



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 11, 2010

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carlotta Collette, Chair
Rex Burkholder
Jack Burkman
Nina DeConcini
Craig Dirksen
Fred Hanson
Kathryn Harrington
Donna Jordan
Lynn Peterson
Roy Rogers
Jason Tell
Don Wagner
Ted Wheeler
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
Metro Council
City of Vancouver
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
City of Tigard, representing Cities of Washington Co.
Tri-Met
Metro Council
City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
Clackamas County
Washington County
Oregon Department of Transportation, Region 1
Washington State Department of Transportation
Multnomah County
Port of Portland

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sam Adams
Shane Bemis
Steve Stuart

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah County
Clark County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Troy Rayburn

AFFILIATION

Clark County

STAFF: Andy Cotugno, Ted Leybold, Tom Matney, Lake McTighe, Kelsey Newell, Deborah Redman.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Carlotta Collette declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Collette introduced Councilor Jack Burkman as the new JPACT representative for the City of Vancouver. Mr. Dean Lookingbill will continue to serve as alternate for the City.

Chair Collette discussed the annual JPACT Washington, D.C. trip scheduled for March 9 - 11 and the joint MPAC/JPACT retreat scheduled for April 2.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

4. APPROVAL OF JPACT MINUTES FOR JANUARY 14, 2010

MOTION: Councilor Rex Burkholder moved, Mr. Fred Hansen seconded, to approve the January 14, 2010 minutes.

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

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Resolution No. 10-4124, For the Purpose of Endorsing a Regional Position on the Authorization of the Surface Transportation Act of 2009

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro overviewed Resolution No. 10-4124, which would endorse the region's position on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's pending Surface Transportation Act of 2009 and approve it for submittal to the Oregon Congressional delegation.

The Portland metropolitan region has reviewed the pending Surface Transportation Act of 2009 and has recommended refined policy and project priorities for the authorization bill. There have been no project additions to the authorization list, only modifications to funding requests and/or removal of projects from the list.

MOTION: Councilor Burkholder moved, Councilor Donna Jordan seconded, to approve Resolution No. 10-4124.

Discussion: Mr. Hansen suggested that the language in Exhibit A be revised to read: "Significant program improvements and substantial increased funding in the New Starts and Small Starts Programs." Councilors Burkholder and Jordan accepted the friendly amendment.

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

6.2 Resolution No. 10-4123, For the Purpose of Approving the Portland Metropolitan Regional Federal Transportation Priorities for the Federal Fiscal Year 2011

Mr. Cotugno overviewed Resolution No. 10-4123, which would approve the Portland metropolitan federal fiscal year 2011 federal appropriations requests for submittal to the Oregon Congressional delegation.

JPACT members met in subgroups to narrow and prioritize candidate projects to two per jurisdiction for each of the three Congressional Districts. Following that narrowing step, the requests were organized into the following groups:

- Projects recommended as priorities for each of the three Congressional Districts
- Projects recommended for support by multiple Congressional Districts
- Projects recommended for non-transportation appropriation bills
- Projects being sought outside the Metro boundary

A strong minority opinion was expressed at the JPACT subgroup meetings from the City of Portland that an appropriations request is not the appropriate vehicle for the two large bridge projects – I-5 Columbia River Crossing (CRC) and Sellwood Bridge replacement. The committee discussed whether or not to include the CRC project and the Sellwood Bridge in the appropriations package, but chose not to amend the resolution.

Additionally, the committee discussed:

- Changing the language within the resolution to better conceptualize that many projects recommended for support cross multiple Congressional Districts; and
- Refining the prioritization and appropriations process.

MOTION: Mr. Jason Tell moved, Commissioner Lynn Peterson seconded, to approve Resolution No. 10-4123.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, one abstained (DeConcini), the motion passed.

6.3 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Criteria Comment Letter

Chair Collette briefed the committee on the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) comment letter that will address issues JPACT has with the draft 2012-15 STIP eligibility and prioritization criteria. The letter discusses JPACT's request for additional consideration of the following issues prior to the STIP Stakeholder Committee's final recommendation to the Oregon Transportation Commission:

- Documentation of local Greenhouse Gas emission considerations;
- Clarify Travel Demand Management as a priority investment; and
- Implementation of cost-effectiveness criteria and practical design.

MOTION: Mr. Hansen moved, Councilor Jordan seconded, to approve the STIP criteria comment letter with the suggested edits to the 2012-15 STIP eligibility and prioritization criteria.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, one abstained (Tell), the motion passed.

7. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Policy Update

Mr. Leybold provided an overview of the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) policy update and Regional Flexible Fund Allocation (RFFA) process for the 2012-2015 funding cycle. Following the RFFA retrospective and the new Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), changes are being proposed for how to invest regional transportation funds more strategically to meet the goals for Making the Greatest Place implementation. The primary change being proposed is to replace the competitive application process used in past cycles with a more collaborative project nomination and decision process between regional and local agency staff.

Next steps in the MTIP policy update:

- An engagement strategy that involves consulting with stakeholders on the proposal prior to JPACT action;
- Beginning technical preparatory work for development of MTIP and RFFA policy development; and
- Preparing JPACT for MTIP and RFFA policy development; and
- Targeting a retreat to fully engage JPACT on policy direction.

7.2 American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (Stimulus Funding)

Mr. Cotugno briefed the committee on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. He encouraged the committee to submit a letter to Senators Merkley and Wyden that emphasized the importance of a new stimulus bill and offered specific provisions that promote short and long-term economic growth within the region. (Draft letter included as part of the meeting record.)

MOTION: Mr. Bill Wyatt moved, Councilor Burkholder seconded, to approve sending the letter in support of a new stimulus bill to Senators Merkley and Wyden.

Discussion: The committee recommended that the letter be abbreviated and focus on the region's need for an additional stimulus bill for short and long-term employment opportunities.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, one abstained (Dirksen), the motion passed.

7.3 2010-13 TIP: ODOT Administered Projects – Briefing on Public Comments Received During Comment Period

Mr. Jason Tell of ODOT briefed the committee on the public comments received regarding the draft 2010-13 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

7.4 Review of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) Financing Plan for the Columbia River Crossing Project

Mr. Cotugno briefed the committee on the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) financing plan for the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project. In November 2009, Metro Councilor Robert Liberty proposed an amendment to the RTP calling for a sunset of the CRC project by September 1, 2011 should commitments to fund the LPA for the CRC project from federal, state, regional and local governments not be made. The proposed amendment to the RTP was tabled at the December 10, 2009 JPACT meeting to be reconsidered at the February 11 JPACT meeting.

Mr. Cotugno also provided an overview of the letter to Governors Kulongoski and Gregoire calling for development of a financing plan and an initial draft of the financing plan under consideration by the Project Sponsors Council. He recommended the committee discuss the CRC project at a later date after the development of a project financing plan from the Project Sponsors Council. JPACT will be able to revisit the discussion on whether or not to prescribe a deadline when the project finance plan is available.

Mr. Tell raised a concern that TPAC recommended that the RTP not be amended to include a sunset date for the CRC project and expressed concern about deferring the issue again.

MOTION: Councilor Burkholder moved, Mr. Wyatt seconded, to accept the TPAC recommendation to disapprove the proposed amendment to include a sunset date for the CRC project in the RTP.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, one abstained (DeConcini), the motion passed.

8. ADJOURN

Chair Collette adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Matney
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2010

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
6.1	Exhibit	N/A	Exhibit B to Resolution No. 10-4124 - Surface Transportation Act of 2009 Project Priorities	021110t-01
7.2	Letter	N/A	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - Letter to Oregon Senators	021110t-02
7.2	Memo	2/12/10	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2 Policy Framework	021110t-03
7.2	Report	N/A	Summarization of Public Input on the Draft 2010-2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program	021110t-04