



TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE
October 1, 2010
Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sorin Garber
Elissa Gertler
Mara Gross
Katherine Kelly
Nancy Kraushaar
Alan Lehto
Keith Liden
Mike McKillip
John Reinhold
Satvinder Sandhu
Karen Schilling
Paul Smith
Tracy Ann Whalen
Rian Windsheimer

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Citizen
Clackamas County
Citizen
City of Gresham, Representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
City of Oregon City, Representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
TriMet
Citizen
City of Tualatin, Representing Cities of Washington Co.
Citizen
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Multnomah County
City of Portland
Citizen
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MEMBERS EXCUSED

Brent Curtis
John Hoefs
Dean Lookingbill
Scott King
Dave Nordberg
Jenny Weinstein
Sharon Zimmerman

AFFILIATION

Washington County
C-TRAN
SW Washington RTC
Port of Portland
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Citizen
Washington Department of Transportation

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Andy Back
Nancy Cardwell
Lynda David
Phil Healy

AFFILIATION

Washington County
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
SW Washington RT
Port of Portland

STAFF: Colin Deverell, Tony Mendoza, Kim Ellis, Ted Leybold, Mel Huie, Lake McTighe, Ross Roberts, Kelsey Newell, Dylan Rivera, John Williams.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair John Williams declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee members briefly discussed ODOT's recent announcement of flexible fund availability and the reopening of TPAC's citizen appointment process.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NONAGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 27, 2010 TPAC MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Alan Lehto moved, Ms. Tracy Ann Whelan seconded, to approve the minutes for August 27, 2010.

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Resolution No. 10-4197, " For the Purpose of Amending the 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program and the 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Change the Scope of Work and Project Title of the 'Multi-use Path Master Plan: Lake Oswego to Milwaukie Project' to 'Lake Oswego to Portland Trail Master Plan: Powers Marine Park to Elk Rock'"

Mr. Ted Leybold and Mr. Mel Huie of Metro described the resolution before the committee. Mr. Huie related the history of the project and the change in scope following the Union Pacific Railroad's (UPRR) decision to prohibit engineers from examining the rail bridge near Lake Oswego as a potential trail crossing. A new study will continue to use the original study's funding and will examine a variety of solutions to address the narrowness of the alternate corridor. Mr. Huie noted that the Willamette Shoreline group had already approved the change.

Committee members posed a variety of questions to the presenters and suggested several changes to the language of the resolution and its staff report.

MOTION: Mr. Lehto moved, Ms. Whelan seconded, to recommend Resolution No. 10-4197 to JPACT with the following changes:

- Change language in the Resolution and staff report to reflect UPRR's safety concerns and project feasibility, and;
- Include language in the Staff Report reflecting the concerns of Dunthorpe-area residents regarding the multi-use path.

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

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Climate Smart Communities Scenarios

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro presented the proposed greenhouse gas (GHG) scenario planning approach. The creation of these scenarios is required by House Bill 2001. The scenarios will be focusing on investments to the built environment, such as land use changes to support transit, and management and operations, such as parking pricing. Each scenario will be evaluated based on how they address the GHG targets to be provided by the state and the region's six desired outcomes. House Bill 2001 directs ODOT and DLCDC to report to the 2012 legislature on region's recommendations and findings. The project will use existing advisory committees and result in MPAC, JPACT and Council adoption of a "preferred land use and transportation" strategy and implementation at the regional and local levels to realize the adopted strategy. Ms. Ellis described the ongoing planning process and a timeline of upcoming actions.

Committee members discussed the development of the scenarios. Members noted the importance of working on both the built environment as well as management and operations aspects. Some members were concerned with the task ahead and requested that representatives from relevant state agencies provide information to the committee.

6.2 Chief Operating Officer Recommendation: Urban Growth Management Functional Plan

Ms. Sherry Oeser of Metro provided background to the committee on Title 6 (City Center, Regional Centers, Town Centers and Station Communities) of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan (UGMFP) and sought comment on proposed changes. The proposed changes would include corridors and main streets in those areas already affected by Title 6.

6.2.1 ODOT Proposed Amendments to Title 6 and the Regional Transportation Functional Plan

Ms. Lainie Smith of ODOT briefed the committee on proposed amendments to Title 6 of the Regional Transportation Functional Plan (RTFP) regarding a vehicular trip reduction credit and solicited comments.

Committee members discussed the proposed changes to the UGMFP and RTFP. The committee indicated general support for the UGMFP changes and provided comments. Members indicated that the UGMFP changes should include "students," in addition to "workers" and "residents," in Section 3.07.640A. Members also suggested that the proposed RTFP amendments should:

- Support the engagement of the private sector in the development of parking management plans,
- Reassess strict parking management aspects, and;
- Allow exceptions to the proposed amendment regarding limitations on auto-dependent development.

6.3 Regional Flexible Funds (Step 1) Review: High Capacity Transit (HCT) Bond/HCT Development/Corridor Planning

Mr. Ross Roberts and Mr. Tony Mendoza of Metro briefed the committee on the HCT projects funded by Regional Flexible Funds (RFF), how these funds were being utilized for current HCT corridor planning.

Committee members asked clarifying questions concerning the changing levels of funding to future projects and the prioritization of the East Metro and Southwest corridors.

6.4 OR 217 Operational Study

Mr. Rian Windsheimer briefed the committee on the background of work on Highway 217 and presented a video highlighting the challenges present and low-cost projects to improve automobile traffic flow and reduce collisions. Potential projects include further ramp management and the installation of smart signage.

Committee members discussed the effectiveness of projects completed and the potential of those proposed and underway.

7. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Colin Deverell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR OCTOBER 1, 2010

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
6.1	PowerPoint	10/1/10	Climate Smart Communities Scenarios	100110t-01
6.2	Memo	9/27/2010	Urban Growth Management Functional Plan Title 6, Central City, Regional Centers, Town Centers and Station Communities	100110t-02
6.3	PowerPoint	10/1/2010	High Capacity Bond, High Capacity Transit Development & High Capacity Corridor and Systems Planning	100110t-03
6.4	Video	n/a	OR 217: Initiating Innovative Solutions Today	100110t-04
6.4	Handout	n/a	Oregon Department of Transportation OR 217 System Management Study Briefing	100110t-05
6.4	Article	9/16/2010	<i>The Times</i> , “‘Smart’ Roads for Hwy 217”	100110t-06
	Calendar	n/a	2014-2015 Regional Flexible Funding Allocation	100110t-07
	Memo	10/1/2010	2011 TPAC Meeting Schedule	100110t-08
	Publication	n/a	Fall 2010 GreenScene	100110t-09