



Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

August 13, 2009

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sam Adams
Shane Bemis
Craig Dirksen
Royce Pollard
Steve Stuart
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
City of Gresham, Representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
City of Tigard, Representing Cities of Washington Co.
City of Vancouver
Clark County
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Jef Dalin
Susie Lahense
Dean Lookingbill
Troy Rayburn

AFFILIATION

City of Cornelius, Representing Cities of Washington Co.
Port of Portland
SW RTC
Clark County

STAFF: Kelsey Newell, Ina Zucker, Kim Ellis, Sarah Schooley, Kayla Mullis, Robin McArthur, Ted Leybold, Andy Shaw, Randy Tucker, Deborah Redman.

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

Committee members and audience members introduced themselves.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Sharon Nassett addressed the committee concerning the recent Joint Transportation Committee of Washington discussion about the Colombia River Crossing project. She said that at the meeting there were no U.S. delegates present and none had agreed to represent the CRC project. She also said that 13 U.S. delegates agree that the National Regional Policy Act process was not followed and that the bridge influence area map given to Clark County officials is not consistent with any of the official CRC project maps.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Collette made the following comments:

- The Climate Change Committee is considering using staff as members instead of elected officials;
- Mr. Ted Leybold has been appointed member to the STIP Stakeholder Committee to represent Metro and JPACT;
- The Oregon Transportation Summit will be held Friday, September 11, 2009 at Portland State University;
- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act reporting update is included in the meeting packet.

Ms. Nina DeConcini announced that the Portland Air Toxins committee will kickoff today, August 13, 2009.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of JPACT meeting minutes for July 9, 2009

MOTION: Councilor Rex Burkholder moved, and Commissioner Ted Wheeler seconded, to approve the JPACT meeting minutes for July 9, 2009.

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

6. INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Making the Greatest Place (MGP) Performance Targets Framework

Ms. Chris Deffebach 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. The purpose of the performance targets is to

use broad outcomes and targets to guide MGP decisions around the region. 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:

- Clarification that local *and* regional actions are connected to the Metro performance measures;
- Methods for measuring wealth creation and reliability;
- Measuring the success of investments;
- Clarification that each project will have individual goals in addition to the broad performance targets;
- Timeline for developing measures.

6.2 Regional Transportation Plan

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro briefed the committee on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) adoption package and public comment period. A 30-day public comment period will be held from September 15th to October 15th, 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 submit verbal or written testimony on the RTP as well as the Urban Growth Report and Urban and Rural Reserves. Ms. Ellis then discussed the RTP project list and summarized the investment focuses outlined in the memo.

The committee discussed the following topics in regards to the RTP process:

- Government policy and financing constraints;
- Maximizing potential of existing facilities;
- Freight classification for RTP projects;
- Timing element of the RTP project list; and
- Need for more education regarding how projects will be selected.

Chair Collette opened discussion around the Washington County letter concerning RTP project lists. Commissioner Roy Rogers spoke to the letter saying that the central theme in submitting Washington County's chosen project list, which does not follow revenue constraints discussed at the JPACT retreat, is whether to be constrained by financing or do the best planning effort possible. Washington County's revenue projections may not be accurate because of other funding which may flow in during the 25 year time frame of the

RTP. He added that it is important to look at revenue base *and* the needs of the system and not constrain ourselves to a specific dollar amount.

The committee then discussed the following topics related to this issue:

- Role of JPACT retreat in choosing funding projections for the region to build project lists around;
- Comfort in having an aspirational list as long as the public knows the intent;
- Which projects need to be included in the RTP in regards to air quality conformity;
- Keeping in mind the holistic vision of the RTP and recognizing that it is a living document that will change over time;
- Difficulty in portraying to the public the purpose of three different project lists;
- Role of the financially constrained list in ensuring a list of realistic projects;
- Concern that if right-of-way is set aside for unfunded projects the pressure to fund them over other projects would increase;
- Ensuring that there are not projects in areas outside the Urban Growth Boundary;
- Value of budgeting in challenging jurisdictions to deliver services in an innovative way.

Chair Collette summarized the discussion saying that the committee is comfortable with including Washington County's non-revenue constrained list with the condition that it still aligns with the goals of the RTP and doesn't assume decisions regarding the Urban Growth Boundary that have not been made yet.

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. The freight team is now looking for funding and regional leaders for the freight project list and appreciates input on which projects jurisdictions think are important.

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


Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro introduced Mr. Fred Hansen of TriMet to educate the committee about other transit elements around the region beyond the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).

Mr. Hansen briefed the committee on the TriMet Transportation Investment Plan (TIP). The payroll tax is the key funding source for operations and fluctuates with employment trends. TriMet's investments for the future are about ensuring the total transit experience by recognizing that every transit rider is also a pedestrian. The TIP should be used as a roadmap to guide jurisdictions involvement and collaboration with TriMet in the maximizing transit investments around the region.

7. **ADJOURN**

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "K.L. Mullis".

Kayla Mullis
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR AUGUST 13, 2009

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

ITEM	TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
6.3	Letter	6/25/09	To: Ted Leybold, MTIP Manager From: STIP Stakeholder Committee	081309j-01
6.1	Memo	8/12/09	To: MPAC & JPACT From: John Williams and Chris Deffebach, Metro Re: TPAC and MTAC comments on MGP performance targets	081309j-02
6.2	Memo	8/12/09	To: Metro Council, MPAC and JPACT From: Kim Ellis, RTP manager Re: 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update – Project List Summary	081309j-03
6.2	Letter	8/10/09	To: Carlotta Collette, JPACT Chair From: Washington County Coordinating Committee Re: RTP	081309j-04
6.2	Report	8/12/09	Updated Freight Action Plan	081309j-05