



METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 10, 2010

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shane Bemis, Chair
Sam Adams
Pat Campbell
Jody Carson
Nathalie Darcy
Amanda Fritz
Jack Hoffman
Carl Hosticka
Dick Jones
Charlotte Lehan, Second Vice Chair
Robert Liberty
Charlynn Newton
Rod Park
Wilda Parks
Rick VanBeveren
Jerry Willey

AFFILIATION

City of Gresham, representing Multnomah Co. 2nd Largest City
City of Portland
City of Vancouver
City of West Linn, representing Clackamas Co. Other Cities
Washington Co. Citizen
City of Portland
City of Lake Oswego, representing Clackamas Co. Largest City
Metro Council
Clackamas Co. Special Districts
Clackamas Co. Commission
Metro Council
City of North Plains, representing City in Washington Co. outside UGB
Metro Council
Clackamas Co. Citizen
TriMet Board of Directors
City of Hillsboro, representing Washington Co. Largest City

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ken Allen
Matt Berkow
Tom Brian
Richard Burke
Dennis Doyle
Keith Mays
Alice Norris
Judy Shiprack
Steve Stuart
Mike Weatherby
Dilafroz Williams
Richard Whitman

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland
Multnomah Co. Citizen
Washington Co. Commission
Washington Co. Special Districts
City of Beaverton, representing Washington Co. 2nd Largest City
City of Sherwood, representing Washington Co. Other Cities
City of Oregon City, representing Clackamas Co. 2nd Largest City
Multnomah Co. Commission
Clark Co., Washington Commission
City of Fairview, representing Multnomah Co. Other Cities
Governing Body of School Districts
Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation & Development

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Paul Manson
Monique Beikman
Doug Neeley
Jim Kight

AFFILIATION

Multnomah Co. Citizen
City of Sherwood, representing Washington Co. Other Cities
City of Oregon City, representing Clackamas Co. 2nd Largest City
City of Troutdale, representing Multnomah Co. Other Cities

STAFF: Dick Benner, Rita Conrad, Chris Deffebach, Kim Ellis, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, Milena Hermansky, Mike Hoglund, Kelsey Newell, Heidi Rahn, Ken Ray.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Shane Bemis declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Committee and audience members introduced themselves.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of the MPAC Minutes from February 24, 2010 and the MTAC nomination.

MOTION: Mayor Jim Kight moved, and Mayor Jerry Willey seconded, to approve the consent agenda.

ACTION TAKEN: With all favor, the motion passed.

5. COUNCIL UPDATE

Metro Councilor Robert Liberty updated the committee:

- The Metro Council approved agreements with Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington on Urban and Rural Reserves. Later this spring, each county will take formal actions to designate rural reserves through their existing comprehensive land use plans, and the Metro Council will designate urban reserves through amendments to its land use ordinances and plans.
- MPAC members are encouraged to attend the joint JPACT/MPAC Climate Change Workshop, which will take place April 2, 2010 at the Oregon Convention Center. The event's keynote speaker is Dr. William Moomaw, professor and founding director of the Center for International Environment and Resource Policy at Tufts University and a lead member of the Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
- The most recent edition of Metro's *GreenScene* publication is now available.
- Metro is hosting a series of Natural Gardening workshops to demonstrate how to care for yards without pesticides, conserve water with compost and mulch and choose native plants.
- Multnomah County Chair Ted Wheeler—a former MPAC member—was recently appointed as the new State Treasurer
- Damascus voters rejected four initiatives put on the special election ballot. The initiatives, put forth by the Ask Damascus organization, included the prohibition of public mass transit rail in the city limits, and were decidedly anti-Metro.

6. INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Regional Transportation Plan Proposed Mobility Standards Action Plan

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro updated the committee on the status of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) proposed mobility standards. In December 2009, the Metro Council voted to accept a preliminary draft 2035 RTP. Since then, staff has completed a final draft RTP for a final 45 day public review period that begins on March 22 and ends May 6. The new RTP establishes an outcomes-based framework and includes new policies, tools and actions to guide future planning and investment decisions. To successfully implement this new approach the region needs tools to evaluate and diagnose our transportation system. Ms. Ellis then summarized the proposed Action plan for adoption and implementation of the new RTP, including proposed new local government requirements. Staff will continue working with the technical committees and bring final recommendations for MPAC discussion in May.

Committee discussion included:

- The state mobility standards are inadequate and if used alone they will not lead us to the goals and aspirations that the committee recommended in December.
- Concern over the fact that cities and counties are responsible for implementing their own management, operations, and multi-modal policies. Requiring centralized, audited analysis and reporting would be more reliable and prove helpful in making regional decisions.
- Implementation of new local government requirements may incur an unfair financial burden on smaller cities.
- The possibility for cities to rezone areas from higher- to lower-density should be allowed.

6.2 Performance Measures and the Greater Portland Indicators

Ms. Sheila Martin of Portland State University (PSU), Ms. Rita Conrad of Metro, and Ms. Christina Deffebach of Metro briefed the committee on the relationship between Making the Greatest Place (MGP) performance measures and how they fit into the Greater Portland Indicators project. In October 2009 MPAC expressed a desire to expand the scope of MGP performance measures, requesting additional measures for environmental, social and economic well-being. In response, Metro staff has coordinated performance measures efforts with the Greater Portland Indicators project to reduce duplication of effort and maximize leverage.

Committee discussion included:

- Additional potential performance measures should include: mental health, adult substance abuse, healthcare, seniors.
- Emphasis that certain qualities are very difficult to quantify and measure, i.e. civic engagement, human rights, equity, and culture.

- Concern that the project portrays a “Portland-centric” and disregards smaller cities in the region.

6.3 Climate Action Plan

Mr. Mike Hoglund of Metro provided an overview of Metro’s climate change activities and presented an overview of state gas emissions standards. In general, the Portland region is leading the United States in reducing transportation-related greenhouse gasses (GHGs). Metro aims to consider GHG emissions as part of policy and program decisions, and to build a strong technical foundation to inform these decisions.

Mr. Hoglund summarized the Metro Area 2009 GHG Inventory, which measured emissions from materials, transportation, and energy. He also summarized state climate legislation, including House Bill 2001, which directs Metro to develop two or more alternative land use and transportation scenarios that are designed to reduce GHGs from light-duty vehicles.

Due to time constraints, the committee agreed to continue discussion on the Climate Action Plan at the joint JPACT/MPAC retreat, scheduled for April 2, 2010.

7. MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

8. ADJOURN

Chair Bemis adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Milena Hermansky
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR MARCH 10, 2010:

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
	Document	03/10/2010	Revised MPAC agenda 03/10/2010	03102010j-01
4	Memo	03/03/2010	Memo re: MTAC Nominees for MPAC Approval	03102010j-02
6.1	PowerPoint	03/11/2010	<i>RTP Proposed Action Plan</i>	03102010j-03
6.2	PowerPoint	03/11/2010	<i>Greater Portland Indicators and Making the Greatest Place</i>	03102010j-04
6.2	Diagram	03/2010	<i>Regional Indicators – Mockup of a Conceptual Framework</i>	03102010j-05
6.3	PowerPoint	03/10/2010	<i>Addressing the Regional Climate Change Challenge</i>	03102010j-06
	Flyer	03/2010	April 2 nd JPACT and MPAC workshop flyer	03102010j-07
	Publication	Spring 2010	<i>Greenscene</i>	03102010j-08
	Brochure	03/2010	<i>Grow Green: 2010 Natural gardening workshops and resources</i>	03102010j-09