



TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE

August 28, 2009

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mara Gross
Sorin Garber
Nancy Kraushaar
Alan Lehto
Keith Liden
Mike McKillip
Dave Nordberg
Ron Papsdorf
John Reinhold
Satvinder Sandhu
Karen Schilling
April Siebenaler
Paul Smith
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Hoefs
Dean Lookingbill
Luis Ornelas
Sharon Zimmerman

AFFILIATION

C-TRAN
SW WA RTC
Citizen
Washington Department of Transportation

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Andy Back
Lynda David
Scott King
Ron Weinman

AFFILIATION

Washington County
SW WA RTC
Port of Portland
Clackamas County

STAFF: Robin McArthur, Christina Deffebach, Josh Naramore, Deena Platman, Caleb Winter, Tom Kloster, Ted Leybold, Amy Rose, Andy Cotugno, Kelsey Newell, Tom Matney.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Robin McArthur declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair McArthur made a series of announcements:

- TPAC meetings will now be digitally recorded and made available online at the Metro web site along with the agenda, packet, and materials from each meeting.
- The MTAC/TPAC work group meeting scheduled for September 14th has been pushed back to September 21st.
- Metro is scheduled to release the Chief Operating Officer's recommendation on Making the Greatest Place (MGP) on September 15th. The recommendation's release will commence the formal 30-day public comment period on the MGP, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and urban and rural reserves. (Information on the MGP public comment period, open houses and public hearings is included as part of the meeting record.)

The RTP project list has been distributed electronically to TPAC members and interested parties. Formal distribution of the project list will be included as part of the MGP COO recommendation on September 15th.

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 July 31, 2009

Mr. Alan Lehto requested the following corrections to the July 31, 2009 meeting minutes:

- The text under agenda item 7.4 be updated to correctly read, "...TriMet Transportation ~~Improvement~~ Investment Program Plan (TIP)..." and
- The text under agenda item 7.4 be updated to correctly read, "...The FY 2010 budget ~~has an 11.5% shortfall~~ reflects revenues that are \$31 million lower than projected, which is being compensated for through..."

MOTION: Ms. Karen Schilling moved, Mr. Lehto seconded, to adopt the July 31, 2009 meeting minutes with the amended language.

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

6. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Making the Greatest Place and Chief Operating Officer

Ms. Christina Deffebach of Metro provided a brief presentation on the local aspirations investment matrix which illustrates local and regional investments that are in place or currently being implemented in the region's centers, corridors and employment areas to realize local jurisdictions' aspirations.

Committee members recommended the matrix investment symbols be revised to accurately depict "proposed, in progress or existing" projects; citing inconsistency and accuracy among jurisdictions. Additional committee discussion included the importance of defining, prioritizing and confirming employment areas, and encouraging the business and public communities to provide comments on the matrix.

The Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) are scheduled to discuss the investment matrix at their September 9th and 10th meetings respectively.

6.2 Regional Transportation Plan

Ms. Lainie Smith of Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) provided an overview of state requirements regarding the RTP. Her presentation included information on:

- Transportation Plan Rule (TPR) requirements;
- Oregon Highway Plan (OHP) Policy;
- Recommendation that Metro requests alternate standards that are volume and capacity based;
- Additional actions needed that reduce congestion and address land use and transportation;
- RTP state review performed in accordance of TPR by Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) and Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC);
- Review for interagency consistency regarding objectives;
- Implementation: Requires documentation and identification of funding sources.

The committee then discussed the following topics:

- Possibly replacing the word "alternative" with a more appropriate word which prioritizes alternative modes as being equal or better modes of transportation; and
- Other standards can be used in *conjunction* with volume and capacity based standards.

Ms. Deena Platman and Mr. Josh Naramore, of Metro, presented on outcome-based planning in the RTP. Their presentation included information on:

- Composition of a successful region;
- RTP goals and outcomes;
- A new approach to decision-making: moving from “level of service” (LOS) - based measurement standards to outcome-based planning;
- Defining and elements of a complete system;
- Performance measurement system evaluation and monitoring;
- Outcomes-based investment timeline;
- Two tracks for implementation: (1) mobility corridors and (2) community building;
- Regional mobility corridors defined and identified; and
- Mobility corridor concept plan outlined.

The committee then discussed the following topics:

- LOS-based measurement standards should still be considered, as they offer a level of certainty to the planning process;
- Care should be taken to include all corridors so as to allow budget development; and
- The importance of continued interagency collaboration.

6.3 Health Impact Assessment on Policies Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled in Oregon

Mr. Mel Rader of Upstream Public Health and Ms. Leslie Perdue of Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research presented on healthy transportation policy and vehicle miles traveled (VMT). The presentation covered the following issues:

- Major health impacts of transportation policy;
- The magnitude of the transportation and health linkage;
- Steps for designing health into transportation and planning;
- Health benchmarks for transportation, food access, schools and air quality;
- Definition and objectives of Health Impact Assessments (HIA) on VMT;
- Pathway between built environment and health;
- Pathway between increasing costs of driving and health;
- Data on sprawl, increasing travel costs, physical activity;
- Vulnerable populations and unequal burden of health impacts; and
- Recommendations: Increase density within UGB, create more mixed-use neighborhoods, increase access to public transit, and increase cost of driving.

The committee then discussed the following topics:

- Costs of obesity versus cost of communicable diseases in relation to transportation policy;

- The ability for parking fees to reduce traffic, and the need for the government sector and business sectors to work together to create incentives for implementing parking fees;
- Asthma rates in the Portland metropolitan area in relation to congestion and transportation policy; and
- Gas tax simultaneously raises revenue and reduces driving and greenhouse gas emissions, and is thus an effective tool to improve health.

6.4 2010-13 State Transportation Improvement Program Update

Mr. Rian Windsheimer briefed the committee on the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) update. Based on financial projections from early 2007, ODOT developed funding allocations for the 2010-2013 STIP. However, due to decreases in gas tax revenues, ODOT staff had to reassess the fiscal assumptions on which the 2010-2013 STIP were based.

The OTC recently approved moving forward with the 2010-2013 STIP development process based on legislative action titled the Jobs and Transportation Act and new financial projections. Target funding in Region 1 for the Bridge, Preservation, Operations and Safety programs have been reduced from the original 2010-13 targets by \$20 million. The original target for modernization was 15 million dollars (25 million dollars less 10 million dollars that were previously allocated to a modernization project). The new target offered an additional 26 million dollars, totaling 41 million dollars for modernization projects for ODOT's Region 1.

ODOT staff is currently reviewing all projects to determine the best solutions for addressing the target reductions and is beginning conversations with stakeholders – including TPAC and JPACT committees – to form a new modernization program recommendation. A proposed list of project reductions in the Bridge, Preservation, Operations and Safety programs and new project allocations in the Modernization program was distributed for comment by JPACT.

The committee discussed the following topics:

- Use of STIP and additional criteria in evaluation process;
- Reducing project costs;
- Funding projects cut from other programs with Modernization funds such as the Highway 30 at Cornelius Pass Road project;
- The possibility of facilitating jurisdictional transfer of Highway 43 from ODOT to local agencies;
- The potential for ODOT to fund more Intelligent Transportation Systems projects that are proposed for reduction from the Operations program; and
- A request for ODOT staff to review whether cost efficiencies could be realized by adding Modernization or other needed elements to Preservation projects.

7. **ADJOURN**

Chair McArthur adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Matney
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR August 28, 2009

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
6.1	Handout	08/09	A Guide to Making the Greatest Place	082809t-01
6.1	Report	08/09	Investing in Great Places Matrix	082809t-02
6.2	PowerPoint	08/27/09	RTP Update: Overview of State Requirements	082809t-03
6.2	PowerPoint	08/28/09	Measuring Success: Outcomes-Based Planning in the RTP	082809t-04
6.3	PowerPoint	08/27/09	Health Transportation Policy and Vehicle Miles Travelled	082809t-05
6.3	Handout	n/a	Creating a Transportation Policy for a Healthier Oregon	082809t-06
6.3	Report	05/08	Health Impact Assessment on Policies Reducing Vehicle Miles Travelled in Oregon Metropolitan Areas	082809t-07
6.4	Handout	n/a	STIP Update: Region 1 Modernization	082809t-08
6.4	Handout	n/a	Region 1 Proposed Projects for '12 '13 Draft STIP	082809t-09