



TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 28, 2010
Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robin McArthur, Chair
Sorin Garber
Mara Gross
Keith Liden
Katherine Kelly
Scott King
Nancy Kraushaar
Alan Lehto
Mike McKillip
John Reinhold
Satvinder Sandhu
Karen Schilling
Jenny Weinstein
Tracy Ann Whalen
Sharon Zimmerman

AFFILIATION

Metro
Citizen
Citizen
Citizen
City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah County
Port of Portland
City of Oregon City, representing Cities of Clackamas County
TriMet
City of Tualatin, representing Cities of Washington County
Citizen
Federal Highway Administration
Multnomah County
Citizen
Citizen
Washington State Department of Transportation

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Brent Curtis
Elissa Gertler
John Hoefs
Dean Lookingbill
Dave Nordberg
Paul Smith
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

Washington County
Clackamas County
C-TRAN
Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Commission
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
City of Portland
Oregon Department of Transportation, Region 1

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Andy Back
Nancy Cardwell
Lynda David
Courtney Duke
Laine Smith

AFFILIATION

Washington County
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Commission
City of Portland
Oregon Department of Transportation, Region 1

STAFF PRESENT: Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Mike Hoglund, Ted Leybold, Tom Matney, Kelsey Newell, Tom Kloster, Deborah Redman, Josh Naramore, Deena Platman, John Mermin, Kim Brown, Dick Benner.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Robin McArthur called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 9:40 a.m.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair McArthur honored Mr. Ron Weinman for his service on the TPAC committee.

Mr. John Reinhold discussed the importance of Memorial Day and honoring United States veterans.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. Mara Gross moved, Mr. Scott King seconded, to approve the TPAC minutes from April 30, 2010.

Discussion: Ms. Katherine Kelly stated that she was not present at the April 30, 2010 TPAC meeting and that Mr. Ron Papsdorf represented the Cities of Multnomah County in her place.

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Resolution No. 10-4150A, “For the Purpose of Approving the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and the 2010-2013 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program”

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro briefed the committee on Resolution No. 10-4150A, which demonstrates that the Portland metropolitan region is meeting state and federal air quality targets.

MOTION: Ms. Karen Schilling moved, Mr. Alan Lehto seconded, to recommend to JPACT approval of Resolution No. 10-4150A.

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

5.2 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Adoption - Ordinance No. 10-1241A, “For the Purpose of Amending the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (Federal Component) and the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan to Comply with Federal and State Law; To Add the Regional Transportation Systems Management and Operations Action Plan, the Regional Freight Plan and the High Capacity Transit System Plan; To Amend the Regional Transportation Functional Plan and Add it to the Metro Code; To Amend the Regional Framework Plan; And to Amend the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan”

Ms. Ellis briefed the committee on Ordinance No. 10-1241A and provided an overview of the timeline for the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and its components, including:

- A first-ever Climate Change Action Plan to identify the right mix of policies and investments necessary to achieve significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions;
- An updated High Capacity Transit Plan that lays out a set of priorities for expansion of bus and light rail service throughout the region;
- A Regional Freight Plan that outlines investments to support traded-sector jobs and improve freight reliability;
- The first comprehensive plan for transportation systems management and operations to make the most of investments already made in the transportation network; and
- Ambitious performance targets and a monitoring system to evaluate how well the region’s transportation investments meet those targets.

MOTION: Mr. Andy Back moved, Ms. Schilling seconded, to recommend to JPACT approval of Ordinance No. 10-1241A with the following amendments:

- The supplemental recommended actions for Exhibit H to Ordinance No. 10-1241A outlined in Ms. Ellis’ memo dated May 27, 2010. The supplemental recommended actions are to revise the May 13 *Recommended Action for Comments* #47, #77-81, and #102.
- The City of Beaverton’s corrections and comments as specified in their May 28 memo.
- Request to have Metro staff work to address concerns related to a RTP objective to reduce the share of households in the region spending more than 50 percent of their income on household and transportation combined.
- Request to push back the City of Gresham’s Regional Transportation Functional Plan compliance deadline (located in table 3.08-4 on page 37 of the Regional Transportation Functional Plan) from 2012 to 2013.

Discussion: Ms. Weinstein asked Metro staff to reconsider concerns that continue to be raised by members of the affordable housing community related to a RTP objective to reduce the share of households in the region spending more than 50 percent of their income on household and transportation combined. Ms. Weinstein noted that a primary concern is that the Metro cost burden definition is different from the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) definition, and the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) may use the CNT threshold to evaluate project proposals in their upcoming grant program. Housing advocates are concerned this will negatively impact the

competitiveness of the region's grant application and other HUD funding opportunities. The committee agreed to allow Metro staff to work to address these concerns prior to the June 10 JPACT meeting. The comment was received as a friendly amendment and was included in the above motion.

Ms. Katherine Kelly requested that the City of Gresham's Regional Transportation Functional Plan compliance deadline (located in table 3.08-4 on page 37 of the Regional Transportation Functional Plan) be pushed back from 2012 to 2013, citing work load and resources as justification. The comment was received as a friendly amendment and was included in the above motion.

Mr. Keith Liden stressed the need to refine the connection between the policies within the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and how those policies are implemented through investments.

Ms. Laine Smith of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Region 1 outlined the Oregon Transportation Commission's (OTC) concerns with the 2035 RTP, specifically regarding monitoring and evaluating levels of congestion, system performance and RTP implementation, economic vitality, and system bottlenecks. Metro staff will work with ODOT, OTC and local jurisdictions to address these concerns prior to the June 10 JPACT meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, one opposed (Gross), one abstained (Smith), the motion passed as amended.

6. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainability Planning Grant

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro updated the committee on the HUD Sustainability Planning Grant. The US Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Transportation (DOT) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have come together to form The Partnership for Sustainable Communities. The Partnership has launched a major new effort, the Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI), adopted Livability Principles, and initiated the HUD Sustainability Planning Grant.

SCI's Livability Principles mirror the values that underline the Portland region's nationally recognized long-range plan, the 2040 Growth Concept. Metro has proposed a framework for a collaborative regional SCI grant proposal to enhance and implement elements of the 2040 Growth Concept as informed by the Livability Principles. The framework is being reviewed and discussed by public, private and nonprofit sector partners in advance of the release of HUD's SCI Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

6.2 2012-15 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Process and Calendar

Mr. Jeff Flowers of ODOT briefed the committee on the 2012-15 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) process and calendar.

6.3 2012-15 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Regional Flexible Fund Policy

Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro updated the committee on the 2012-15 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Regional Flexible Fund Policy deliberations at JPACT. JPACT and the Metro Council have requested the funds remaining for allocation after consideration of the funding targets for existing regional programs include a set aside to prepare the region for potential future funding targeted to Metropolitan Mobility and then be targeted to two project focus areas: Green Economy/Freight Initiatives and Active Transportation/Complete Streets. Action on this direction is scheduled for their meeting in June.

The committee discussed:

- Branding and marketing a regional project;
- Looking at key bottlenecks that remain unsolved;
- Freight rail and passenger rail issues;
- Performance objectives; and
- Project completion funding.

6.4 House Bills 2001 and 2186

Mr. Mike Hoglund of Metro briefed the committee on House Bills 2001 and 2186, specifically addressing legislative requirements for the Portland metropolitan region regarding greenhouse gas scenario planning. Mr. Hoglund overviewed the draft work program to address these requirements.

7. ADJOURN

Chair McArthur adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Matney
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR MAY 28, 2010

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
5.2	Memo	05/27/10	Supplemental Recommended Actions for Exhibit H to Ordinance No. 10-1241A	052810t-01
5.2	Memo	05/28/10	RTP: City of Beaverton Corrections and Comments	052810t-02
5.2	Memo	05/28/10	RTP: ODOT's Proposed Revisions	052810t-03
6.2	Memo	04/27/10	Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Criteria	052810t-04
6.2	Report	05/13/10	2012-2015 STIP Project Eligibility Criteria and Prioritization Factors	052810t-05
6.2	Memo	N/A	2014-2015 STIP Funding, Scoping, and Outreach Schedule for Region 1	052810t-06
6.3	Memo	05/25/10	Regional Flexible Funds (STP and CMAQ) Allocations for FY 2014 – 2015	052810t-07