



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

August 12, 2010

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carlotta Collette, Chair
Rex Burkholder
Jack Burkman
Craig Dirksen
Neil McFarlane
Kathryn Harrington
Donna Jordan
Deborah Kafoury
Lynn Peterson
Roy Rogers
Jason Tell
Don Wagner
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
Metro Council
City of Vancouver
City of Tigard, representing Cities of Washington Co.
Tri-Met
Metro Council
City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
Multnomah County
Clackamas County
Washington County
Oregon Department of Transportation, Region 1
Washington State Department of Transportation
Port of Portland

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Nina DeConcini
Sam Adams
Steve Stuart
Shane Bemis

AFFILIATION

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
City of Portland
Clark County
City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Andy Ginsburg
Jim Kight
Troy Rayburn

AFFILIATION

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
City of Troutdale, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
Clark County

STAFF: Dan Cooper, Andy Cotugno, Colin Deverell, Metro COO Michael Jordan, Ted Leybold, Robin McArthur, Tony Mendoza, Jim Middaugh, Kelsey Newell, Councilor Rod Park, Dylan Rivera.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Carlotta Collette called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 7:33 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Collette welcomed Mayor Jim Kight of Troutdale as a non-voting alternate for Mayor Shane Bemis, representing the Cities of Multnomah County. Both Mayor Bemis and his formal alternate, Mayor Dave Fuller, were unable to attend.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Collette announced to the committee Metro Council President David Bragdon's decision to resign from the Council before the end of his term and also presented the committee with copies of Metro's recently released COO Recommendation. Metro COO, Michael Jordan, will provide a formal presentation on the report at the September 2nd JPACT meeting.

The committee discussed the voting procedure concerning amendments to the Regional Flexible Fund Allocation (RFFA) targets from the July 8 meeting. Metro Attorney Dan Cooper described the legal aspects that demonstrated the validity of the process. Committee members stated their desire to revisit and review JPACT's bylaws in the future.

Mr. Neil McFarlane of TriMet presented information on a proposed bond levy and the Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail (PMLR) project. The bond, approved by TriMet's board of directors, will be put before voters in November with proceeds to be directed at purchasing new buses and improving bus access. Following the Federal Transportation Administration's (FTA) announcement that the federal government would only fund 50% of the proposed PMLR project, decisions would need to be made regarding the project's funding, as reductions would cost twice as much as an additional investment dollar due to the loss of federal matching.

Mr. Jason Tell of ODOT provided an update to the committee on State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects.

Commissioner Lynn Peterson briefed JPACT on Clackamas County's draft principles for community investments.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- Consideration of the JPACT Minutes for July 8, 2010
- Resolution No. 10-4176, “For the Purpose of Amending the 2008-2011 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to Change the Scope of Work on Southeast Harmony Road: Highway 224 to 82nd Avenue Project.”

MOTION: Councilor Donna Jordan moved, Mr. McFarlane seconded to approve the consent agenda items.

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

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 JPACT Endorsement Letters

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro presented the draft JPACT endorsement letters of the region’s TIGER II grant applications. Committee members discussed the projects, including an unlisted project in Oregon City concerning planning for affordable housing and potential Light Rail extension. The projects discussed were:

- Sunrise Corridor – Hwy 212: Hwy 224 to 162nd Ave., Sunrise Corridor Multiuse Path: Lawnfield to Hwy 212 and I-205 Multiuse Path to Hwy 212
- Electric Vehicle Corridor Connectivity
- NW Graham Road Reconstruction and NW Swigert Way Extension
- I-5 Corridor Transit
- Sellwood Bridge Replacement
- Southeast Corridor Project: Connecting Communities

MOTION: Mr. McFarlane moved, Mr. Bill Wyatt seconded to approve the JPACT TIGER II endorsement letters.

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

6.2 **Resolution No. 10-4174, “For the Purpose of Endorsing a Consortium Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program.”**

Mr. Cotugno described the project to the committee. The proposed consortium would be a collaborative effort between local governments and community organizations created to pursue investment strategies related to housing equity and affordability. Committee members discussed the need for broader involvement and the hope that the project can leverage additional investment funds.

MOTION: Commissioner Roy Rogers moved, Councilor Jordan seconded to approve Resolution No. 10-4174.

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

6.3 Consultation on Regional Flexible Fund Task Force Charge and Committee Composition

Committee members discussed the direction of the Task Force's recommendations, which involve review of potential investment areas to be approved by TPAC and then JPACT. Additionally, members sought to ensure the return on investment component approved previously.

6.4 East Metro Corridor and Southwest Corridor Refinement Plans

Mr. Tony Mendoza of Metro presented information to the committee regarding the corridor refinement plans and their related resolutions. Mr. Mendoza indicated that the plans were reworked to reflect the goals of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. The East Metro Corridor plan includes a series of improvements in the outlined area designed to create additional capacity out of currently available space. The Southwest Corridor plan represents a longer-term project due to land-use and high capacity transit elements.

Committee members posed a variety of questions to Mr. Mendoza regarding the refinement plans. Noting the long-term nature of the SW Corridor project, JPACT members inquired about potential interim improvements and stated support for both Corridor Refinement plans.

6.4.1 *Resolution No. 10-4179, "For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to Modify Funding Allocations for Southwest Corridor and East Metro Corridor Refinement Plans."*

MOTION: Councilor Rex Burkholder moved, Commissioner Peterson seconded to approve Resolution No. 10-4179.

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

6.4.2 *Resolution No. 10-4177, "For the Purpose of Amending the January 2008 MTIP (FY 2008-2011) to Modify Funding Allocations for Southwest Corridor and East Metro Corridor Refinement Plans."*

MOTION: Councilor Burkholder moved, Mayor Craig Dirksen seconded to approve Resolution No. 10-4177.

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

6.5 Columbia River Crossing

Mr. Cotugno and Mr. Richard Brandman of ODOT presented information to the committee regarding the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project's potential funding and briefed the

members on the decisions of the CRC Independent Review Panel. Two major issues had been largely resolved, the number of lanes on the bridge and the Hayden Island interchange, but several outstanding questions would need to be addressed in the coming months. Issues included: policy development related to tolling, review of the potential bridge design and governance of the bridge in the long-term.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Collette adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Colin Deverell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR AUGUST 12, 2010

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
	Report	8/10/2010	Building a Sustainable, Prosperous, and Equitable Region: Recommendations from Metro's Chief Operating Officer	081210j-01
	Handout	n/a	Upcoming CIS Events	081210j-02
	Postcard	n/a	OTREC Transportation Summit	081210j-03
	Handout	8/2010	Draft Principles for Investing in Our Region's Future – Clackamas County	081210j-04
6.5	Power Point	8/12/2010	CRC Cost and Financial Feasibility	081210j-05