

MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: February 14, 1985

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

PERSONS ATTENDING: Members: Richard Waker, Lloyd Anderson, Larry Cole, Earl Blumenauer (alt.), Jim Gardner, Ed Hardt, Wes Myllenbeck, Dick Pokornowski, Bob Schumacher, Margaret Strachan, Ron Thom, George Van Bergen, Vern Veysey and Marvin Woidyla

Guests: Rick Walker, Cities of Multnomah County; Bob Post and Betsy Bergstein, Tri-Met; Julia Pomeroy, Steve Dotterrer and Geoff Larkin, City of Portland; Ted Spence, ODOT; Keith Ahola, WSDOT; Bebe Rucker, Port of Portland; Rick Daniels, Washington County; Susie Lahsene, Multnomah County; Gilbert Mallery, Intergovernmental Resource Center (formerly RPC of Clark County); Peter Fry, Central Eastside Industrial Council; Elton Chang, FHWA; and Geraldine Ball, DJB, Inc.

Staff: Rick Gustafson, Andrew Cotugno, Peg Henwood, Karen Thackston, Richard Brandman, Keith Lawton, Steve Siegel, and Lois Kaplan, Secretary

MEDIA: None

SUMMARY:

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW JPACT MEMBERS

Chairman Waker introduced and welcomed three new members to JPACT, Commissioner Margaret Strachan (City of Portland), Councilor Ron Thom (Cities in Clackamas County), and Mayor Marvin Woidyla (Cities in Multnomah County).

2. PROPOSED I-205 LRT STUDY SCHEDULE AND ITS EFFECT ON OTHER STUDIES

Andy Cotugno reviewed the background preceding initiation of the proposed I-205 LRT study schedule and its effect on other LRT studies. At JPACT's December 13 meeting, action was taken to designate the I-205 corridor from Portland International Airport to the Clackamas Town Center as the next corridor to be examined under the Regional LRT Study work program.

A discussion followed on Tri-Met's Blue Ribbon Committee and the role it will assume. It will be the task of the Committee to look at previously adopted and proposed goals and assess them in terms of Tri-Met's revenue capabilities, make recommendations for modifications of those goals where deemed necessary, or recommend measures to address the revenue needs. The time frame for the

analysis is within 90-120 days, with completion anticipated in early summer. Andy noted that preliminary engineering on the Westside corridor is being delayed until after that time. He further indicated that, based upon the amount of Metro staff time required for the Blue Ribbon Committee, other study schedules could be affected.

There was concern expressed by JPACT members over proceeding with any of the LRT studies until after the Blue Ribbon Committee finishes its analysis. Dick Pokornowski expressed Vancouver's concern for completion of the Bi-State analysis. Ed Hardt spoke of the project decisions around the Tualatin and Wilsonville areas that are pending completion of the Southwest Corridor Study.

Andy spoke of the priority placed on the RTP update and emphasized the Bi-State effort as a long-term commitment that needs to be fulfilled. He indicated that the Southwest Corridor scope is laid out over a full year, and that the bypass alternatives need to be defined by summer so that ODOT can move ahead. Andy asked for direction from JPACT on the kind of information and comments that should be directed to the Blue Ribbon Committee.

Bob Post stated that the Tri-Met Board has not backed away from the PE commitment on the Westside but has rather deferred until the Blue Ribbon Committee finishes its deliberations.

Rick Gustafson encouraged JPACT members to take some time to follow the efforts and discussion of the Blue Ribbon Committee on the future of light rail transit and its importance in the transportation system. He felt the Committee should be prepared to provide direction and to take a position as issues arise in terms of the best interests of the region.

After further discussion, there was general agreement that the studies proceed on the proposed schedule.

3. FY 85 and FY 84 UWP AMENDMENT FOR ADDITIONAL COMPUTER PURCHASE AND MID-YEAR PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

Andy explained that this resolution would add computer capacity that is needed to meet the needs of regional users since conversion from the UTPS system at DPA to the EMME-2 in-house system. He then reviewed the proposed funding adjustments and budget impact.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of Resolution No. 85-548 amending the FY 85 and FY 84 Unified Work Program to accommodate the travel-forecasting and model refinement needs as presented. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

4. INTERGOVERNMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

Steve Siegel related that the Intergovernmental Resource Center's purpose is to serve member governments and should be regarded as a consortium. In his overview, he noted the scope of the Center to be threefold: regional studies, technical assistance, and the coordination of services. The program areas include: data services, transportation, development services, and criminal justice. An IRC Advisory Committee was formed to advise on budget and work programs in these areas.

Steve reported on measures pending before the Legislature dealing with mandatory dues. He also indicated the need for broadening involvement by member cities and options being considered to improve communications for same.

Rick Gustafson reported on the status of House Bill 2266. He indicated that testimony has been given in support of the 1¢-state/1¢-city/county state gas tax and associated weight-mile tax. He noted that industry was generally supportive but that the truckers favored spacing the tax for 1¢ in 1986 and 1¢ in 1987. He encouraged JPACT members to be supportive by contacting their representative by letter.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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