

MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: April 14, 1994

GROUP/SUBJECT: Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT)

PERSONS ATTENDING: Members: Chair Rod Monroe, Susan McLain and Jon Kvistad, Metro Council; Bernie Giusto, Cities of Multnomah County; Earl Blumenauer, City of Portland; Fred Hansen DEQ; Tanya Collier, Multnomah County; Craig Lomnicki, Cities of Clackamas County; Royce Pollard, City of Vancouver; Dave Lohman (alt.), Port of Portland; Tom Walsh, Tri-Met; John Godsey (alt.), Cities of Washington County; Keith Ahola (alt.), WSDOT; Ed Lindquist, Clackamas County; Dave Sturdevant, Clark County; and Bruce Warner, ODOT

Guests: Elsa Coleman, Steve Dotterrer and Kate Deane, City of Portland; Dave Williams, John Rist and Lidwien Rahman, ODOT; Jerry Parmenter, Washington County; Molly O'Reilly, Citizen; Kathy Busse, Multnomah County; Dick Feeney, G.B. Arrington and Bernie Bottomly, Tri-Met; Susie Lahsene, Port of Portland; Dean Lookingbill (JPACT alt.), Southwest Washington RTC; Jim Beard, Oregon Environmental Council; Mary Legry, WSDOT; Rod Sandoz, Clackamas County; Bob Bothman, MCCI; Ron Bergman, Clark County Public Works; Mary Legry, WSDOT; Les White (JPACT alt.), C-TRAN; Howard Harris, DEQ; and Richard Ross, Cities of Multnomah County

Staff: Andrew Cotugno, Richard Brandman, Mike Hoglund, Gail Ryder, and Lois Kaplan, Secretary

MEDIA: Gordon Oliver, The Oregonian

SUMMARY:

The meeting was called to order and a quorum declared by Chair Rod Monroe.

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Councilor Kvistad moved, seconded by Councilor Giusto, to approve the March 10, 1994 JPACT Meeting Report as written. Being new to the Committee, Councilmember Pollard abstained.

RESOLUTION NO. 94-1937 - AMENDING THE FY 1994 METRO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE EXTENSION OF WESTSIDE LIGHT RAIL TO THE CITY OF HILLSBORO

Andy Cotugno reviewed the Staff Report/Resolution that amends the TIP in support of the Westside LRT extension to Hillsboro. This action would increase the Section 3 funds by \$75 million, delay \$8 million of Section 9 bus purchases programmed for FY 96-97 and allocate \$8 million of Section 9 Reserve funds in FY 97. The project will be financed by one-third FTA Section 3 funds, one-third formula funds (STP/Section 9), and one-third local sources.

Action Taken: Commissioner Blumenauer moved, seconded by Councilor Kvistad, to recommend approval of Resolution No. 94-1937, amending the FY 1994 Metro Transportation Improvement Program to allocate funds to support the extension of Westside light rail to the city of Hillsboro. The motion PASSED unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 94-1949 - ENDORSING THE ODOT/DLCD FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Andy Cotugno noted that the ODOT/DLCD funding recommendations were acted upon at the April 6 joint JPACT/MPAC meeting and therefore required no additional consideration. On April 6, JPACT/MPAC voted to approve Resolution No. 94-1949 with an amendment adding the City of North Plains to Project 1UU (Sandy/Metro Satellite City Plan).

This agenda item was therefore removed from consideration.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Andy Cotugno explained that this is only an initial introduction to the RTP update process, that it is not a time-critical issue, and that there will be four major activities during the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update: 1) the conclusions to be drawn from the 2040 process; 2) the TDM analysis; 3) DEQ's TDM programs for employee commute and developing new parking ratios; and 4) the Port's long-term effort for commodity flow. ISTEAs and TPR components of the update include an interim RTP with constraints; setting targets for TDM, VMT per capita, financial constraints, conformity, and single-occupant vehicles (SOVs) for major investment analyses to help guide the local jurisdictions with their Transportation System Plans; and defining the system to be served. Andy indicated that a fiscal constraint to the plan is required for both the ISTEAs and TPR updates.

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Andy then reviewed the flow chart that outlined both updates and the work team efforts for transit, bicycle/pedestrian, parking/TDM, highway, street design, freight and financial analyses.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Andy reported that Metro's Budget Committee met on April 13 resulting in some preliminary recommendations for expenditure levels and program areas for the Planning Department budget. A handout was distributed reflecting those priority recommendations and the proposed "add" package. Conclusions still need to be reached on the General Fund and how to pay for these "visions."

Andy reported that the Ad hoc Dues Committee endorsed the list of additions in order to meet the planning mandates. At the joint JPACT/MPAC meeting, the committees recommended that the dues be included in Metro's budget. A letter from the Metro Area Planning Directors (MAPD) supported planning funds over and above the base budget proposal.

Andy felt that significant action has taken place in response to the comments received.

Fred Hansen expressed concern that the budget reflected a move away from outreach efforts, citing the importance of the level of public involvement and public education. He asked for an explanation of the logic in cutting that effort back. It was noted that the Budget Committee was concerned about raising taxes above the base budget, but felt it was important to fund planning at a full planning level. In the past, Metro has spent a tremendous amount of money on paper for public involvement and yet the agency is still relatively unknown to the public. The Executive Officer has asked that the approach be changed to a more media-related focus.

Chair Monroe indicated that Metro Council is desirous of having strong public outreach but questions whether the printing of expensive brochures is the answer. He noted that the General Fund budget will be dealt with next in an effort to save \$300,000 of excise tax to pay for these planning activities. He reported that the Budget Committee would be meeting on Tuesday, April 19, to make adjustments of any preliminary decisions, look at the revenue and balance the budget. He commented that it represents a combination of ways and means and revenue. There will be another opportunity for adjustment when the budget is considered at the full Council level.

Councilor McLain, Vice Chair of the Future Vision Commission, cited the need for a balance between electronic bulletin boards

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and printed material. She acknowledged that not everyone wants to watch a video hearing. She noted that the Committee favors a means of wider exposure. She concurred that outreach needs to happen in the next year.

Councilor Kvistad felt there are Metro Councilors who would like to cut that budget in half. He felt that these programs were extensive.

Chair Monroe commented that the bottom line is that, in Planning, significant additions have been made to the Executive Officer's proposed budget.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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