

JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Thursday, October 9, 2003
REVISED

MEMBERS PRESENT

AFFILIATION

Rod Park	Metro Council
Rex Burkholder	Metro Council
Matthew Garrett	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT – Region 1)
Fred Hansen	TriMet
Carl Hosticka	Metro Council
Bill Kennemer	Clackamas County
Maria Rojo de Steffey	Multnomah County
Karl Rohde	City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas County
Don Wagner	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
Larry Haverkamp	City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah County
Roy Rogers	Washington County
Jim Francesconi	City of Portland
Rob Drake	City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County
Jim Francesconi	City of Portland

MEMBERS ABSENT

AFFILIATION

Stephanie Hallock	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Royce Pollard	City of Vancouver
Craig Pridemore	Clark County
Bill Wyatt	Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

AFFILIATION

Paul Slyman	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Susie Lahsene	Port of Portland

GUESTS PRESENT

AFFILIATION

Robin McArthur	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT – Region 1)
Olivia Clark	TriMet
John Rist	Clackamas County
Lynn Peterson	City of Lake Oswego
Kathy Busse	Washington County
Laurel Wentworth	City of Portland
Sharon Nasset	NPBA
Rod Monroe	Metro Council
Charlotte Lehan	City of Wilsonville
Ed Abrahamson	Multnomah County

GUESTS PRESENT

AFFILIATION

Marianne Fitzgerald	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
John Russell	Oregon Transportation Commission
Dick Jones	MCCI
Ken Zatarain	TriMet
Ron Papsdorf	City of Gresham

STAFF

Richard Brandman	Renee Castilla	Andy Cotugno	Tom Kloster
Patty Montgomery	Mark Turpel	Bridget Wieghart	

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Park called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 7:18 a.m.

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes of September 12, 2003 were carried over to the next meeting.

III. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO JPACT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no citizen communications.

IV. RESOLUTION NO. 03-3373 ENDORSING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE POWELL/FOSTER CORRIDOR PLAN

Mr. Richard Brandman gave a brief introduction of Corridor Planning and the Powell/Foster Corridor Plan.

Ms. Bridget Wieghart presented Resolution No. 03-3373 Endorsing the Recommendations of the Powell/Foster Corridor Plan (introduced as part of this meeting record.)

Councilor Rex Burkholder asked how light rail is included in the Powell/Foster Corridor Plan.

Ms. Bridget Wieghart replied that all improvements of the Powell/Foster Corridor Plan assume that light rail will be included.

Mr. Richard Brandman further stated that there is a light rail station planned for Powell Road.

Councilor Rod Monroe stated that the neighborhood association in the Barbara Welch community has expressed the importance of a lighted signal installed at that intersection due to safety issues.

Mr. Matthew Garrett stated that in areas where ODOT has a preservation project they are learning the importance of linking the planning efforts with the local jurisdictions. He further stated that the recommendations from the study call for a better streetscape situation. He said that they only have \$4 million to address 14 pedestrian crossings and access points. However, the landscaping remains an issue and requires continued encouragement of partners to identify funds to create better landscaping and safer roads.

Mr. Richard Brandman stated that when they first discussed the corridor study they realized they had many issues and thought it best to narrow them down to a couple of promising options. However, they changed that goal and the study lead into projects that could be possible, producing good results.

Mr. Andy Cotugno said that the members might see some projects come through the MTIP process because they are ready to start design and construction.

Chair Rod Park asked what was happening to the Birdsdale project.

Mr. Matthew Garrett replied that they are still having conversations.

Mr. Andy Cotugno introduced amendments to the Powell/Foster Resolution (included as part of this meeting record).

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Fred Hansen moved and Mr. Matthew Garrett seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 3373. The motion passed.

V. TRIMET TRANSIT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Mr. Andy Cotugno gave a brief history of the processes leading up to the TriMet Transit Service Development Report.

Mr. Fred Hansen gave a brief introduction of the TriMet Transit Service Development Report and introduced Ken Zatarain.

Councilor Karl Rohde asked Mr. Hansen how TriMet was working with local jurisdictions in their development of their TSPs to achieve the goal of improvements.

Mr. Fred Hansen stated that the presentation would address his questions.

Mr. Ken Zatarain presented the TriMet Transit Service Development Report (included as part of this meeting record).

Councilor Rex Burkholder asked why funds have been moved to MTIP (future).

Mr. Fred Hansen stated that they are using the MTIP for capital improvements and would use their general fund for operating expenses.

Mayor Rob Drake asked what the Transit Tracker System costs and what does it do for the rider.

Mr. Ken Zatarain stated that there is a large benefit to the rider because the system reassures passengers showing them when the bus will arrive rather than when it was scheduled to thus reducing the perceived waiting time. In addition, the system enhances the perception that the bus arrived on time because that is when the system said it would be there.

Mr. Fred Hansen said that in addition the system allows users to track the arrival time on TriMet's website via their home computer, PDA. He further stated that another component of the system is TriMet's bus dispatch system, which provides a security feature so that they always know where the buses are. He said that the original system for the bus dispatch cost \$7 million.

Mayor Rob Drake asked what the annual maintenance cost of the system was.

Mr. Fred Hansen replied that he would need to investigate the number and get back to Mayor Drake.

Councilor Larry Haverkamp asked what percent of the budget paid for the Lift system.

Mr. Fred Hansen stated that it was 7 or 8% of the budget and that the lift costs about 10 times more than a rider on a fixed route.

Councilor Carl Hosticka stated that TriMet does receive some state funds and tobacco funds to help pay for the Lift Program.

Councilor Karl Rohde suggested that TriMet works with local governments to create cooperation to modify codes to require transit facilities for new developments.

VI. OTIA III FREIGHT ALLOCATION

Andy Cotugno presented the OTIA III Freight Allocation memo (included as part of this meeting record).

Matthew Garrett expressed the importance of projects that address the connection to industrial lands as well as job creation.

Chair Rod Park stated that they would have a regional list of projects that would be submitted.

Commissioner John Russell stated that they are looking for innovative projects that might not occur to the OTC without local influence.

Mr. Matthew Garrett also expressed the importance of projects that have their own leverage dollars.

Ms. Susie Lahsene asked how the OTC would be handling the other category allocations.

Mr. Matthew Garrett stated that it would be a couple of weeks before the OTC could give direction.

Ms. Susie Lahsene stated that the initial list freight list is quite large and would be good if there was a better understanding as to what the region's interests are in order to put forward the freight list.

Ms. Bridget Wieghart concurred that there is a large list and that the freight committee is focusing on projects that are real and can move forward in relatively short time frame. She further stated that Metro would be have an additional set of criteria that gives priority to projects that serve regional industrial sites and intermodal connections.

Councilor Rex Burkholder stated that it was important to stress the importance of selected projects that make a strong economic impact.

Commissioner John Russell stated that the region could make a strong case as to why this region should get a high percentage of the projects. He said the Chair of the Economic Development Committee recognizes that Portland has the highest unemployment rate in the state.

VII. TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE – WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Mr. Richard Brandman presented the Texas Transportation Institute Study (included as part of this meeting record.)

Mayor Rob Drake asked if anyone had an opportunity to explain the results to the media.

Chair Rod Park stated that they tried many attempts to explain the study.

Commissioner John Russell said while it is important to note that Portland does not have the 8th worst congestion it is also important to admit that the region does have a problem with congestion and that investment is needed to improve.

Commissioner Bill Kennemer stated that while there are a few inconsistencies with the report, it is important to realize that the region does have problems and unless the region is proactive in correcting those problems then it will end up like Seattle.

Commissioner John Russell stated that transportation is not the most important concern that people have.

Mayor Rob Drake said that the City of Beaverton has done both non-professional and professional polling and transportation issues always ranks in the top 3.

Commissioner Jim Francesconi said that the response to the TTI study should be crafted carefully because it is important not to have people think that the region is not doing something for the traffic problems. He further suggested that JPACT host a retreat to allow for these types

of discussions to take place. In particular, the importance of creating funding streams for regional efforts.

Chair Rod Park said an issue to discuss is whether the Metro Region should count satellite cities since Metro has an influence and effect on them.

Councilor Larry Haverkamp stated that it is important to address land use and transportation together.

Chair Rod Park reminded the committee that the next Transportation Funding Workgroup was scheduled for Monday, October 13, 2003.

Commissioner John Russell advised the JPACT members to use its Salem delegation more effectively.

Councilor Larry Haverkamp replied that it was important not to ignore the Washington delegation members either.

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Park adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Castilla