

## MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: February 13, 1986

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

PERSONS ATTENDING: Members: George Van Bergen, John Frewing, Earl Blumenauer, Fred Hansen, Bob Schumacher, Margaret Strachan, Ron Thom and Marvin Woidyla

Guests: Bill Vian, Douglas County Commission; Dale White, Harney County Commission; Bill Ford, Josephine County Commission; Ed Lindquist, Clackamas County Commission; Bill Penhollow, Association of Oregon Counties; Ted Spence and Ed Hardt, ODOT; Winston Kurth, Clackamas County; Geraldine Ball, DJB, Inc.; John Price, FHWA; Howard Harris, DEQ; Steve Dotterer and Julia Pomeroy, City of Portland; and Bob Post, Tri-Met

Staff: Rick Gustafson, Executive Officer; Andrew Cotugno, Richard Brandman, Keith Lawton, Phillip Fell, Bill Pettis, Karen Thackston, and Lois Kaplan, Secretary

MEDIA: None

### SUMMARY:

Acting Chairman George Van Bergen called the meeting to order and noted the lack of a quorum. All action matters processed by the Committee will be subject to a phone poll of the absent JPACT members prior to formal recommendation.

Mr. Van Bergen welcomed the following representatives of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC): Bill Vian, Douglas County Commission; Dale White, Harney County Commission; Bill Ford, Josephine County Commission; Ed Lindquist, Clackamas County Commission; and Bill Penhollow, staff, AOC.

### MEETING REPORT OF JANUARY 9, 1986

The Meeting Report of January 9, 1986 was approved as written.

### REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR INCLUSION IN ODOT'S SIX-YEAR HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Andy Cotugno reviewed the third-cut priorities for projects being considered for inclusion in ODOT's Six-Year Highway Improvement Program and the categories of funding identified on the attachments to the Resolution. He pointed out that Attachments B (State Highway System) and C (Economic Development Projects) represented the greatest areas of need in terms of funding shortfalls.

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Public hearings for consideration of the projects have been scheduled by ODOT on February 27, March 11 and March 12.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of Resolution No. 86-629 for the purpose of recommending to the Oregon Transportation Commission regional priority projects for inclusion in the Oregon Department of Transportation Six-Year Highway Improvement Program. All JPACT members in attendance voted in favor of the Resolution. Of the remaining members polled by phone on February 14, all expressed agreement; Fred Miller abstained.

DISCUSSION OF STATEWIDE FINANCE ISSUES: IDENTIFICATION OF ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED

A memo from the TPAC Finance Committee was introduced by Andy Cotugno which recommended that a comparable policy-level committee be established by JPACT with the following objectives: 1) develop a federal, state and local financial strategy for meeting transportation needs; 2) exchange information on county gas tax actions; 3) work with the Tri-Met Board to assist on transit funding; 4) participate in developing a state consensus on the recommendations of the Oregon Roads and Transit Finance studies; 5) develop a regional consensus on other proposed state transportation legislation (including the issue of local option road funding and transit funding alternatives); and 6) develop a regional consensus on the 1986 Surface Transportation Act and other federal transportation legislation. The overall objective is to have a consensus developed with transportation officials throughout the state.

One concern expressed was the need to integrate the transit and roads studies. Andy indicated that the transit finance study was smaller in scale and explained the differences between the two studies.

During discussion, there was agreement to add language to clauses "e" and "f" following the word "consensus": and participate in the development of a state consensus.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to amend the memo (as discussed above) and that an accompanying letter from Rick Gustafson be drafted, requesting appointments from the jurisdictions to the JPACT Finance Policy Committee.

RURAL TRANSPORTATION NEEDS AND THE RELATIONSHIP TO THE PORTLAND METRO AREA

Chairman Van Bergen reintroduced the AOC representatives. Each expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to speak before JPACT on mutual concerns of the state and for proposing a continuing forum to discuss transportation funding issues affecting state and federal legislation.

The AOC representatives placed emphasis on the following: needs of the rural areas in contrast to those of the region, their expectations in providing an adequate road system, building a statewide consensus on funding alternatives for Oregon's transportation needs, establishing common statewide goals in a cooperative effort to achieve those goals, building a network of better communication with the Legislature and Congress in support of Oregon's transportation needs, and the desire to work with JPACT on a unified system for addressing these issues.

Rick Gustafson spoke of the common goals shared by the AOC and the region and the importance of working together to achieve a state consensus on issues relating to state and federal transportation legislation and input for the Oregon Roads and Transit Finance studies. He also acknowledged the usefulness of the survey of road needs conducted by the counties as a tool to raising the gas tax. The need for a statewide gas tax was then discussed to provide for maintenance and construction needs.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN FREWING

With new Tri-Met Board appointments being formalized shortly, JPACT extended its appreciation to John Frewing who has served on the Committee since its inception in 1979. Rick Gustafson noted that he has been a strong transit advocate and acknowledged his valuable contribution to the region. A caricature of Mr. Frewing was presented to him.

Mr. Frewing suggested that JPACT introduce itself to the new Tri-Met Board.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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