



TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE  
September 25, 2009  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sorin Garber  
Elissa Gertler  
Nancy Kraushaar  
Alan Lehto  
Keith Liden  
Mike McKillip  
Karen Schilling  
April Siebenaler  
Paul Smith  
Rian Windsheimer  
Sharon Zimmerman

AFFILIATION

Citizen  
Clackamas County  
City of Oregon City, Representing Cities of Clackamas Co.  
TriMet  
Citizen  
City of Tualatin, Representing Cities of Washington Co.  
Multnomah County  
Citizen  
City of Portland  
Oregon Department of Transportation, Region 1  
Washington Department of Transportation

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mara Gross  
John Hoefs  
Susie Lahsene  
Dean Lookingbill  
Dave Nordberg  
Luis Ornelas  
Ron Papsdorf  
John Reinhold  
Satvinder Sandhu

AFFILIATION

Citizen  
C-TRAN  
Port of Portland  
SW WA RTC  
DEQ  
Citizen  
City of Gresham  
Citizen  
FHWA

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Andy Back  
Lynda David  
Scott King

AFFILIATION

Washington County  
SW WA RTC  
Port of Portland

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 9:31 a.m.

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

Mr. Rian Windsheimer updated the committee on ODOT's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). A list of ODOT administered projects was released to JPACT for review at its September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The project list is being incorporated into a draft STIP, for a public comment period beginning in October 2009. After the comments have been collected and taken into account, all ODOT administered projects, transit projects and regional flexible fund projects will be programmed in the Metropolitan TIP and an air quality conformity analysis and findings will be prepared. JPACT and other relevant jurisdictions will vote on adoption of the 2010-13 MTIP, including the ODOT administered projects, in the summer of 2010.

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

There were none.

**4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair McArthur briefly overviewed future agenda items. Committee members recommended High Speed Rail and status update on House Bill 2001 (e.g. congestion pricing) be added to the list of future agenda items. In addition, members requested that the TPAC and JPACT agendas be reviewed for consistency.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of TPAC Minutes from August 28, 2009**

MOTION: Ms. Karen Schilling moved, Mr. Alan Lehto seconded, to adopt the August 28, 2009 meeting minutes.

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

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

**6.1 Resolution No. 09-4069, For the Purpose of Updating the Transportation Planning Public Involvement Policy to Conform to Public Involvement Requirements in the Current Federal Transportation Authorization Act**

Ms. Pat Emmerson of Metro presented the draft Public Involvement Policy for Transportation Planning, which conforms to public involvement requirements in the current federal Transportation Authorization Act. Adoption of this resolution would approve the updated

policies, enabling the draft to become the practice in Metro's overall regional transportation planning process.

MOTION: Mr. Paul Smith moved, Ms. Elissa Gertler seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 09-4069.

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

## **6.2 Resolution No. 09-XXXX, For the Purpose of Adopting the Sunrise Project Preferred Alternative**

Mr. Ron Weinman of Clackamas County provided a presentation on the Sunrise Project Preferred Alternative. The Sunrise Corridor between I-205 and US 26 is a key component of an integrated transportation system that includes short-term and long-term improvements as well as long-range planning to meet projected growth and travel demand in Clackamas County. This project is needed to promote livability, improve freight flow, promote economic development, decrease congestion, and serve areas of expansion and growth. Adoption of this resolution would endorse the full build-out of the Sunrise Project Preferred Alternative, and commits to support funding transportation projects within the Sunrise Project.

The presentation covered the following issues:

- What the sunrise project is today;
- Forecast population and employment growth, 2005-2030;
- 2030 Without the Sunrise;
- Committees Recommend Preferred Alternative;
- Change in Travel Demand;
- Additional Preferred Alternative Elements;
- Overall Environmental Findings;
- Project Cost and Funding;
- The project will need to be phased;
- PRC Agreed Menu of Projects for the Near Term (~10 years); and
- Schedule.

During committee discussion, Mr. Keith Liden was concerned that the Sunrise Project remains disconnected from regional aspirations of reducing carbon emissions and overall traffic via the expansion of lanes. Mr. Weinman and Mr. Windsheimer responded that future congestion issues resulting from escalating freight usage necessitates the Sunrise Project improvements, and phasing the project over the course of ten or more years will mitigate residual problems including congestion and rapid growth in the area. Furthermore, committee members discussed the inclusion of bike paths and alternative transportation options within the Sunrise Project.

MOTION: Ms. Elissa Gertler moved, Mr. Windsheimer seconded, to adopt the resolution.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, one opposed (Liden), and two abstained (Lehto and Smith), the motion passed.

## **7. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **7.1 Making the Greatest Place (MGP)**

#### ***Chief Operating Officer Recommendation on MGG***

Chair McArthur provided an overview of the Chief Operating Officer Recommendation on MGP, and articulated the connection between the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and other elements of the MGP.

#### ***Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Adoption Package***

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro provided an overview of the draft 2035 RTP Adoption Package, outlining the timeframe for adopting the RTP.

#### ***Draft Prioritization Criteria for Corridor Refinement Plans***

Ms. Deborah Redman of Metro briefly overviewed the draft corridor refinement plan prioritization factors. She emphasized that in order to move forward, agreement is needed on the screening factors used to compare and prioritize the relative urgency of planning for future transportation improvements across the region's mobility corridors.

Committee members were asked to review and refine the prioritization factors, which will be used in the process to prioritize the proposed CRP by the end of 2009. The RTP workgroup is scheduled to discuss the refined CRP draft on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **7.2 ODOT Management Plan for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for 2009**

Mr. Marty Anderson of ODOT briefed the committee on the ODOT management plan for America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. Of the \$100 million dollars to obligate statewide, \$47 million have been obligated, with a deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Currently, ODOT is in the process of notifying local agencies on the current status of their projects; emphasizing the importance of having a contingency plan outlining their intent to use all monies received. Unused ARRA funds will be withdrawn from local agencies and reallocated by the Oregon Local Program Committee. In the Metro area, Metro staff will work with ODOT to reallocate unused ARRA funds consistent with the fail-safe strategy adopted by JPACT in May 2009.

7. **ADJOURN**

Chair McArthur adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Matney  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR SEPTEMBER 25, 2009**

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
6.2	Draft Resolution	n/a	For the Purpose of Approval of the Sunrise Project Preferred Alternative - I-205 to Rock Creek Junction + Exhibit A	092509t-01
6.2	Staff Report	09/25/09	In Consideration of Resolution No. 09-XXXX	092509t-02
6.2	PowerPoint	09/24/09	Sunrise Project	092509t-03
7.1	Schedule	09/22/09	Making the Greatest Place Fall 2009 Advisory Committee Schedule	092509t-04
7.1	Report	09/15/09	COO Recommendation for Making the Greatest Place	092509t-05
7.1	Schedule	09/25/09	Technical Review Timeline for Addressing Unresolved Issues	092509t-06
7.1	Memo	09/25/09	Draft Corridor Refinement Plan Prioritization Factors	092509t-07
7.2	Memo	09/25/09	ARRA Fail Safe Process	092509t-08
7.3	Handout	n/a	Green Scene	092509t-09