

JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
January 15, 2004

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Rod Park	Metro Council
Matthew Garrett	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT - Region 1)
Rob Drake	City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County
Fred Hansen	TriMet
Maria Rojo de Steffey	Multnomah County
Karl Rohde	City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas County
Stephanie Hallock	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Rod Monroe	Metro Council
Royce Pollard	City of Vancouver
Don Wagner	Washington State Department of Transportation
Larry Haverkamp	City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah County
Bill Kennemer	Clackamas County
Rex Burkholder	Metro Council
Roy Rogers	Washington County

<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Craig Pridemore	Clark County
Jim Francesconi	City of Portland
Bill Wyatt	Port of Portland

<u>GUESTS PRESENT</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Kate Deane	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT - Region 1)
Robert Liberty	Congressman Blumenauer's Office
Mike Clark	Washington State Department of Transportation
Ginger Metcalf	Identity Clark County
Dick Feeney	TriMet
Robert Maestre	Multnomah County Community Services
Robert Duehmig	OHSU
Sharon Nasset	NPBA
Ron Papsdorf	City of Gresham
Nancy Kraushaar	City of Oregon City
Tom Markgraf	Congressman Blumenauer's Office
Danielle Cowan	City of Wilsonville
Robin McArthur	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT - Region 1)
Larry Johnson	Columbia River Towboat Association - Foss Maritime
Jerry Grossnickle	Bernent Barge Liner
Olivia Clark	TriMet
Phil Selinger	TriMet
Karen Schilling	Multnomah County

GUESTS PRESENT (Cont.) AFFILIATION

Jim Howell	AORTA
Annette Liebe	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Charlotte Lehan	City of Wilsonville
Dean Lookingbill	SW Washington RTC
William Barnes	Citizen
Kathy Busse	Washington County
Laurel Wentworth	City of Portland
John Rist	Clackamas County
Hal Hiemstra	Ball Janik/Clark County

STAFF

Richard Brandman	Renee Castilla	Andy Cotugno	Kim Ellis	Tom Kloster
Patty Unfred	Montgomery	Mark Turpel		

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Park called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 7:20 a.m.

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Bill Kennemer moved and Mr. Fred Hansen seconded the meeting minutes of November 11, 2003 as amended (Mathew Garrett's comments regarding OTIA III - strike state, insert stages) and the meeting minutes of December 13, 2003 (insertion of citizen comments). The motion passed.

III. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO JPACT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Jim Howell, citizen, presented information on the I-5 widening project (included as part of this meeting record).

Mr. Fred Hansen stated that one of the recommendations of the I-5 Trade Corridor Recommendation was that the issue of transference should be evaluated, particular with 405/I-5 and the connection with I-84. He explained that the Mayor of Portland, Vera Katz, has in fact, created a group "the Loop Group", and it is beginning to look those issues.

IV. RESOLUTION NO. 03-3382 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE PORTLAND AREA AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE 2004 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND 2004-07 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Chair Rod Park accorded thanks to Metro staff for their hard work and a job well done.

Mr. Andy Cotugno presented Resolution No. 03-3382 (Included as part of this meeting record). He also indicated a correction within the resolution, page 2 of where-as, it changed the comment period date from January 21, 2004 to January 13, 2004.

Mr. Andy Cotugno presented the errata sheet (included as part of this meeting record).

ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Stephanie Hallock moved and Mr. Fred Hansen seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 03-3382.

Mr. Fred Hansen accorded thanks to Metro staff as well as DEQ staff.

Ms. Stephanie Hallock expressed her thanks to EPA staff.

Councilor Rex Burkholder asked what factors caused the numbers to weaken further out in the forecast.

Mr. Andy Cotugno explained that vehicles miles traveled are growing faster than cars are getting cleaner as well as the extra five years in growth in VMT to 2025.

Councilor Rex Burkholder expressed the importance of looking towards 2025 and the long-term solutions needed in order to stay within today's air quality conformity budget.

Mr. Fred Hansen replied that vehicles will become cleaner eventually and expressed the importance of burning cleaner fuel until then.

ACTION TAKEN: The motion passed.

V. RESOLUTION NO. 03-3312 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING AN INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE (TPAC)

Resolution No. 03-3312 was pulled from the agenda.

VI. RESOLUTION NO. 04-3409 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDORSING A REGIONAL POSITION ON REAUTHORIZATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY (TEA-21)

Summary of bills

Mr. Andy Cotugno presented the summary of bills (included as part of this meeting record).

Analysis of bills

Mr. Andy Cotugno presented the House Bill – Highway Component (included as part of this meeting record).

Mr. Fred Hansen asked if there were other jurisdictions facing the same loss of CMAQ funds.

Mr. Andy Cotugno replied that they would work with DEQ to obtain that information.

Mr. Matthew Garrett asked for a definition of mega projects.

Mr. Andy Cotugno replied that it was projects that were \$500 million or larger or totaled 75 percent of the states overall highway program, which would put Oregon's threshold around \$260 million.

Mr. Matthew Garrett stated that ODOT's large projects within the Portland Metro region include I-5 Columbia River Crossing, Sunrise Corridor, Tualatin-Sherwood (I-5 to Hwy 99), I-205 (Columbia River to I-5), and I-405 Loop. ODOT projects located outside of the Portland Metro region include Hwy 62 (Medford), Newberg-Dundee, and Highway 20 (Pioneer Mtn to Eddyville)

Ms. Stephanie Hallock asked how disputes were resolved for the state when there was more than one jurisdiction competing for their projects.

Mr. Matthew Garrett replied that the Oregon Transportation Commission makes the final decision.

Mr. Don Wagner said that the I-5 Trade Corridor project was the only project that WSDOT would be submitting under the Mega Projects program.

Mr. Andy Cotugno presented the Transit side of the House bill (included as part of this meeting record).

Mr. Andy Cotugno presented the New Starts/Small Starts (Transit – House) category (included as part of this meeting record).

Mr. Andy Cotugno presented the SAFETEA (included as part of this meeting record).

Mr. Andy Cotugno presented the Congestion Relief Act (included as part of this meeting record).

- Projects List – Mr. Andy Cotugno briefly presented the projects list (included as part of this meeting record).
- Swing Span Bridge – Mr. Jerry Grossnickle presented information on the Swing Span Bridge (included as part of this meeting record).

Mr. Fred Hansen asked if the I-5 "Lift" Bridge project would permanently solve the problem.

Mr. Jerry Grossnickle replied a change to the bridge would solve the problem and benefit the entire region. He explained that although they have not had high water for three years that has

been projected to change. Therefore, the towboats would need to use the lifts more frequently, thus impacting traffic.

Mr. Matthew Garrett concurred with Jerry Grossnickle on the need for the change. However, expressed concern that this project would be competing against priorities already articulated. He further stated that they are beginning to evaluate the I-5/Delta Park Project and begin discussion regarding new river crossings.

Mr. Jerry Grossnickle responded that while he understood the position the members find themselves in regarding priorities, he reiterated that there is a great need for this project itself. He said that this project is a high priority for safety reasons. It is also a problem for the interstate system including the freight community when they are delayed because of a bridge lift. He reiterated that with the snow level this year expected to raise water levels, the delay from additional bridge lifts could greatly impact the users of I-5 as well as increase the safety concerns expressed by the tug boat operators.

Mayor Royce Pollard stated that the region is fortunate to have such experienced pilots and captains because a major accident could shut down the river, the railroad, and the interstate. He emphasized the importance of the project from the safety and economics point of view and how it could affect the future economic resources of the region

Councilor Karl Rohde asked how quickly the project could be completed.

Mr. Jerry Grossnickle replied that if funding could be found then the project could be completed within two years at a cost estimated around \$42 million dollars.

Mayor Rob Drake expressed his understanding of the importance of the project. However, he stated that there is not feasible to add such a project to the already reduced local funding. He said a big issue is the high cost of \$42 million and further thought that the users of the benefit should contribute, i.e. Towboat Association, Railroads, etc. He said that while he understands that a surcharge or dedicated source of income would increase the costs of moving freight and goods, \$42 million is a lot of money. He recommended pursuing other avenues of funding.

Mr. Jerry Grossnickle replied that they did try Truman Hobbs however were told that it is a highway system benefit. Therefore, highway funds should pay for it. He further stated that the benefit to I-5 would more than pay for the bridge.

VII. RESOLUTION NO. 04-3410 FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING PORTLAND REGIONAL FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2005 APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Andy Cotugno briefly presented the project list (included as part of this meeting record).

Councilor Karl Rohde requested that the Amtrak South Station be put back on the list at \$1.5 million for construction.

Commissioner Roy Rogers commented that it was important to discuss the potential negative affects of having such a diverse project list at the JPACT retreat.

Ms. Karen Schilling stated that the \$ 1 million request for Sauvie Island dropped off the list and she requested that it be added back on.

VIII. BI-STATE PROGRESS REPORT

- Charter, I-5 Delta Park Project, Future Agendas – Councilor Rex Burkholder presented the Bi-State Progress Report (included as part of this meeting record).
- WSDOT Congestion Relief Study – Letter from JPACT – Councilor Rex Burkholder presented the WSDOT Congestion Relief Study (included as part of this meeting record).

ACTION TAKEN: The committee agreed unanimously to send a letter from JPACT regarding the WSDOT Congestion Relief Study.

IX. JPACT RETREAT

Chair Rod Park presented the registration form for the JPACT Retreat scheduled for February 2, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (included as part of this meeting record). He also distributed information regarding a Special JPACT meeting schedule for February 23, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the Washington D.C. trip (included as part of this meeting record).

Mr. Fred Hansen expressed concern that there was not enough time allocated for discussion and suggested starting the retreat at 7:15 a.m.

Councilor Rod Park stated that if the times are changed for the JPACT retreat then it was important for members to be willing to stay for the entire retreat.

X. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Rod Park adjourned the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Castilla