



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
April 8, 2010  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

AFFILIATION

Metro Council  
Metro Council  
City of Vancouver  
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality  
City of Tigard, representing Cities of Washington County  
TriMet  
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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sam Adams  
Shane Bemis  
Deborah Kafoury  
Steve Stuart  
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

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

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Troy Rayburn

AFFILIATION

Clark County

STAFF: Tom Matney, Kelsey Newell, Robin McArthur, Randy Tucker, Andy Cotugno, Ted Leybold.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

Chair Carlotta Collette declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

There were none.

### **3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Brad Perkins with Cascade Center for Regional Development advocated for developing the I-5 corridor for high speed rail.

### **4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Chair Collette thanked the committee for attending the April 2<sup>nd</sup> JPACT/MPAC workshop.

A third and final 45-day public comment period on the completed 2035 RTP and the associated air quality conformity analysis will be open from noon, Monday, March 22, 2010, until midnight on Thursday, May 6.

The Electric Transportation Engineering Corporation (eTec) is partnering with Nissan North America to deploy up to 4,700 zero-emission electric vehicles, the Nissan LEAF, and 11,210 charging systems to support them in strategic markets in five states, including Eugene, Salem and Portland, Oregon. Regional stakeholders are being asked to help locate publicly accessible charging station sites.

### **5. CONSIDERATION OF THE JPACT MINUTES FOR MARCH 4, 2010**

MOTION: Commissioner Lynn Peterson moved, Councilor Donna Jordan seconded, to approve the JPACT minutes for March 4, 2010.

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

### **6. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **6.1 Resolution No. 10-4141, For the Purpose of Amending the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) To Delete Funding for the I-5/OR99W Tualatin - Sherwood Connector Project and Add Funding to Six Arterial Projects**

Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro briefed the committee on Resolution No. 10-4141. With the completion of the I-5 to OR99W corridor study, the Oregon Department of Transportation and Washington County are proposing to reallocate transportation funds allocated to the connector project to the highest priority projects identified by the corridor study. The State and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plans now need to be amended to reflect these changes for the funding to be available to the projects.

The committee agreed to table the discussion until the May 13<sup>th</sup> JPACT meeting to allow time for jurisdictions to familiarize themselves with the proposal.

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

Ms. Robin McArthur of Metro briefed the committee on Resolution No. 10-4136. The Unified Planning Work Program describes federally funded planning activities in the metropolitan region during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010.

Ms. McArthur recommended updating the UPWP to have the City of Tigard included in the coordinated effort with TriMet and the City of Portland on technical support for the southwest corridor refinement plan. The proposal was accepted by the committee and incorporated into the resolution.

MOTION: Councilor Rex Burkholder moved, Councilor Jordan seconded, to approve Resolution No. 10-4136.

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

## **7. INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **7.1 Annual JPACT Washington, DC Update**

Mr. Randy Tucker of Metro and Ms. Olivia Clark of TriMet briefed the committee on the annual JPACT Washington, DC trip. Unlike previous years, trip participants met in one centralized location in both the House and Senate. Attendees praised the change in format, stating that the change provided more time for substantive discussions. Additionally, discussion focused on the region's need versus specific projects.

Ms. Clark provided a brief update on the status of the reauthorization bill. Due to limited funding, competing priorities, and insufficient political will, it remains uncertain when the reauthorization bill will be addressed by Congress.

### **7.2 High Speed Rail**

Ms. Kelly Taylor of the Oregon Department of Transportation updated the committee on passenger rail in Oregon. Ms. Taylor discussed the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, which allocated \$8 billion to jumpstart the development of improved high-speed intercity passenger rail service in the United States. The Pacific Northwest Rail Corridor, traveling between Eugene, Oregon and Vancouver, British Columbia, received \$598 million. Of that amount, Oregon was awarded \$8 million in the first round. President Obama has pledged to include an additional \$1 billion for high speed intercity passenger rail in each of the next five years' budgets. Oregon will continue to compete for federal funds in future rounds.

Ms. Taylor identified high speed intercity goals for Oregon that focus on infrastructure improvements, increased mobility and decreased congestion, integrating sustainable

technologies, and working closely with freight rail to develop an optimal plan that serves both freight and passenger rail.

The discussion focused on how the Portland metropolitan region and its various jurisdictions can better participate in the conversation of freight and passenger rail.

### **7.3 Portland City Club Presentation on the Report: “Moving Forward: A Better Way to Govern Regional Transportation”**

Mr. Steve Griffith, Mr. Peter Livingston, and Mr. Richard Ross from Portland’s City Club briefed the committee on the report, “Moving Forward: A Better Way to Govern Regional Transportation,” on the existing transportation governance system in the Portland metropolitan region. The report’s guiding criteria is a transportation governance system that adequately meets the needs of a region facing significant growth, aging infrastructure, and climate change. Based on their conclusions, the report recommends fundamental changes to:

- Control of regional transportation revenues;
- Control of regional transportation infrastructure;
- Collaboration with governance entities contiguous to the Metro region;
- Regional performance measurement and accountability; and
- Voting power on the JPACT committee.

The report endorses the regional perspective that the JPACT committee and Metro offer in their ability to allocate discretionary dollars at the regional level. The report recommends that the Oregon legislature direct ODOT to give Metro, instead of its constituent cities and counties, the transportation funds presently being distributed to those jurisdictions for expenditures within the Metro Urban Growth Boundary. This fundamental change would require JPACT to restructure its voting system.

Mr. Jason Tell of ODOT encouraged the City Club of Portland’s research committee to further vet data used in the report, specifically data related to projected expenditures and revenues obtained from a 2006 ECONorthwest study. Mr. Tell asked that the research committee work with partners around the region to refine those numbers.

The committee discussed the how best to move forward and use the findings and recommendations within the report.

**8. ADJOURN**

Chair Collette adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR APRIL 8, 2010**

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

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
--	Agenda	4/8/2010	Revised Agenda	040810j-01
<b>4</b>	Handout	4/8/2010	The EV Project	040810j-02
<b>6.1</b>	Resolution	4/8/2010	Resolution No. 10-4141	040810j-03
<b>7.2</b>	Handout	4/8/2010	ODOT Passenger Rail - Oregon Update	040810j-04