

MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: October 9, 1986

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

PERSONS ATTENDING: Members: Richard Waker, Robert Schumacher, Marv Woidyla, George Van Bergen, Fred Miller, Tom Bispham (alt.), Larry Cole, Larry Cooper, Wes Myllenbeck, Ron Thom, Pauline Anderson, and Margaret Strachan

Guests: Ted Spence, Mary Volm and Rick Kuehn, ODOT; Susie Lahsene, Multnomah County; Gil Mallery, IRC of Clark County; Peter Fry, Central Eastside Industrial Council; Gary Spanovich, Clackamas County; Denny Moore, ODOT - Public Transit Division; Bebe Rucker, Port of Portland; Geoff Larkin, Cynthia Kurtz, Grace Crunican and Steve Dotterrer, City of Portland; Lee Hames, Tri-Met; and Geraldine Ball, DJB, Inc.

Staff: Andrew Cotugno, Richard Brandman and Lois Kaplan, Secretary

MEDIA: None

SUMMARY:

MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1986

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

TRANSIT AND ROADS FINANCE STUDY PROPOSALS

Handouts were distributed on the roads and transit studies being conducted statewide.

Andy Cotugno reported that the Transit Finance Committee has completed its study which will be considered by its Policy Committee later this month. Recommendations include: 1) a Special Needs Transportation Fund (based on an increase in the cigarette tax from 1 cent to 2 cents); 2) a Transit Capital Assistance Fund providing a \$12 million biennium appropriation (based on \$4 million of Lottery funds and \$8 million of General funds); 3) a Small Cities Assistance Program; and 4) further consideration of either a joint transit/highway fund or a dedicated state funding source. The information will go to the Interim Legislative Committee on November 20.

Andy noted that the Policy and Technical Committees of the Oregon Roads Finance Study have tried to define which parts of the highway

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package are the priority issues. He reviewed the prioritization criteria, the revenue proposals, and distribution issues yet to be resolved. He emphasized that there are no final recommendations on the roads study, but directions to date include: 1) enabling legislation for a six-year funding program; 2) a 2¢/year increase in gas taxes plus a weight-mile tax increase; 3) a one-time increase from \$10.00 to \$20.00 in the vehicle registration fee; and 4) a title transfer fee of 2 percent of the vehicle value.

There was discussion on distribution of the funds on a formula basis as opposed to a portion of the funds reserved for an Urban Modernization Program. Fred Miller expressed the Policy Committee's concerns on the size of the revenue package and the formula split. Mr. Miller was generally open to the idea of an Urban Arterial Program but was concerned that discussion would divert from finalizing the split between state/counties/cities of the overall program. He also pointed out that it was not now under discussion by the Policy Committee. Grace Crunican commented that the Steering Committee is open to the concept of an FAU supplemental program and that the League of Oregon Cities is also supportive.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to support staff in pursuing an Urban Modernization Fund as part of the roads finance package. Motion CARRIED. Fred Miller abstained.

TRI-MET BOARD/JPACT MEETING

A tentative date, November 10 at 3:00 p.m., has been set for a joint JPACT/Tri-Met Board meeting to discuss transit issues of concern to the region. Written confirmation of the meeting date will be sent to JPACT.

LETTER FROM CLACKAMAS COUNTY REGARDING SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR STUDY

The Southwest Corridor Study is nearing completion of its planning phase, and concern has been expressed by Clackamas County that the Southwest Policy Committee not make any financial commitments in its recommendations without initial establishment of a regional funding strategy. Implementation of the recommendations should not take place prior to consideration of priorities elsewhere in the region.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded that the Southwest Corridor Policy Advisory Committee be informed that their study should not include any financial commitments. Motion CARRIED unanimously. Andy Cotugno clarified that some staging analysis will be performed as part of the recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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