



TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE

March 26, 2010

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Elissa Gertler
Mara Gross
Nancy Kraushaar
Mike McKillip
Ron Papsdorf
Karen Schilling
Paul Smith
Jenny Weinstein
Tracy Ann Whalen
Rian Windsheimer
Sharon Zimmerman

AFFILIATION

Clackamas County
Citizen
City of Oregon City, Representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
City of Tualatin, Representing Cities of Washington Co.
City of Gresham, Representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
Multnomah County
City of Portland
Citizen
Citizen
Oregon Department of Transportation
Washington Department of Transportation

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brent Curtis
Sorin Garber
John Hoefs
Scott King
Alan Lehto
Keith Liden
Dean Lookingbill
Dave Nordberg
John Reinhold
Satvinder Sandhu

AFFILIATION

Washington County
Citizen
C-TRAN
Port of Portland
TriMet
Citizen
SW Washington RTC
Department of Environmental Quality
Citizen
FHWA

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Blair Crumpacker
Katherine Williams

AFFILIATION

Washington County
Port of Portland

STAFF: Kim Ellis, Milena Hermansky, Tom Kloster, Ted Leybold, John Mermin, Kayla Mullis, Josh Naramore, Amy Rose, Abby Stevens, Mark Turpel.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Robin McArthur declared a quorum and called the meeting to order a 9:35 am.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. McArthur referenced a memorandum with recommendations for streamlining TPAC agendas so that the committee may operate more efficiently.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

4. APPROVAL OF THE TPAC MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2010

MOTION: Ms. Tracy Ann Weinstein moved, and Ms. Karen Schilling seconded, to approve the TPAC minutes from February 26, 2010.

Discussion: Ms. Schilling was not present at the February 26 meeting; her alternate, Jane McFarland attended in her place. This was accepted as a friendly amendment.

ACTION TAKEN: With 12 in favor, and 1 abstained (Schilling), the motion passed.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Resolution No. 10-4136, For the Purpose of Adopting the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Tom Kloster of Metro introduced the FY 2010-11 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

MOTION: Ms. Schilling moved, and Ms. Elissa Gertler seconded, to adopt the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program

AMENDMENT: Mr. Blair Crumpacker, on behalf of Washington County, introduced an amendment to the UPWP regarding the I-5/99 Connector project. The proposal was accepted as a friendly amendment to the resolution. (Amendment included as part of the meeting record.)

Discussion: Funds for some projects are undetermined at this time; UPWP funding will be reconciled with individual budgets in June. Members are asked to introduce suggested amendments, edits, and footnotes as soon as possible. The committee discussed funding for 1-5/Barbur Mobility Corridor Refinement Plan and the East Metro Corridor Refinement Plan. Mr. Paul Smith raised concern about streetcar funding 0708 UPWP have not been completed, requested that staff provide memo explaining status of deliverables.

ACTION TAKEN: With 11 in favor, 1 abstained (Gross), and 1 opposed (Smith), the motion passed.

6. INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Consultation on Air Quality Analysis Results for 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and 2010-2013 MTIP

Mr. Mark Turpel of Metro introduced findings on air quality results. A 30-day public comment period commenced March 22, 2010. In general, the Portland metropolitan area fares well with federal air quality requirements. Mr. Turpel highlighted appendices to the report that are included due to disagreements with DEQ. TPAC is scheduled to take action on the Air Quality Analysis at their May meeting.

Mr. Lehto of Trimet underscored that changes to ozone requirements are expected, and the region will be close to - and may well exceed - maximum levels if no action is taken.

6.2 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Final Adoption Process

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro overviewed materials related to the final RTP public comment period, which began March 22, 2010. The final RTP and related documents will be considered for approval by JPACT and the Metro Council on June 10, 2010. TPAC is scheduled to make a final recommendation on May 28, 2010.

Ms. Ellis then summarized major changes between the current Draft Transportation Functional Plan requirements and the existing Functional Plan Requirements in the 2007 RTP.

Committee discussion and recommendations included:

- The prescriptive nature of the Functional Plan. An introductory statement clarifying the role and expectations of jurisdictions would be helpful.
- Inconsistencies between suggested street design regulations and existing city fire department parking regulations.
- Language in chapter 3.08.220 (“Transportation Solutions) should be modified to provide more leeway for jurisdictions.
- TPAC should overview language in chapter 3.08.230 (“Performance Targets and Standards”) and make a recommendation to JPACT.

The committee agreed that discussion at the April TPAC meeting shall focus primarily on the “Transportation Solutions” and “Performance Targets and Standards” sections of the Functional Plan.

6.3 2012-15 MTIP Policy Update Work Plan and Regional Flexible Fund Policy Options

Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro introduced 2012-15 Metro Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) work program update. Staff is asking for further refinement from the committee before it goes to the joint JPACT/MPAC retreat on Climate Change on April 2nd. Depending upon feedback received at the retreat, a new version will come back to TPAC in May or June.

Committee discussion and recommendations included:

- The committee recommended refinements to the proposed Regional Flexible Fund Allocation (RFFA) process. The committee endorsed using the two step process used in the previous cycle, but would like more flexibility. The committee was not comfortable with having “budgets” or limits on the categories.
- The committee discussed JPACT’s role in the process: at which stage would their involvement be most useful?
- Whether historical patterns of MTIP funding should be considered as part of this year’s decision-making process.
- The nature of the freight advisory committee involved in the RFFA process.
- The policy questions proposed to JPACT should be more focused.

7. ADJOURN

Chair McArthur adjourned the meeting at 12:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Milena Hermansky
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR MARCH 26, 2010

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
5.1	Report	3/18/2010	FY 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program	032610t-01
5.1	Handout	3/26/2010	Washington County Proposed Amendment on the 1-5/99w Connector Study	032610t-02
6.2	Report	3/22/2010	Public Review Draft Regional Transportation Functional Plan	032610t-03
6.2	Report	3/2010	Technical Appendix: RTP Final Draft Plan	032610t-04

6.2	Report	3/22/2010	Regional High Capacity Transit System Plan: Summary Report	032610t-05
6.2	Chart	3/26/2010	Summary of Changes to Existing Transportation Functional Plan Requirements	032610t-06
	Flyer	3/2010	Light Rail Transit Facilities Design Course	032610t-07
	Brochure	Winter 2010	OTREC News: Volume 4, Issue 2	032610t-08