

MEETING REPORT

DATE: May 10, 1979

SUBJECT: Meeting of Joint Policy Advisory Commission on Transportation (JPACT)

GROUP: Council Transportation Committee:
Charlie Williamson, Chairman, Donna Stuhr, Caroline Miller

Implementation Agency Representatives:
Bob Bothman, (ODOT), Bill Young (DEQ), Lloyd Anderson (Tri-Met), Florence Walker (Tri-Met), Gerald Edwards (WSDOT)

Elected Officials:
Larry Cole, (Beaverton), Don Clark (Multnomah County), Stan Skoko (Clackamas County), Allen Manuel (Milwaukie)

Others:
Doug Wentworth, Bill Ockert, Frank Angelo, Gary Spanovich, Terry Waldele, Ted Spence, Dick Arenz, Bill Parrish, Bebe Rucker, Winston Kurth, Joan M. Cartales, Alayne Woolsey, Karen Thackston

Charlie Williamson called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

IA. Voting Procedures for JPACT

The committee agreed with Mr. Williamson's recommendation that votes of the various members not be mixed. Instead, on votes which do not have unanimous support, the names of members voting on each side of an issue be listed.

IB. JPACT Meeting Schedule

Members were surveyed to determine preferences for meeting time. After reviewing the survey findings (absentee's will also be polled), Mr. Williamson indicated he will set a permanent day and time. The June meeting will be held on June 14. Karen Thackston will notify members of the time and place.

2. Tri-Met Radios-TIP Amendment

Bill Ockert summarized the questions raised by TPAC in April and answers provided by Tri-Met. He reported that TPAC was satisfied with the answers and had unanimously endorsed the amendment.

Don Clark moved and was seconded to forward the TIP amendment for approval by the full Council. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Work Trips and Air Quality (Information)

Bill Ockert reviewed the staff analysis concerning the role of work trips in the ozone problem. The analysis shows that 1) major reductions in work trips by the automobile can significantly improve air quality and 2) work trip reductions alone would not bring about compliance with ozone standards. Federal standards would be violated even if all auto commuters were eliminated in 1982. Based on the analysis, staff recommended that efforts continue to identify and evaluate measures which would attract the auto commuter from the single occupant auto. Other measures directed toward reducing emissions from non-work trips, truck trips, and stationary/area sources should also be emphasized.

4. Air Quality State Implementation Plan (SIP)

Terry Waldele explained that the SIP is basically a work program describing transportation control measures which will be evaluated to bring about conformance with federal air quality standards. He summarized a number of comments received from members of TPAC and the AQMA Advisory Committee as well as staff responses. He pointed out that TPAC had recommended approval of the SIP.

Councilman Cole moved and was seconded to forward the SIP to the full Council for adoption; motion passed unanimously.

5. FY 1980 UWP

Bill Ockert pointed out changes made to the draft document distributed at the last meeting.

Gerry Edwards, (WSDOT) questioned the handling of the Clark County RPC portion since it has not been approved in Washington. Staff response was that the Council should adopt the UWP subject to the Washington portion being approved by RPC.

Bill Young asked how energy planning was being included in this year's work program. Staff responded that a number of planning projects included efforts to assess the energy impacts of transportation alternatives but that funds were not available for broader energy conservation activities. The Committee discussion centered on the need to pursue energy conservation planning. Staff was asked to survey various parties to find out who is doing what, what has been done and what else needs to be done and to report back the findings next month to the committee.

Don Clark moved and was seconded to forward the UWP to the Council for approval subject to approval by RPC and adjustment of Table Four of the Washington component to reconcile differences in the pass-through funds to MSD with the other budget tables. Motion was unanimously approved.

6. Priority for the Oregon City Bypass

Bill Ockert summarized their analysis of the projects having committed federal funds. He pointed out that it was the only project involving significant increases in the capacity to move people along a major regional corridor which could use additional state matching funds in the future.

Commissioner Skoko commented that Clackamas County and Oregon City very strongly support the project.

Mr. Cole suggested that the Sunset/217 interchange should be designated "yes" on attachment A of the resolution. The Staff agreed to this change. Lloyd Anderson moved to amend attachment A to change 217/Sunset to "yes". Motion passed. The full resolution was moved by Lloyd Anderson and seconded to forward to the Council for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill Young asked about access controls on the bypass. Access controls on new facilities were discussed. JPACT asked staff to consider having access control as one of the criteria to be used in allocating funds to projects.

7. Criteria for Identifying and Selecting Projects to Use Interstate Reserve

The draft criteria were outlined by Gary Spanovich. Bob Bothman of the state gave high priority to projects involving the maintenance of current facilities. A copy of the introduction to the state's six year program will be distributed to the committee in that the introduction contains the state policy.

Lloyd Anderson requested a list of the problems already identified by the local jurisdictions. The committee was requested to contact Gary Spanovich. A final draft of the criteria will be distributed prior to the next meeting. Committee action is scheduled for the June meeting.

8. Emergency Energy Planning

Bill Ockert said that TPAC had recommended MSD coordinate emergency energy planning. He said that limited effort could be made in coordination by using technical assistance funds. The committee withheld further discussion until staff returned with a survey of energy planning activities.

9. Coordination of Computers

Bill Ockert explained the MSD will be receiving a small computer at the end of June which will be available to Tri-Met and ODOT.

If Tri-Met gets a larger computer, it will probably be two years away and the MSD computer can be used to feed the larger computer.

10. Status of Contingency Accounts

The staff memo explaining the MSD contingency accounts was distributed. Bill Ockert suggested the Committee review the process to allocate contingency funds and cover cost overruns in July.

No further business, the Committee meeting was adjourned.

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