

JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
May 8, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT

AFFILIATION

Rod Park	Metro Council
Fred Hansen	TriMet
Bill Wyatt	Port of Portland
Bill Kennemer	Clackamas County
Kay Van Sickel	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT – Region 1)
Rob Drake	City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County
Maria Rojo de Steffey	Multnomah County
Larry Haverkamp	City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah County
Roy Rogers	Washington County
Karl Rohde	City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas County
Rex Burkholder	Metro Council
Jim Francesconi	City of Portland

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Royce Pollard	City of Vancouver
Craig Pridemore	Clark County
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Nancy Kraushaar	City of Oregon City
Dave Nordberg	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
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Bob Cochran	City of Fairview
Karen Schilling	Multnomah County
Pat Fisher	ODOT Transportation Enhancement

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Alice Rouyer	City of Milwaukie
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Park called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 7:15 a.m.

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 10, 2003

ACTION TAKEN: Councilor Karl Rohde moved and Commissioner Bill Kennemer seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 10, 2003. The motion passed.

III. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO JPACT ON ON-AGENDA ITEMS

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ACTION TAKEN: Councilor Rex Burkholder moved and Mayor Rob Drake seconded the motion to approve sending the letter to ODOT on the Innovative Finance Advisory Committee Report. The motion passed.

V. TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Bill Barber presented the Transportation Enhancement Recommendations (included as part of this meeting record).

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Roy Rogers moved and Councilor Rod Monroe seconded the motion to approve the Transportation Enhancement Recommendations.

Councilor Karl Rohde expressed confusion about the region’s priorities and how the projects were chosen. He asked for explanation.

Mr. Bill Barber stated that they went through an extensive project approval process that used ODOTs criteria as well as additional regional criteria in relation to centers, etc. He said that a subcommittee of TPAC provided to ODOT a ranked order of six projects. He stated that originally Union Station was ranked number six but it was decided at TPAC to replace the Union Station project with the Gresham Max project. He said that when ODOT staff completed their technical review of each project submitted it was decided that the Beaverton Pedestrian project would be eliminated from contention. Therefore, the Transportation Enhancement Task Force

allowed the replacement of that project with the Union Station project to give Metro an even six projects for further review.

Mr. Andy Cotugno reminded the committee members that Metro's ranking priority was not necessarily ODOT's ranking order.

Mayor Rob Drake stated that the Beaverton project was submitted because there was not an alternate source of funding. He stated that had he known that a technical review process was going to take place that would ultimately remove his project, he would have submitted others for consideration.

Ms. Pat Fisher stated that ODOT originally received all applications and forwarded the appropriate applications to the MPOs. After the review from each MPO, ODOT performed their technical review process. She reiterated that there was no guarantee in place for the funding of projects. She further stated that the technical review process advanced five of the six Metro ranked projects.

Councilor Karl Rohde asked for explanation of the difference of opinion surrounding the Beaverton project.

Ms. Pat Fisher explained that in relative comparison to technical scores of other projects, it was determined that the need and value for the dollar was not as great as other projects because the Beaverton project had existing facilities. Therefore, it was determined that other projects had a more relative need of funding.

Mayor Rob Drake expressed his frustration that although a project would get a great ranking from the region, there was no continuity in place.

Ms. Pat Fisher stated that during the technical review process, all projects were reviewed with equal footing, not ranked order.

Councilor Karl Rohde expressed his concern with ODOT and the apparent lack of communication. He expressed his frustration that ODOT requested an extensive and elaborate process of reviewing applications to arrive at a list of priorities, only to be told that the region's work and priorities do not appear to be a concern of ODOT.

Ms. Pat Fisher stated that Metro's screenings of the applications would allow for a list of the top six projects to be submitted for funding.

Commissioner Bill Kennemer expressed his concern with the relationship between ODOT and JPACT and said that each seems to have a different set of priorities for the region. He is concerned that after the Metro region recommended their six priority projects in ranked order, they would be changed at the state level.

Commissioner Jim Francesconi recommended proceeding with the recommendations, acknowledging that there were problems that would need to be corrected in the future.

Ms. Kay Van Sickel reminded the committee that with the limited enhancement money available for the state, the Metro region fared well.

Councilor Rod Monroe drew attention to a letter in support of the Tualatin Bike/Pedestrian Bridge.

ACTION TAKEN: The motion to approve the Transportation Enhancement Recommendations passed with Commissioner Bill Kennemer, Councilor Karl Rohde, Mayor Rob Drake and Councilor Larry Haverkamp voting no; The motion passed.

VI. LETTER TO OTC ON HIGHWAY DESIGN MANUAL AND SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION AREAS (REVISED)

Tom Kloster presented the letter to OTC on Highway Design Manual and Special Transportation Areas (included as part of this meeting record).

Fred Hansen important it is alter the way the design manual works; change that traffic light; flow of traffic, shrink; special transportation areas, place for more rural communities, what should apply in what settings; serious; look at it; have to be able to move it.

ACTION TAKEN: Councilor Rex Burkholder moved and Mr. Fred Hansen seconded the motion to approve the revised Letter to the Oregon Transportation Commission on the Highway Design Manual and Special Transportation Areas. The motion passed.

VII. MTIP INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

Mr. Andy Cotugno introduced the presentations.

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Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey expressed her concern with short time frame allotted to discuss these options and the fact that the document had not gone through TPAC. She also expressed her concern regarding the new but significant process in reaching the 100% list. She further stated that if she need to choose an MTIP funding option it would have to be Option B because Option A is too narrow and that Option C focuses on the succession of a ballot measure. She stated that Option C is too premature without knowing what state funding is in place first.

Commissioner Jim Francesconi concurred with Commissioner Rojo de Steffey and reiterated the importance of not relying on a future ballot measure to fund the transportation program that is included in Option C. He further stated that option A is too narrow, therefore would choose Option B.

Chair Rod Park stated that Metro Council was more in favor of Option C because a regional vote would be required for the second phase of LRT.

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Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey emphasized the importance of continuing the discussion about the options.

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The committee decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2003 at 7:15 to discuss further the MTIP Options.

VIII. ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,
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