



TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE
August 27, 2010
Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sorin Garber
Mara Gross
Katherine Kelly
Scott King
Nancy Kraushaar
Alan Lehto
Keith Liden
Mike McKillip
Satvinder Sandhu
Paul Smith
Jenny Weinstein
Tracy Ann Whalen
Rian Windsheimer
Sharon Zimmerman

AFFILIATION

Citizen
Citizen
City of Gresham, Representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
Port of Portland
City of Oregon City, Representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
TriMet
Citizen
City of Tualatin, Representing Cities of Washington Co.
FHWA
City of Portland
Citizen
Citizen
Oregon Department of Transportation
Washington Department of Transportation

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Brent Curtis
Elissa Gertler
John Hoefs
Dean Lookingbill
Dave Nordberg
John Reinhold
Karen Schilling

AFFILIATION

Washington County
Clackamas County
C-TRAN
SW Washington RTC
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Citizen
Multnomah County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Andy Back
Karen Buehrig
Nancy Cardwell
Lynda David
Jane McFarland

AFFILIATION

Washington County
Clackamas County
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
SW Washington RT
Multnomah County

STAFF: Andy Cotugno, Colin Deverell, Michael Jordan, Tom Kloster, John Mermin, Josh Naramore, Kelsey Newell, Dylan Rivera, Amy Rose, Jamie Snook.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Tom Kloster declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee members discussed the Climate Smart Communities project and noted that it will work through existing committees. A presentation on the project is to take place at the October 1 meeting.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

4. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 30, 2010 TPAC MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Mike McKillip moved, Mr. Paul Smith seconded, to approve the minutes for July 30, 2010.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, the motion passed.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Update on Funding Options and Strategies for the Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail

Mr. Dave Unsworth of TriMet briefed the committee on the current status of funding for the project. Noting the federal government's notice that it would only provide 50 percent matching, reductions to the project in concert with additional funding sources would be required to keep the project on schedule. Mr. Unsworth described various sources of additional funding and potential cuts. A complete list of proposed primary and secondary cuts is included as part of the meeting records.

5.2 Resolution No. 10-4185, "For the Purpose of Approving a Supplemental Multi-year Commitment of Regional Flexible Funding for the Years 2015-2027, Funding for the Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail Transit Project, and Project Development for the Portland-Lake Oswego Transit Project, and the Southwest Corridor and Authorizing Execution of an Amendment to the Existing Intergovernmental Agreement with TriMet Regarding the Multi-year Commitment of Regional Flexible Funds"

MOTION: Mr. Alan Lehto moved, Mr. Smith seconded, to recommend approval of Resolution No. 10-4185 to JPACT.

Discussion: Committee members asked a variety of questions to clarify the components of the resolution. Some members voiced concern for the long-term dedication of MTIP funds to specific projects but were generally supportive of the Portland to Milwaukie

Light Rail (PMLR) project and its timeline. Mr. Sorin Garber indicated a potential conflict of interest and stated his intent to abstain from voting on the resolution.

AMENDMENT #1: Ms. Jane McFarland moved, Ms. Katherine Kelly seconded, to amend the resolution to explicitly address PMLR long-term supplemental funding and remove the Lake Oswego to Portland Transit and Southwest Corridor elements.

Discussion: Several committee members voiced support for the amendment, noting concerns about investing in other capital projects during a period of service reductions and the potential to limit future financial flexibility.

ACTION TAKEN ON AMENDMENT #1: With **eight** in favor (Gross, Kelly, King, McFarland, Weinstein, Windsheimer, Whalen, Zimmerman), **nine** opposed (Back, Buehrig, Cardwell, David, Kraushaar, Lehto, Liden, McKillip, Smith), and **one** abstention (Garber), the motion failed.

ACTION TAKEN: With **thirteen** in favor (Back, Buehrig, Cardwell, David, King, Kraushaar, Liden, Lehto, McKillip, Smith, Whalen, Windsheimer, Zimmerman), **four** opposed (Gross, Kelly, McFarland, Weinstein), and **one** abstention (Garber), the motion passed.

5.3 Resolution No. 10-4186, “For the Purpose of Approving the 2010-2013 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program for the Portland Metropolitan Area”

Ms. Amy Rose of Metro described the resolution to the committee which would approve the 2010-2013 MTIP. Committee members discussed the status and inclusion of specific projects and suggested changes. Staff indicated that they will work with the relevant agencies to ensure all information is correct prior to JPACT consideration. Changes suggested:

- Correct section 2.2 - Delays to Planned Implementation – Move City of Portland projects from the East Multnomah County project list
- Add Stark Street project in Gresham to section 2.1 Major Projects Implemented from Previous MTIP
- Recognize the inclusion of the remaining American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects in legislation

MOTION: Mr. Windsheimer moved, Mr. Keith Liden seconded, to recommend Resolution No. 10-4186 to JPACT.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, the motion passed.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Community Investment Strategy: Building a Sustainable, Prosperous, Equitable Region

Metro Chief Operation Officer Michael Jordan presented the COO Recommendation report to the committee. Mr. Jordan described the challenges facing the region regarding infrastructure

investment and advocated developing regional, collaborative solutions between public and private sectors. Committee members discussed the guiding principles of the project, its current status, and those being recruited to be involved.

7. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Chair Kloster adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Colin Deverell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR AUGUST 27, 2010

The following have been included as part of the official public record:

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
	Handout	8/2010	Principles for Investing in Our Region's Future	082710t-01