

MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: May 9, 1985

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

PERSONS ATTENDING: Members: Richard Waker, Earl Blumenauer, Larry Cole, Ed Ferguson, John Frewing, Ted Spence (alt.), Wes Myllenbeck, Margaret Strachan, Ron Thom and George Van Bergen

Guests: Julia Pomeroy, Grace Crunican and Steve Dotterer, City of Portland; Keith Ahola, WSDOT; Gil Mallery, IRC of Clark County; Peter Fry, Central Eastside Industrial Council; Bob Post, Tri-Met; and Larry Nicholas and Susie Lahsene, Multnomah County

Staff: Rick Gustafson, Executive Officer; Andrew Cotugno, Richard Brandman, T. Keith Lawton, and Lois Kaplan, Secretary

MEDIA: None

SUMMARY:

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP

Mr. Richard Brandman reviewed the findings and recommendations of the Telecommunications Working Group. He stated that the purpose of the Working Group was to consider the potential for telecommuting in the region and its effect on the transportation system by the year 2005. The Working Group concluded that there are too many unknowns to try forecasting a number for telecommuters in the year 2005 and that the RTP should not treat telecommuting as a separate travel mode at this time.

Mr. Brandman also stressed the Group's conclusion of the need for a viable and progressive telecommunications network in this region as well as intergovernmental coordination and cooperation to resolve issues crossing jurisdictional boundaries.

Mr. Brandman announced that Metro's annual conference will be June 21 and will focus on telecommunications.

AUTHORIZING FEDERAL FUNDS FOR EIGHT 16(b)(2) SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND AMENDING THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Approval of this Resolution would grant the eight applicants eligibility to seek 16(b)(2) federal funds through ODOT for special needs transportation that cannot be more cost-effectively provided by Tri-Met. Tri-Met has indicated support of the requests which are in line with the policies of the Special Needs Advisory Committee on Transportation.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of Resolution No. 85-566 for the purpose of authorizing federal funds for eight 16(b)(2) special transportation projects and amending the TIP. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

AMENDING THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCORPORATE URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR 20 ACCESSIBLE VANS

The proposed vans are intended to replace the existing fleet in accordance with policies of Tri-Met's Special Needs Advisory Committee on Transportation.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of Resolution No. 85-567 for the purpose of amending the TIP to incorporate UMTA grant applications for 20 accessible vans. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

AMENDING THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE AN I-5 PAVEMENT SUBSIDENCE GEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION PROJECT

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of Resolution No. 85-568 for the purpose of amending the TIP to include an I-5 pavement subsidence geological investigation packet. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

In line with this action, Andy Cotugno stressed the need to develop a policy whereby staff could administratively deal with minor TIP actions that need not require consideration by TPAC/JPACT.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded that staff be directed to develop a policy for processing minor TIP amendments at the staff level for review by JPACT. It was then amended to provide for emergency situations as well. The motion, as amended, CARRIED unanimously.

AMENDING THE TIP TO INCLUDE A PROJECT TO IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY REPAIRS ON THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE

Chairman Waker indicated that Metro Council had given approval to this TIP amendment for the Hawthorne Bridge on April 25 in view of the emergency repairs needed.

During discussion, Mr. Spence indicated that this action would not affect any other funding of HBR projects under consideration.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of Resolution No. 85-569 for the purpose of amending the TIP to include a project to implement immediate emergency repairs on the Hawthorne Bridge with the understanding that it will cost between \$1 million and \$1.5 million maximum. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

AMENDING THE TIP TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SE STARK STREET PROJECT

Andy explained that the Stark Street project (from 242nd to 257th) is already authorized in the TIP. This request would expand the scope of that project for preliminary engineering from 221st Avenue to 242nd Avenue.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of Resolution No. 85-570 for the purpose of amending the TIP to expand the scope of the Multnomah County SE Stark Street project. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

LRT FEASIBILITY ON I-205 BRIDGE

Material was distributed at the meeting for the purpose of clarifying the issue of LRT feasibility on the I-205 Bridge. In addition, Ed Ferguson, District Administrator of WSDOT, indicated there is no structural question over the ability of the I-205 Bridge to carry light rail and that the ABAM analysis and conclusions are erroneous in that they were based on the design plans rather than the modified plans for actual construction of the bridge. He further indicated that both ODOT and WSDOT are in concurrence as to the structural adequacy of the I-205 Columbia River bridges for LRT adaptation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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