



TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE  
July 31, 2009  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sorin Garber  
Mara Gross  
Nancy Kraushaar  
Keith Liden  
Mike McKillip  
Dave Nordberg  
Ron Papsdorf  
John Reinhold  
Karen Schilling  
April Siebenaler

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brent Curtis  
Elissa Gertler  
John Hoefs  
Susie Lahsene  
Alan Lehto  
Dean Lookingbill  
Louis A. Ornelas  
Satvinder Sandhu  
Paul Smith  
Rian Windsheimer  
Sharon Zimmerman

AFFILIATION

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

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Andy Back  
Lynda David  
John Gilliam  
Scott King  
Lidwien Rahman  
Jessica Tump

AFFILIATION

Washington County  
SW Washington RTC  
City of Portland  
Port of Portland  
ODOT  
TriMet

STAFF: John Mermin, Caleb Winter, Amy Rose, Ted Leybold, Robin McArthur, Deena Platman, Pam Peck, Pat Emmerson, Dan Kaempff, Kayla Mullis.

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

Chair Robin McArthur declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Committee members and audience members introduced themselves.

Chair McArthur announced that the August TPAC meeting will be Hawaiian themed and committee members are welcome to dress accordingly.

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

There were none.

**4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair McArthur briefly overviewed future agenda items.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of TPAC Minutes from June 26, 2009**

MOTION: Mr. Dave Nordberg moved, and Mr. Mike McKillip seconded, to approve the minutes from June 26, 2009.

Mr. Scott King requested that the language be amended to include his question concerning whether comments made during the MTIP allocation process are included in the MTIP retrospective report.

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

**7. INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**7.1 Making the Greatest Place (MGP) Performance Targets Framework**

Mr. John Williams of Metro briefed the committee on the Making the Greatest Place (MGP) framework for measuring performance targets. The framework provides direction on how to consider, approve and adopt performance targets. In 2008 the Metro Council adopted an outcomes-based approach to land use and transportation decisions with six desired outcomes for measuring success. The outcomes based framework will be broadly integrated into the MGP process through the following actions:

- Adopt outcomes into the Regional Framework plan;
- Work with other agencies to develop performance measures; and
- Commit to achieving the measures over time.

The committee then discussed the following topics:

- Use of “delay” instead of “reliability” when measuring business efficiency;
- Documentation of areas which have zoning that supports transportation options;
- Use of wealth creation and/or job creation as a target;
- MGP performance goals as “umbrella goals” for individual projects;
- Uncertainty in knowing whether targets are reached until far into the future;
- Ambiguity of targets;
- Use of quantitative targets;
- Goals as an opportunity for jurisdictions to measure their success in a work-in-progress nature;
- How to monitor targets;
- Indicators used to measure poverty and equity;
- Clarity in system, cost and rate payers of water systems;
- Including regional mobility and accessibility;
- Allowing time to change projects in order to meet needs;
- Public sector’s role in ensuring business efficiency;
- Addressing racial disparity in the equity target; and
- Indicators for measuring the health of ecosystems.

## **7.2 Regional Transportation Plan**

Mr. Tom Kloster of Metro briefed the committee on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) adoption package and public comment period. The draft RTP has five proposed chapters: the Case for Change, Vision, Investment Strategy, Performance Assessment and Monitoring and Implementation. A 30-day public comment period will be held from September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and will provide an opportunity to comment on the following RTP elements:

- 2035 RTP
- TSMO Action Plan
- Regional Freight Plan
- High Capacity Transit Plan
- Regional Transportation Functional Plan

MGP open houses and public hearings will be held during the comment period and will provide an opportunity to comment on the RTP as well as the Urban Growth Report and Urban and Rural Reserves.

The committee then discussed the following topics:

- Include types of comments that can be communicated in the Open House and Public Hearing schedule; and
- Clarification on when ODOT, TriMet and DLCD should review the plan.

Mr. Andy Back of Washington County commented that because administrative rules direct jurisdictions to identify the needs of their transportation system, the RTP project list for Washington County includes all needed projects regardless of budget constraints. The committee then made the following comments in regards to this topic:

- Issue in modeling a system over the projected funding amount;

- At their retreat, JPACT confirmed direction on the financially constrained system based on projected revenue sources;
- ODOT will be submitting an illustrative project list as well based on the funding target developed by JPACT;
- Question of when right-of-way approval can be pursued;
- Issue in different jurisdictions adopting project lists under different structures;
- The public need for a realistic list, not an illustrative list;
- Ensuring the capacity to deal with development activities that come along and finding a way to get beyond limited funds;
- Issue in publishing two different land use evaluations;
- Submitting the illustrative list without modeling the illustrative portion;
- Including in the language understanding of how jurisdictions make improvements that are not under the funding plan;
- Helpful to model illustrative list for the purpose of greenhouse gas reduction;
- How the regional RTP lines up with the state and local Transportation Planning Rules.

Ms. Deborah Redman briefed the committee on the Regional Freight Plan, which is part of the Regional Transportation Plan. The Freight Task Force formed in 2006 by direction of the Metro Council and since then has developed a draft regional freight system plan identifying goals, priorities and key issues. In addition to supporting longer-term freight-relevant projects on the RTP project list, the plan targets actions that can be undertaken as a region over the next four years to address the needs of the regional economy as they relate to the system plan, system management, public understanding, sustainability, land use and strategic investments. Next steps include narrowing down a list of actions to achievable actions and determining how to monitor and measure their success.

### **7.3 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Reporting Update**

Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro briefed the committee on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) federally required reporting update. A chart was provided that shows how the region and state are doing in terms of distributing ARRA funds.

### **7.4 Transit Element of 2010-2013 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), and 2010-2015 TriMet Transit Investment Plan (TIP) Review and Comment**

Mr. Leybold briefed the committee on the transit element of the 2010-2013 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). He reviewed the six step MTIP process and outlined the following six categories of federal transit funds:

- Congressional earmarks;
- Small Starts;
- Maintenance support;
- Special Needs transit;
- Regional Flexible Funds;
- ARRA funds.

Ms. Jessica Tump of TriMet briefed the committee on the TriMet Transportation Investment Program (TIP). The TIP aims to focus investment, inform local planning and grow partnerships around the region. The TIP has adopted the following four priorities:

- Build the Total Transit System
- Expand High Capacity Transit
- Expand Frequent Service
- Improve Local Service

The first priority includes removing barriers from taking transit by acknowledging that every transit rider is a pedestrian. In addition, support service and customer information are now also being informed by private applications that provide real-time transit information.

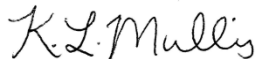
TriMet's operation revenue is mostly funded by the payroll tax, which changes with the unemployment rate. The FY 2010 budget reflects revenues that are \$31 million lower than projected, which is being compensated for through service cuts, non-service related cuts, minor frequency reductions and federal stimulus money. TriMet will relieve budget pressures from the high-cost, federally mandated LIFT service for riders with disabilities by building pedestrian friendly environments, creating an eligibility screening center and informing riders through RideWise.

In comparison to the rest of the country, TriMet is doing very well in ridership trends with 2/3 of all riders taking MAX and Frequent Bus Services.

## **8. ADJOURN**

Chair McArthur adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kayla Mullis  
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR JULY 31, 2009

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

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>Doc DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>7.1</b>	Handout	N/A	Washington County Handout- excerpts from the Transportation Planning Rule	073109t-01
<b>7.2</b>	Memo	02/27/09	To: JPACT From Rod Park, Metro Councilor & Regional Freight and Goods Movement Task Force Chair Re: Integrating Regional Freight and Goods Movement Action Plan into 2035 RTP Update	073109t-02
<b>7.3</b>	Chart	06/30/09	Updated ARRA Transportation Reporting Summary	073109t-03
<b>7.4</b>	Power Point	N/A	TriMet TIP power point presentation	073109t-04