



Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

MINUTES

October 8, 2009

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathryn Harrington, Vice Chair
Sam Adams
Rex Burkholder
Nina DeConcini
Craig Dirksen
Donna Jordan
Jason Tell
Roy Rogers
Don Wagner

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
City of Portland
Metro Council
Department of Environmental Quality
City of Tigard, representing the Cities of Washington Co.
City of Lake Oswego, representing the Cities of Clackamas Co.
Oregon Department of Transportation, Region 1
Washington County
Washington Department of Transportation

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Carlotta Collette, Chair
Shane Bemis
Fred Hansen
Lynn Peterson
Royce Pollard
Steve Stuart
Ted Wheeler
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
City of Gresham, representing the Cities of Multnomah Co.
TriMet
Clackamas County
City of Vancouver
Clark County
Multnomah County
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Dave Fuller

Ann Lininger
Dean Lookingbill
Neil McFarlane
Troy Rayburn

AFFILIATION

City of Wood Village, representing the Cities of
Multnomah Co.
Clackamas County
SW Washington RTC
TriMet
Clark County

STAFF: Andy Cotugno, Christina Deffebach, Kim Ellis, Tom Kloster, Ted Leybold, Tom Matney, Robin McArthur, Josh Naramore, Kelsey Newell, Deborah Redman, Kathryn Sofich, Ina Zucker.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Vice Chair Kathryn Harrington declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Harrington welcomed JPACT alternates Commissioner Ann Lininger, Clackamas County, Mayor David Fuller, City of Wood Village, and Mr. Neil McFarland of TriMet.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vice Chair Harrington made the following announcements:

- November and December JPACT meetings will begin at 7:15 a.m.;
- Sign-up for Joint Metro Council, JPACT and MPAC Making the Greatest Place and Regional Transportation Plan public hearings; and
- Agenda change: Former Agenda Item 6.1, Resolution No. 09-XXXX, “For the Purpose of Approval of the Sunrise Project Preferred Alternative – I-205 to Rock Creek Junction” will be postponed until the November 12, 2009 JPACT meeting.

Councilor Rex Burkholder briefly updated the committee on the Climate Change Prosperity Project. (Flyer included as part of the meeting record.)

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of JPACT meeting minutes for September 10, 2009

MOTION: Councilor Burkholder moved, Ms. Nina DeConcini seconded, to approve the JPACT meeting minutes for September 10, 2009.

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

7. INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Making the Greatest Place (MGP)

Ms. Robin McArthur of Metro briefed the committee on the Chief Operating Officer recommendation for Making the Greatest Place (MGP), released September 15, 2009. The recommendation policy package includes a draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Urban Growth Report, and guidelines for Urban and Rural Reserves. The 30-day public comment period will conclude on October 15th.

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro briefed the committee on the RTP process. A November 2nd deadline has been identified for JPACT members to propose amendments to the RTP. A log of public comments and recommendations for amendments to the draft RTP will be presented to JPACT at the November 12th meeting, where JPACT will discuss and provide direction on RTP performance targets, corridor refinement plan priorities and any other discussion items called out in the RTP comment log. The comment log will include proposed amendments identified by the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) and the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) as well as other amendments recommended to respond to public comments received between September 15th and October 15, 2009. JPACT is scheduled to “accept” the RTP at their December 10th meeting.

Commissioner Lininger expressed Clackamas County’s concerns with the I-5/99W Connector Project; specifically RTP projects #10598, #11342, #11339, #11340 as outlined in Section 5.7, “Unresolved Issues to Address Prior to Final RTP Adoption in 2010” in the RTP. The County stated that the projects are inconsistent with conditions described in Appendix 4 regarding I-5/99W. The County is comfortable with the scope of the work, in particular condition 3 and condition 8 and recommended moving the conditions out of Appendix 4 and into a more visible position in the RTP. Additional concerns highlighted included

local improvements that would need to occur before the south arterial is constructed. Commissioner Lininger concluded by reassuring the committee that Clackamas County wants to remain a strong partner to the region, and is committed to resolving all outstanding issues. However, until the issues are resolved, Clackamas County will not be in a position to vote in support of the specific I-5/99W Connector Project recommendations as currently reflected in the draft RTP. Washington County did not provide comment.

7.2 Draft Prioritization Factors 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. The committee discussed the factors and the potential residual effects corridor refinements could have on planning outside Metro's jurisdiction. Although "availability of existing state facility" was offered as a possible additional prioritization factor, discussion failed to develop a readily usable measure. JPACT also reviewed and discussed guidance to local jurisdictions, intended to help them draft a letter demonstrating local support and commitment. The letters, due November 2nd, would be rated along with the technical prioritization factors. JPACT affirmed the use of the factors as identified.

There was also discussion of factors and performance measures suggested for use that would be more appropriate during the course of a refinement plan to evaluate alternatives within a corridor, including disruption to neighborhoods and overall livability along study corridors.

7.3 Alternative Mobility Standards

Mr. Jason Tell briefed the committee on Metro's request for alternative mobility standards. The updated RTP includes significant new policy and fiscal initiatives that will help the Portland metropolitan region cope with rapid growth in the face of limited transportation funding. The new multimodal and multi-facility corridor approach within the RTP calls for tailored mobility standards that help achieve corridor-specific outcomes for economic development and community health, while protecting through movements of statewide and interstate travel. Metro and ODOT will work collaboratively and are scheduled to propose alternative mobility standards in spring 2010.

7.4 ODOT Management Plan for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for 2009

Mr. Marty Anderson of ODOT briefed the committee on the ODOT management plan for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. Of the \$100 million dollars to obligate statewide, \$50 million have been obligated, with a deadline of March 1, 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.

8. ADJOURN

With no further business, Vice Chair Harrington adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Matney
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR OCTOBER 8, 2009

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

ITEM	TYPE OF DOCUMENT	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
4	Handout	n/a	The Portland Metro Climate Prosperity Project	100809j-01
7.1	Report	09/15/09	COO Recommendation for Making the Greatest Place (MGP)	100809j-02
7.1	Memo	10/06/09	Approval of Guidance for Demonstration of Local Support for Corridor Refinement Plan	100809j-03
7.1	Letter	08/07/09	Mayors of South Metro Cities Support for "I-5 South Corridor Refinement Plan - Wilsonville to North Tigard," RTP Project #11062	100809j-04
7.1	Letter	08/24/09	South Metro Business Alliance Support for the Request by East Multnomah County	100809j-05
7.1	Letter	09/14/09	Transportation Committee to Identify the I-84 to US 26 Corridor Refinement Plan as a Regional Priority in the 2009 Regional Transportation Plan	0100809j-06