priorities. Local priorities and investments will help inform transportation decisions and provide technical assistance where it is needed. Ms. Deffebach discussed the following topics relating to local aspirations:

- The Activity Spectrum
- Local aspiration workshops
- Local Aspirations align with Region 2040 Vision
- Room for growth within current zoning capacities and adopted plans
- Barriers to achieving aspirations
- Need for a combination of regional and local actions and investments
- Next steps

### **6.2 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Investment Strategy Development**

Ms. Kim Ellis and Ms. Deena Platman of Metro discussed the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) investment strategy development. Next month, staff will ask JPACT for final direction on how to update the current federal investment priorities and build a larger state RTP investment strategy to release for public comment in September. A two-track strategy is being used to guide investment decisions. There is a significant and growing funding gap between money that is expected to be available and the transportation needs that have been identified to date. The JPACT retreat will focus on reaching agreement on an approach for prioritizing investments, and additional financing tools the region should consider pursuing to address unmet maintenance and capital needs. The financing tools discussion will be used to develop a funding threshold for the State RTP. Discussion included the following topics relating to development of the state RTP investment strategy:

- Federal and state policy requirements that guide investment priorities
- State greenhouse gas emission reduction goals
- RTP goals
- Building blocks to refine priorities
- Emerging discussion topics
- The Tigard case study – linking local aspirations to RTP project priorities
- Need to integrate Transportation System Management & Operation (TSMO) plan strategies into RTP priorities
- Targeting local resources to leverage regional goals and aligning RTP priorities with community aspirations

The committee discussed how the freight and the TSMO plans will fit in with the rest of the state RTP investment strategy.

### **6.3 Introduction of Resolution No 09-4052, For the Purpose of Adopting the Regional High Capacity Transit System Plan Corridor Map and Evaluation Criteria**

Mr. Tony Menodza and Mr. Ross Roberts of Metro briefed the committee on Resolution No. 09-4052, which would adopt the regional High Capacity Transit (HCT) plan corridors. The system expansion policy defines a clear process to guide how projects move into implementation. The three elements that make this process are the projects, the tier categories and the system expansion policy. Technical rankings determine which tier a project is placed in while the system expansion policy, which is modeled after the BART system in the Bay Area, furthers the advancement process between tiers. This process will take collaboration between jurisdictions and local actions.

Committee discussion included the following points:

- Relationship between HCT corridors and mobility corridors
- Integrated investment strategy
- Effects of building regional transit on state facilities
- Developing a healthy refinement system for how multi-modes will co-exist and how land use will be effected by HCT
- Importance of the system expansion policy process
- Improving communication to be prepared for side effects
- Timeline

## **7. ADJOURN**

With no further business, Chair Collette adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*K.L. Mullis*

Kayla Mullis

Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR MAY, 14 2009

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

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>TYPE OF DOCUMENT</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUME NT NO.</b>
4.0	Report	N/A	T4 America: The Route to Reform	051409j-01
4.0	Memo	5/4/09	OTC List of Approved Projects	051409j-02
4.0	Chart	5/12/09	ODOT Obligated ARRA Funds	051409j-03
4.0	Agenda	N/A	Draft Agenda for JPCAT Retreat on May 22, 2009	051409j-04
6.1	Power Point	N/A	Local Aspirations power point presentation	051409j-05
6.2	Memo	5/11/09	To: JPACT and Interested Parties From: Kim Ellis and Deena Platman Re: 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update – Mobility Corridor Workshops Summary	051409j-06
6.2	Power Point	N/A	Regional Transportation Plan power point presentation	051409j-07
6.2	Chart	4/24/08	Appendix 1.1- 2035 RTP Financially Constrained System Project List	051409j-08
6.3	Resolution	N/A	Updated Resolution No. 09-4052	051409j-09
6.3	Map	N/A	HCT Transit Corridors	051409j-10
5.0	Letter	4/20/09	Washington County ARRA Funds	051409-11
5.0	Resolution	N/A	Resolution No. 09-4053	051409j-12
--	Newsletter	Spring 09'	OTREC Newsletter	051409j-13