

MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: September 11, 1986

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

PERSONS ATTENDING: Members: Richard Waker, Tom Bispham (alt.), Ed Ferguson, Larry Cole, Marv Woidyla, Linore Allison, Margaret Strachan, Fred Miller, George Van Bergen and Jim Gardner (alt.)

Guests: Keith Ahola, WSDOT; Bob Bothman, Denny Moore and Rick Kuehn, ODOT; Grace Crunican, Steve Dotterer and Julia Pomeroy, City of Portland; and Gary Spanovich, Clackamas County

Staff: Andrew Cotugno, Richard Brandman, Bill Pettis, Cathy Thomas, Karen Thackston and Lois Kaplan, Secretary

MEDIA: None

SUMMARY:

MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 7, 1986

The Meeting Report of the August 7 JPACT meeting was approved as written.

ADOPTING THE FY 1987 TO POST-1990 TIP AND THE FY 1987 ANNUAL ELEMENT AND SELF-CERTIFICATION COMPLIANCE

Andy Cotugno reviewed the funding categories and components of the Transportation Improvement Program and Annual Element that list all projects scheduled for federal transportation funds in the region for the next five years. Also for consideration is Resolution No. 86-687 certifying that the Portland metropolitan area is in compliance with federal transportation planning requirements. Andy noted that all projects presented by the Oregon Transportation Commission in its proposed Six-Year Highway Improvement Program (released in June, 1986) are also incorporated in the TIP.

An errata sheet covering both resolutions was distributed at the meeting outlining the proposed changes.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of Resolution No. 86-686, adopting the FY 1987 to post-1990 Transportation Improvement Program and the FY 1987 Annual Element, and Resolution No. 86-687 on self-certification with the corrections stipulated on the Errata Sheet. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

STATUS OF THE ROADS AND TRANSIT FINANCE STUDIES

Andy Cotugno reported that both the Roads and Transit Finance Committees are trying to finalize their recommendations. Copies of excerpts from the Oregon Roads Finance Study Needs Assessment were distributed.

Andy then provided highlights of the Roads study which addresses: 1) the urban/rural needs for the next 5-10 years (defined for state, counties and cities); 2) an unfunded needs analysis (based on consideration of existing revenues); and 3) an analysis of road performance and its impacts (based on future revenues).

Andy informed JPACT that the Roads Study Committee is now trying to develop options for funding to meet the most important needs, and it is hoped that some type of legislation will result.

Fred Miller complimented Andy on his presentation, and reported on a meeting scheduled by State Senator Jane Cease and attended by supporters of highway funding.

A discussion followed over a comment raised by Fred Miller as to the disproportionate needs of the Portland metropolitan area. In response, Andy suggested that the Portland region only has a disproportionate need because this area produces gas taxes that are used to support the statewide road system. If those funds were used here instead, our needs would be comparable to the rest of the state.

On the transit side, it is hoped that a proposal will be developed to provide a state-level contribution that would be matched from one at the local level. It was noted that the state's figures for road funds are based on a viable planned transit system.

REGIONAL TRANSIT CONCERNS

Andy reported that Dan Mercer, Chairman of the Tri-Met Board, paid a surprise visit at TPAC's September 4 meeting in response to the August 8 memo addressed by JPACT on regional transit concerns. He explained that the Tri-Met Board is trying to resolve its problems and agreed to a future JPACT/Tri-Met Board meeting to discuss the issues of concern. Linore Allison encouraged JPACT members to meet with the Board to gain a real consensus.

Chairman Waker agreed to plan such a meeting and work out scheduling with Andy Cotugno.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fred Miller noted the September 15 dinner meeting of the Oregon Transportation Commission with East Multnomah County leaders. In addition,

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the OTC will hold its monthly meeting on September 16 at 9:00 a.m. at the Gresham City Hall. At 1:30 p.m., a presentation will be heard by the Washington County officials at the Oregon Graduate Center.

Margaret Strachan announced that September 19-20 are the dates scheduled for meetings by the National League of Cities Transportation and Communications Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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