



METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 28, 2009

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Brian, Chair
Shane Bemis, Vice Chair
Sam Adams
Matt Berkow
Jody Carson
Nathalie Darcy
Dennis Doyle
Amanda Fritz
Carl Hosticka
Dick Jones
Robert Liberty
Keith Mays
Rod Park
Alice Norris
Rick VanBeveren
Mike Weatherby
Richard Whitman
Jerry Willey

AFFILIATION

Washington Co. Commission
City of Gresham, representing Multnomah Co. 2nd Largest City
City of Portland
Multnomah County Citizen
City of West Linn, representing Clackamas Co. Other Cities
Washington Co. Citizen
City of Beaverton, representing Washington Co. 2nd Largest City
City of Portland
Metro Council
Clackamas Co. Special Districts
Metro Council
City of Sherwood, representing Washington Co. Other Cities
Metro Council
City of Oregon City, representing Clackamas Co. 2nd Largest City
TriMet Board of Directors
City of Fairview, representing Multnomah Co. Other Cities
Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation & Development
City of Hillsboro, representing Washington Co. Other Cities

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Charlotte Lehan, Second Vice Chair
Ken Allen
Richard Burke
Pat Campbell
Jack Hoffman
Robert Kindel
Don McCarthy
Wilda Parks
Judy Shiprack
Steve Stuart
Dilafruz Williams

AFFILIATION

Clackamas Co. Commission
Port of Portland
Washington Co. Special Districts
City of Vancouver
City of Lake Oswego, representing Clackamas Co. Largest City
City of North Plains, City in Washington Co. outside UGB
Multnomah Co. Special Districts
Clackamas Co. Citizen
Multnomah Co. Commission
Clark Co., Washington Commission
Governing Body of School Districts

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Ed Gronke
Donna Jordan

AFFILIATION

Clackamas County Citizen
City of Lake Oswego, representing Clackamas Co. Largest City

STAFF: Dick Benner, David Bragdon, Dan Cooper, Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Kathryn Harrington, Milena Hermansky, Robin McArthur, Kelsey Newell, Sherry Oeser, Ken Ray, Ted Reid, Andy Shaw, Patty Unfred, Malu Wilkinson.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Tom Brian declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Committee members and audience members introduced themselves.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

4. CONSIDERATION OF MPAC MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 12, 2009

MOTION: Councilor Jody Carson moved, and Mayor Mike Weatherby seconded, to approve the MPAC minutes from October 12, 2009.

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

5. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Robert Liberty provided an updated on:

- Title 13: Nature in Neighborhoods compliance and extension requests; and
- Former Minnesota Senator and Minnesota Law Professor Myron Orfield's recent visit to the region to address social equity principles. He thanked MPAC for co-sponsoring the event.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Making the Greatest Place Summary of Public Comments Received

Ms. Patty Unfred and Mr. Ken Ray of Metro briefed the committee on staff's public involvement and engagement plan for Metro's Chief Operation Officer Recommendation on Making the Greatest Place. There were three key steps in the process of community engagement: information delivery, engagement and outreach, and collection and analysis of feedback. A preliminary draft report is available, and a final report with appendices will be available on the Metro web site shortly.

Additionally, staff briefly overviewed the summary of public comments received during the 30-day public comment period, which ended October 15, 2009:

- There was generally broad support to maintain a tight Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), and greater awareness of the concept of the UGB.

- With regard to Urban and Rural Reserves (URR), general opinion expressed providing maximum rural reserves. There was some skepticism over the process and uncertainty about the timeframe.
- Comments on transportation were diverse and tended to fall along interest lines, (e.g., bicycle advocates, freight interests, etc.)
- Other frequent categories included equity, affordable housing, and infrastructure finance.

The community also provided feedback on the public engagement process:

- There was positive feedback on the clarity of materials, transparency, and the newly-implemented policy newsfeed.
- Items that needed improving included the length of the public comment period, the quantity of information provided, and the location of hearings.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Introduce final MPAC member amendments to Urban Growth Report resolution.

At the MPAC retreat October 23rd, the committee came to consensus on the need for more flexibility on large-lot industrial land in the UGR. Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro briefed members on the proposed amendment to this portion of the UGR, which increases the range of large-lot industrial land available from 200-800 acres to 200-1,500 acres.

Mayor Sam Adams and Commissioner Amanda Fritz of the City of Portland proposed that the following additional “Whereas” be added to Urban Growth Report resolution:

- “WHEREAS, state law requires Metro to provide capacity to encourage the availability of dwelling units at prices ranges and rent levels commensurate with the financial capabilities of households expected over the planning period; and
- “WHEREAS, Metro published a Housing Needs Analysis that showed the effects on housing affordability of forecast growth under existing policies and investment levels; and

In addition, the City requested to amend item 2 to read:

- “The Council accepts the “Urban Growth Report 2009-2030.... with its Housing Needs Analysis, attached and incorporated in this resolution....pursuant to ORS 197.296(6) and statewide planning Goals 14 and 10.”

Chair Tom Brian of Washington County and Mayors Denny Doyle of Beaverton, Keith Mays of Sherwood, and Jerry Willey of Hillsboro introduced a draft letter on behalf of Washington County to Metro Chief Operating Officer Michael Jordan requesting considerable expansion of the range of population and employment forecast as part of the Urban Growth Report process.

Committee members suggested the letter be modified with more specific language on proposed amendments and brought back to the committee at their November 18th meeting.

The committee is scheduled to make a recommendation on these amendments and the overall resolution to adopt the UGR at their November 18th meeting.

7.2 Introduce Final MPAC Member Amendments to Regional Transportation Plan Resolution.

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro introduced Exhibit G (Consent items) to the RTP resolution and summarized staff recommendations on amendments to the draft RTP performance targets as proposed by MPAC at the retreat.

The committee discussed the proposed amendments. Suggestions included:

- Indicate specific numeric goals, rather than percent changes;
- Amend the definition of “access to daily needs” to add “relative to the general population” so the information is reported at a regional-level as well as for traditionally disadvantaged populations;
- Commissioner Fritz of Portland commented that the list of “essential destinations” as defined in the “Access to daily needs” performance target should be expanded to include places such as grocery stores, elementary schools and pharmacies; and
- Including safety per capita as component of the RTP performance target on safety to recognize the region’s growing population and account for all transportation users.

The committee also discussed concerns raised by Mayor Sam Adams regarding approving an RTP that does not meet state greenhouse gas emissions targets. Mr. Richard Whitman of the Department of Land Conservation Department encouraged the region to take interim steps by approving the RTP, recognizing more work is needed at the local and regional level. The scenarios work mandated by House Bill 2001 is several years from completion. Local plans can begin to address climate change with the new RTP policies. Not adopting the RTP is a recipe for doing nothing.

Mr. Rick VanBeveren of TriMet proposed to amend the draft RTP as follows:

- “Objective 4.4 Demand Management -- Implement services, incentives, and supportive infrastructure to dramatically increase awareness of travel options walking, biking, taking transit, and carpooling.”
- “Objective 4.5 Value Pricing – ~~Consider and selectively Promote as appropriate a broader application of value pricing as a potential management tool.~~”
- “Active transportation – By 2035, triple walking, biking, and transit ~~trips~~ mode share compared to 2005.”

The committee is scheduled to make a recommendation on these amendments and the overall resolution to accept the RTP at their November 18th meeting.

8. ADJOURN

Chair Tom Brian adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Milena B. Hermansky
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR OCTOBER 28, 2009:

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
5	Memo	10/21/2009	Metro planners to MPAC, re: Title 13	102809j-01
6.1	Document	10/28/2009	MGP Public engagement strategy: by the numbers	102809j-02
6.1	Report	10/28/2009	MGP Engagement strategies and community response - Draft report	102809j-03
7.1	Memo	10/26/2009	Malu Wilkinson to MPAC re: Proposed amendment to the 2009 Urban Growth Report: range of large lot need	102809j-04
7.1	Document	10/28/2009	City of Portland Proposed Amendments Draft Resolution NO. 09-XXXX	102809j-05
7.1	Letter	10/28/2009	Washington County Proposed Amendments Resolution No. 09-XXXX	102809j-06
7.2	Memo	10/27/2009	Kim Ellis to MPAC, re: Regional Transportation Plan Amendments Next Steps	102809j-07
7.2	Memo	10/28/2009	Kim Ellis to MPAC, re: Regional Transportation Plan Amendments – Supplemental Consent Items	102809j-08
7.2	Document	10/28/2009	TriMet Recommended Amendments to draft RTP	102809j-09