



Metro Policy Advisory Committee

MINUTES

May 27, 2009

5 to 7 p.m.

Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Brian, Chair
Shane Bemis, Vice Chair
Pat Campbell
Jody Carson
Nathalie Darcy
Dennis Doyle
Amanda Fritz
Carl Hosticka
Dick Jones
Richard Kidd
Robert Liberty
Don McCarthy
Alice Norris
Rod Park
Wilda Parks
Judy Shiprack
Rick VanBeveren
Jerry Willey
Dilafruz Williams

AFFILIATION

Washington Co. Commission
City of Gresham, representing the Multnomah Co. 2nd Largest City
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
Metro Council
Clackamas Co. Special Districts
City of Forest Grove, representing Washington Co. Other Cities
Metro Council
Multnomah Co. Special Districts
City of Oregon City, representing Clackamas Co. 2nd Largest City
Metro Council
Clackamas 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
Richard Burke
Sam Adams
Jack Hoffman
Robert Kindel
Charlotte Lehan, Second Vice Chair
Michelle Poyourow
Steve Stuart
Mike Weatherby
Richard Whitman

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland
Washington Co. Special Districts
City of Portland
City of Lake Oswego, representing Clackamas Co. Largest City
City of North Plains, representing City in Washington Co. outside UGB
Clackamas Co. Commission
Multnomah Co. Citizen
Clark Co., Washington Commission
City of Fairview, representing Multnomah Co. Other Cities
Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation & Development

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Matt Berkow
Donna Jordan
Jim Kight

AFFILIATION

Multnomah Co. Citizen
City of Lake Oswego, representing Clackamas Co. Largest City
City of Troutdale, representing Multnomah County Other Cities

STAFF

Andy Cotugno, Andy Shaw, Christina Deffebach, Tony Mendoza, Crista Gardner, Kelsey Newell.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Shane Bemis declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATION

Vice Chair Bemis welcomed new MPAC committee member Mr. Matt Berkow. Mr. Berkow will serve as alternate to Ms. Michelle Poyourow, citizen representative for Multnomah County.

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: Mayor Alice Norris moved, Councilor Jody Carson seconded, to adopt the May 13, 2009 meeting minutes.

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

5. COUNCIL UPDATE

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro reminded the committee of their May 13th discussion on the employment component of the urban growth report (UGR). As follow-up to that discussion, Mr. Cotugno asked MPAC members for their approval to develop a subcommittee of members and outside experts to develop options for how to address large industrial land needs; especially those periodic instances where large employers moving to the region require a large amount of land. Approaches involving Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) expansion as well as actions to use lands already within the UGB will be addressed. The subcommittee will work throughout the remainder of the year, providing status updates and discussion topics to MPAC over the next couple months.

In addition to the subcommittee, Mr. Cotugno indicated that MPAC will need to have discussions on the different levels of potential capacity and review MTAC's technical review of the preliminary employment UGR.

6. ACTION ITEMS & INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Construction Excise Tax Renewal

Councilor Robert Liberty briefly overviewed the MPAC's proposed action and highlighted the Metro Council and Metro Chief Operating Officer's next steps in considering adoption of a the construction excise tax (CET) ordinance and development of associated administrative rules.

Mr. Andy Shaw of Metro provided a presentation on the CET's advisory committee recommendations. Recommendations presented include:

- Extend the CET
- Maintain the same purpose for the CET

- To fund, “regional and local planning that is required to make land ready for development after its inclusion into the Urban Growth Boundary.”
- Expand the allocation of CET funds to:
 - Areas that are already in the UGB;
 - Future UGB expansion areas; and
 - Urban reserve areas before inclusion in the UGB.
- Establish criteria for evaluating CET projects
 - Includes on-the-ground development, regional significance, equity, leverage of private and public funds, and targeting funding to projects that satisfy 2040 development goals.

In addition, Mr. Shaw provided an overview of the proposed timeline for CET extension and first grant cycles, and highlighted outstanding topics identified for further consideration by the advisory committee. Topics included: where CET funds are generated and distributed, and setting aside a specific funding allocation for planning projects in future urban reserve areas and future UGB expansion areas. In addition, Councilor Liberty highlighted concerns raised by the Home Builders Association regarding maintaining the commitment of CET funds to UGB expansion and whether Metro has the legal authority to extend the tax.

Committee discussion included the importance of funding on-the-ground development, proposed CET criteria, the City of Portland’s support for the tax renewal, evaluation of past allocated CET funds, the proposed grant cycles, and whether or not to set aside a portion of the funds for future urban reserve areas. In addition, some members presented concern that communities that do not contribute CET funds should not receive CET grants.

MOTION: Ms. Nathalie Darcy moved, Mayor Richard Kidd seconded, to endorse the extension of the existing CET ordinance for the purpose of funding grants for planning areas inside the UGB, future expansion areas, and urban reserves, with an emphasis on planning projects that advance the 2040 Regional Framework Plan and result in on-the-ground development, and to request that the Metro Council direct the Metro Chief Operating Officer to submit the draft administrative rules to MPAC for review and comment.

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

7. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Introduction of “Investments in Greatest Places” Matrix documenting local and regional actions for meeting the 20-year land supply requirement

Ms. Christina Deffebach of Metro provided a presentation on linking regional and local actions with local aspirations. Her presentation included:

- A brief overview of investments, requiring both local and regional actions, needed to support local aspirations;
- An example of how leveraging investments can help a community transform into a their desired 8, 12, 18 or 24-hour active community; and
- The draft “Investing in Greatest Places” matrix.

Currently, the draft matrix illustrates the aspirations of six communities and conceptually displays the connection of local, regional, shared and private investment actions (e.g. transit, enhanced bike and pedestrian environment, zoning and collaboration). This tool provides an opportunity to inform regional partners on existing and planned local actions and aspirations throughout the region. In addition, the matrix helps demonstrate these linkages and prepare MPAC members for future recommendations on the Making the Greatest Place and when they will be asked to set priorities for regional investments.

Committee members stated that although the matrix did a good job of visually illustrating local aspirations, it did not display the current level or desired levels communities are planning for. Members recommended a supplemental document with further details be available about whether the development goal represents a little or a lot of growth.

Metro staff will continue to update and refine the matrix; adding more information about local aspirations and local and region actions to support those aspirations. MPAC is currently scheduled to review a more developed matrix in June.

7.2 Resolution No. 09-4052, For the Purpose of Accepting the Regional High Capacity Transit System Tiers and Priorities, Policy Amendments and System Expansion Policy Framework for Addition to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan, State Component

Mr. Tony Mendoza of Metro provided a presentation on the regional High Capacity Transit (HCT) system plan. His presentation included:

- An overview of the project timeline and upcoming key decision points and milestones;
- A map of the HCT corridors;
- A brief overview of the local aspirations workshops and public involvement process, including the online build-a-system web-tool;
- An overview of the system expansion policy (SEP) definition, importance, process and other comparable national programs that have used this system (e.g. San Francisco, California’s Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART));
- A summary of how the SEP would work in the Portland metropolitan region, the regional HCT priorities by tiers, and SEP regional and local actions for “near term,” “next phase,” “developing, and “regional vision” priority corridors;
- A brief overview of the adopted HCT evaluation criteria, process and summary;
- Recommendations from the TPAC/MTAC HCT subcommittee; and
- Conclusions regarding the existing system’s capacity needs through 2035.

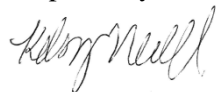
Mayor Kidd presented concern that the Hillsboro to Forest Grove HCT connection was currently tiered as a “developing” regional priority corridor. He stated that although Metro staff have refined their cost estimates for the project, the numbers are not consistent with those produced by the City of Forest Grove’s consultant. He emphasized that this project has been on the books for a long time, and that the City has been actively working and investing in the area to make a light rail extension a reality. In addition, he cited large amounts of funding for the local medical university, system expansion and regional equity, and that the proposed land in a state ownership as reasoning.

Additional committee discussion included a project’s ranking and ability to change tiers, regional equity, specifically how it applies to cost burdened households, project criteria, Senate Bill 34 and House Bill 2011, project costs and cost effectiveness, and the importance of land use and transit connectivity.

8. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Chair Brian adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelsey Newell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR MAY 27, 2009

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
6.1	Packet	5/27/09	Includes PowerPoint presentations, CET advisory committee recommendations, draft MPAC motion for continuation of CET, a chart of the CET revenue collections and grants by jurisdiction, and map of the region's 2040 design types.	052709m-01
7.1	Chart	N/A	Draft "Investing in Great Places" matrix	052709m-02
7.1	PowerPoint	5/27/09	"Linking regional and local actions with local aspirations," provided by Christina Deffebach	052709m-03
7.2	PowerPoint	5/27/09	"Regional HCT System Plan" provided by Tony Mendoza	052709m-04