

MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: January 8, 1981

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

PERSONS ATTENDING: Members: Ernie Bonner, Jim Fisher, Dick Pokornowski, Al Myers, Charlie Williamson, Robert Bothman, John Frewing, Dick Carroll, Mildred Schwab, and Larry Cole

Guests: Ted Spence, Gilbert Mallery, David Peach, Sarah Salazar, Martin Nizlek, John Price, Bebe Rucker, Paul Bay, Steve Dotterer, and Winston Kurth

Staff: Rick Gustafson, Andy Cotugno, Sue Klobertanz, Terry Bolstad, Ellen Duke, Keith Lawton, Karen Thackston, Lubin Quinones (FHWA), and Lois Kaplan, Secretary

MEDIA: None

SUMMARY:

1. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT - AUTHORIZING FEDERAL AID PRIMARY FUNDS FOR TUALATIN VALLEY HIGHWAY, SE 21ST AVENUE TO SE OAK STREET

Following review of the Agenda Management Summary, it was pointed out that this project was adopted as part of the 6-year plan of ODOT for State funding. At this time, it is requested that Federal Aid Primary funds be authorized for use on this project.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of the TIP amendment authorizing Federal Aid Primary funds for Tualatin Valley Highway in Hillsboro. Motion CARRIED.

2. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT - ALLOCATING INTERSTATE TRANSFER FUNDS FOR THE RAILROAD AVENUE/HARMONY ROAD PROJECT

Following review of the Agenda Management Summary, mention was made of a letter written by Tom Matoff of Tri-Met regarding the need to provide safe and convenient pedestrian access to transit from surrounding areas. It was, therefore, felt that provision should be made in the Agenda Management Summary and Resolution to provide for such amenities at the time of Preliminary Engineering.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of the TIP amendment allocating Interstate Transfer funds for the Railroad Avenue/Harmony Road project with the further recommendation that the Agenda Management Summary and Resolution be altered to provide pedestrian amenities to facilitate pedestrian access to transit from surrounding areas. Motion CARRIED.

3. FY 82 UWP - PROGRAM OPTIONS

Andy Cotugno reviewed program options for the FY 82 UWP which were distributed at the meeting. The first three projects, the Westside Corridor, the Regional Transportation Plan, and Air Quality Planning, represented work elements where completion of the projects has been provided for and is currently underway. From item D on through item I, Andy pointed out the necessity to determine how much we do, what our role should be, and the continuation of on-going efforts in resolving some of the problems facing the Portland area. The level of effort on each undertaking is questionable.

Action Taken: Chairman Bonner asked each jurisdiction to carefully examine the projects listed to get some input back to JPACT. He further asked for some response within a 4-6 week period. It was the general feeling of the Committee that more emphasis should be given to those projects that would offer a sense of accomplishment rather than for the sake of planning. Each jurisdiction will be asked to weigh the priorities. It was further agreed that a special committee could be formed in two months to go over these options in detail. Andy Cotugno was asked by Chairman Bonner to prepare a breakdown of the projects in terms of end results for consideration in the next review of the UWP.

4. COMMITTEE ROSTER FOR RTP EVALUATION

Andy reviewed the list of Committee members representing the various jurisdictions who have been evaluating the RTP. He related that the ICC meets every Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. to review progress made by the staff, and he encouraged staff members of the various jurisdictions to participate as well.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW JPACT MEMBERS

Ernie Bonner introduced Mildred Schwab as a new member to JPACT, representing the City of Portland, and welcomed back Jim Fisher, representing Washington County.

6. STATUS REPORT ON INTERSTATE TRANSFER FUNDING AVAILABILITY FOR
FY 81

Chairman Bonner related that a total of \$21 million of Interstate Transfer funding has been allocated out of a \$55 million request. The TIP Subcommittee has tried to compile a list of priorities for the FY 81 year within the available resources. The lowest list they have arrived at totals \$25 million, leaving a shortfall of \$4 million. It was pointed out that supplemental funds are anticipated and that the choice of projects is more a matter of immediacy.

Rick Gustafson related that at least fifteen states are facing a similar situation with regard to Interstate Transfer funding. He stressed the need for a concentrated and unified effort to obtain supplemental funds to ensure that Interstate Transfer project funding flows freely into the region. He cited the need for key contact people in the Government that might be helpful in this area.

A memo was distributed at the meeting recommending the following course of action:

- 1) The TIP Subcommittee should meet to recommend a set of priorities using the previous listing as the basis for further refinement;
- 2) The projects included in the first priority category of \$19.9 million should be finalized by the local jurisdictions within the overall earmark already established for each jurisdiction; and
- 3) The TIP Subcommittee should recommend use of the additional \$1.1 million from the three projects included in Priority 2 for inclusion in the \$21 million priority: Nyberg Road (\$1.259 million); 185th Avenue (\$1.275 million); and 221st/223rd (\$1.975 million). It was requested that all projects listed in the \$21 million priority should be ready for obligation by the third quarter of FY 81.

Committee members from the jurisdictions of Gresham, Washington County, and the City of Portland cited inequities in the Priority 1 listing for the initial \$19.9 million, and further felt there was a need to reprioritize. Committee member Myers reported that a critical project to the Gresham area is the 221st/223rd, which is vital to the development of a shopping center. Also, an LID was initiated for funding this project.

Commissioner Schwab of the City of Portland also felt that the list should be re-evaluated in terms of equity. It was suggested that, if a similar situation is to be faced each year, perhaps the priority to the Banfield should be re-weighted in terms of other critical projects.

Action Taken: Following discussion on FY 81 project priorities, it was moved, seconded, and amended:

- . to refer the matter back to the TIP Subcommittee to develop a final recommendation for the available \$21 million of Interstate Transfer funds;
- . that the Tualatin Nyberg Road project be placed on the Priority 1 list to be funded within the \$21 million allocation; and
- . that jurisdictions be permitted to transfer projects within their total funding earmark, including Washington County's prerogative to exchange the Nyberg Road project with another of its choosing.

In discussion on the above motion, there was concern among Committee members about the long-term commitment to the Banfield and how much is pertinent to the RTP. It was pointed out that, without highway improvements being made to the Banfield, light-rail would not be implemented.

Also, because these projects were chosen with regard to their metropolitan and regional importance, there was some concern expressed over allowing each jurisdiction to exchange projects within their funding allocation. This concern was dropped with the recognition that all of the projects had been endorsed previously and are of regional significance.

Motion CARRIED with one dissenting vote from Mayor Myers.

In addition, the Committee further moved to include 221st/223rd and one of the remaining two Washington County projects (either Nyberg Road or 185th Avenue) as the next priority for use of supplemental funds as they become available. Motion CARRIED with one dissenting vote from Commissioner Schwab.

It was the intent of JPACT that this was not final action but that the TIP Subcommittee would make a final recommendation and resubmit its list for approval by TPAC, JPACT, and the Council at the next monthly meeting.

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7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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