

MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: September 8, 1988

GROUP/SUBJECT: Joint Policy Advisory Committee on
Transportation

PERSONS ATTENDING: Members: Richard Waker, Chairman; Earl
Blumenauer; Bonnie Hays; Pauline Anderson;
Jim Cowen; George Van Bergen; Ed Lindquist;
Jim Gardner; Bob Bothman; and Wade Byers

Guests: David Knowles, Pacific Development;
Bill Stark (JPACT alt.), Cities of Clackamas
County; Joan DeCamara, Clackamas County; Gil
Mallery, Resource Center of Clark County;
Robert Rogers, Portland Chamber of Commerce;
Howard Harris, DEQ; Grace Crunican, City of
Portland; Rick Kuehn (JPACT alt.), Ted Spence
and Denny Moore (Public Transit), ODOT; Ray
Polani, Citizens for Better Transit; Bob Post
(JPACT alt.), Dick Feeney and Cynthia Weston,
Tri-Met; Susie Lahsene, Multnomah County; and
Bebe Rucker, Port of Portland

Staff: Andrew Cotugno, Karen Thackston, and
Lois Kaplan, Secretary

MEDIA: None

SUMMARY:

MAPS OF THE BARLOW ROAD

Joan DeCamara, Clackamas County Department of Transportation and
Development, announced that copies of the Maps of the Barlow Road
document, developed under an historic grant, were available at
Clackamas County. The booklet is a resource document to identify
Clackamas County sites and alignments of the Barlow Trail in
Oregon.

MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 11, 1988

The August 11 JPACT meeting report was approved as written.

FY 90 SECTION 9 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Andy Cotugno explained that new federal requirements have moved up the schedule of the Section 9 portion of the Unified Work Program by six months. He indicated that some changes might occur when the full Unified Work Program is reviewed through the normal budgeting process.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of Resolution No. 88-986 approving the Tri-Met Section 9 portion of the FY 1990 Unified Work Program. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

"DRAFT" TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROPOSAL

Chairman Waker stated that numerous subcommittee meetings have been held to develop a regional transportation funding proposal that would provide direction and a sense of priorities over the next 10 years.

Ed Lindquist, Clackamas County Commission Chair, presented a memo to be considered by the JPACT Finance Committee that would include a Phase I Regional LRT transit package in the funding proposal. Included in the package were the following projects:

- . Westside LRT
- . I-205 LRT concurrently with Westside LRT
- . Central City projects which have available funds (North Mall Extension and Convention Center)

Andy Cotugno then reviewed the transportation funding proposal. Inasmuch as he felt that consensus had been reached on Sections I through V, discussions began with Section VI.

- . Consensus was reached on Section VI-A as proposed.
- . Comments made on Section VI-B (regarding the vehicle registration fee) indicated the need to change the language for a more direct, stronger position and to mirror the state's position.

Commissioner Blumenauer suggested that a regional approach be taken on vehicle registration fees rather than basing the fee on vehicles or population. Chairman Waker and Andy Cotugno indicated that the minimum allocation should reflect where the money is generated.

- . There was consensus on Section VI-C (regarding the ODOT

arterials), with the need for stronger language.

- . The consensus on Section VI-D was that the state needs to be a co-equal partner with the region on LRT construction.
- . A question was raised on Section VI-E as to whether the Tri-Met Board has taken any position on the recommendation for expanding the payroll tax. It was suggested that there first be concurrence from the Tri-Met Board prior to adoption of the recommendation. In response, Jim Cowen felt that the Board would be supportive.

Mayor Wade Byers, representing the Cities in Clackamas County, felt the small cities in Clackamas County would not want to be taxed, noting the lack of mass transit in the areas he represents. In response, Chairman Waker questioned whether there was any other way to meet the region's goals on mass transit. The proposed recommendation is equitable in that it would tax all public and private employers (with the exception of the Federal Government).

- . There was general consensus in support of Sections VI-E and F.

Gil Mallery, Director of the Resource Center of Clark County, suggested that an added resource might come through the State of Washington Rail Commission in the creation of the rail system in the I-5 corridor. He felt it would be worthwhile to pursue bi-state funds for construction and operation of a system in a cooperative approach.

Commissioner Blumenauer raised questions over the memo submitted by Commissioner Lindquist requesting that the I-205 LRT project be elevated to the same level as the Westside LRT project, and that it proceed concurrently with that project. He noted that the I-205 LRT project is not a high priority for the City of Portland nor for Tri-Met, questioning further whether it should be submitted to the JPACT Finance Committee. The need to approve a realistic funding package was stressed.

Commissioner Lindquist responded that it was his intent to have the proposal reviewed at the JPACT Finance Committee meeting for follow-up consideration at the next JPACT meeting.

Commissioner Blumenauer also spoke of the need to maintain flexibility in the rail corridors through the use of Section 3 funds and noted that he was not in favor of making any rail decisions dependent on anything else.

It was the Committee's understanding that Section 3 funds would not be sought for I-205 LRT and that the issue before the JPACT Finance Committee is whether I-205 LRT should run concurrent with the Westside LRT project.

Commissioner Hays indicated that if funds were available to proceed with the I-205 project, she did not feel the Committee should impede its progress. She asked for narrative that would provide a clear understanding of how this could go forward without competition. Andy Cotugno responded that there should be rules governing state and regional contributions to the rail corridors, the amount of funds, and timing. Commissioner Blumenauer felt there should be a mechanism that sets priorities and allows other projects to work concurrently with tax increment financing or with State of Washington contributions as long as it does not interfere with other projects.

Commissioner Hays expressed concern about projects being allowed to move forward -- as opposed to priority projects -- and the issue of whether or not it would limit the capability of priority projects.

Ray Polani, representing Citizens for Better Transit, did not feel the funding proposal being considered provided for financial and environmental restraints or limitations. He felt that the north and southwest LRT corridors belonged on the list. He presented copies of an article entitled "Rethinking the Role of the Automobile" to the local jurisdictions of the three-county area for their review.

- . The Committee concurred in the need to add specificity to Section IV-B regarding timing.
- . The Committee suggested a meeting with the LOC and AOC regarding specific legislation as it pertains to regional highway corridors (Section II-A and B).
- . Questions raised pertaining to Section III (Urban Arterials) concerned what kinds of facilities should be considered, at what level, and what is the minimum allocation. The issue of how to allocate the minimum funds was also raised.

Commissioner Blumenauer questioned whether any adjustments should be made to the funding proposal which was based on 1987 data. He felt the material should be referenced in 1989 dollars. In response, Andy Cotugno noted that the figures do include inflation over the 10-year period for highways, but felt that the transit cost information could be updated.

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Action Taken: The Committee agreed that a JPACT Finance Committee meeting be held on Monday, September 26, at 3:00 p.m. for review of the transportation funding proposal.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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