

MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: January 8, 1987

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

PERSONS ATTENDING: Members: Richard Waker; Larry Deyo (alt.); Larry Cole; Bonnie Hays; Linore Allison; Bob Bothman (alt.); Vern Veysey; George Van Bergen; Dick Pokornowski; Earl Blumenauer; Ron Thom; and Pauline Anderson

Guests: Vic Rhodes, Steve Dotterer and Julia Pomeroy, City of Portland; Gil Mallery, IRC of Clark County; Susie Lahsene, Multnomah County; Gary Spanovich, Clackamas County; Bebe Rucker, Port of Portland; Rick Kuehn, Ted Spence and Mary Volm, ODOT; Mile Hollern, ODOT Transition Committee on Transportation; Lee Hames, Tri-Met; Rick Daniels, Washington County; and Geraldine Ball, I-5 Corridor Transportation Committee

Staff: Rena Cusma, Executive Officer; and Andrew Cotugno, Keith Lawton, Chuck Stoudt, Bill Pettis, Karen Thackston and Lois Kaplan, Secretary

MEDIA: None

SUMMARY:

INTRODUCTION OF NEW JPACT MEMBERS

Chairman Waker introduced and welcomed the following new members to JPACT: Bonnie Hays, Commission Chairman of Washington County; Larry Deyo, Councilor of Gresham, representing the cities in Multnomah County; and Earl Blumenauer, Commissioner of the City of Portland. He also welcomed and introduced Metro's new Executive Officer, Rena Cusma, and Mike Hollern of the Governor's Transportation Transition Committee.

MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 11, 1986

The Meeting Report of the December 11 JPACT meeting was approved as written.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR JPACT MEMBERSHIP

Andy Cotugno reviewed the proposal that would establish a two-year term for JPACT members, reconfirmation for membership following that period, and set a procedure for alternates at the time of a vacancy. He noted a request that alternates and members representing cities of a jurisdiction be selected from different cities. The Committee indicated concurrence with the proposed change.

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A discussion followed on the selection process for Washington County. Mayor Cole recommended that the nominations be initiated by the Washington County Transportation Coordinating Committee (WCTCC) because of its expertise in transportation planning matters. The Committee agreed that, in Washington County, nominations for JPACT membership will be initiated by the WCTCC and Metro will submit the slate to all the small cities for a vote.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to approve the process for selection of JPACT members with the two changes. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

ALLOCATION OF INTERSTATE TRANSFER REGIONAL RESERVE

Andy Cotugno reviewed the allocation of the Interstate Transfer Regional Reserve. All projects for consideration are included in the Concept Program. The issue of whether or not new projects should be in contention for Interstate Transfer Reserve funds was raised at the last JPACT meeting.

Bob Bothman clarified that there are two types of projects under consideration in the first group -- those projects under contract, where there is a definite funding commitment, and those in engineering (\$10 million out of \$12 million - Attachment B). He felt there should be an attempt to keep the commitment on those projects under contract.

It was discussed that transit considerations will be dependent on other available sources of transit funding.

During discussion, questions raised included: why new projects are being considered; whether there are new projects that are more meritorious than the ones first supported by the jurisdictions; whether the projects are still considered to be the region's first priorities; whether or not the region should adhere to its initial commitment on projects; and whether there would be an equity formula allocated to jurisdictions should there be a shift in funds.

Commissioner Blumenauer emphasized the need for JPACT to do a reality check -- pointing out its commitment to the highest regional priorities and its corresponding leverage with the State Legislature and Federal Government. The need to reaffirm that commitment was stressed if JPACT is to remain an effective regional entity.

Andy noted that TPAC's recommendation will not be forthcoming until the first of April, and that this matter will be referred back to JPACT at that time.

In summary, Andy indicated that the consensus seems to be that we shouldn't walk away from our commitments, but that we also shouldn't overlook any new projects that might merit regional consideration.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT

Bob Bothman provided an update on the status of the Surface Transportation Act (House Bill 2). Copies of letters sent to the Congressional delegation urging its adoption were included in the Agenda packet. ODOT's focus has first been on the House, then the Senate and, lastly, the Conference Committee. Mr. Bothman also reflected on the success of the call-in campaigns to the Legislature, and felt positive about the bill's passage.

RESCISSION OF INTERSTATE TRANSFER CARRYOVER FUNDS

Andy Cotugno stated that notification was received that the Office of Management and Budget has proposed rescission of Interstate Transfer carryover funds. These funds, carried over from 1982, do not lapse and have helped balance out the inconsistent appropriation process. A letter, therefore, was drafted to Senator Hatfield on behalf of the region asking for his assistance in obtaining Congressional denial of the proposal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andy Cotugno announced that a series of meetings have been scheduled throughout the state on the conclusions of the Oregon Roads Finance Study. Those scheduled locally include:

January 19, 1987 Clackamas County Department of
Environmental Services
Oregon City

January 26, 1987 Washington County Administration
Building
Hillsboro

These dates were later revised and notification of the correct dates was sent to Committee members as follows:

January 26, 1987 Clackamas County Department of
9:30 a.m. Environmental Services
Oregon City

February 13, 1987 Washington County Administration
9:30 a.m. Building
Hillsboro

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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