



TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE

October 29, 2010

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sorin Garber
Elissa Gertler
Mara Gross
Katherine Kelly
Scott King
Nancy Kraushaar
Alan Lehto
Keith Liden
John Reinhold
Paul Smith
Jenny Weinstein
Tracy Ann Whalen
Rian Windsheimer
Sharon Zimmerman

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Brent Curtis
John Hoefs
Dean Lookingbill
Mike McKillip
Satvinder Sandhu
Karen Schilling
Dave Nordberg

AFFILIATION

Washington County
C-TRAN
SW Washington RTC
City of Tualatin, Representing Cities of Washington Co.
FHWA
Multnomah County
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Andy Back
Nancy Cardwell
Lynda David
Margaret Middleton

AFFILIATION

Washington County
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
SW Washington RT
City of Tualatin, Representing Cities of Washington Co.

STAFF: Colin Deverell, Kim Ellis, Tom Kloster, Ted Leybold, Lake McTighe, Kelsey Newell, Ross Roberts, Dylan Rivera, Mark Turpel.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Ross Roberts declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Roberts highlighted the upcoming Oregon Climate Summit and updated the committee on the development of the Regional Flexible Fund task forces.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

4. APPROVAL OF THE TPAC MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 1, 2010

MOTION: Mr. Alan Lehto moved, Ms. Tracy Ann Whalen seconded, to approve the October 1, 2010 TPAC Minutes.

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Resolution No. 10-4201, “For the Purpose of Amending the 2008-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Include Funding of Initial Land Acquisition, Construction and Related Costs for the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project.”

Mr. Ted Leybold and Mr. Mark Turpel of Metro described the amendment, which would formally recognize approved funding sources for the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail (PMLR) project, allowing for the commencement of related right-of-way acquisitions and preliminary construction tasks.

MOTION: Mr. Paul Smith moved, Mr. Sorin Garber seconded, to recommend Resolution No. 10-4201 to JPACT.

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

5.2 Resolution No. 10-4210, “For the Purpose of Amending the 2010-12 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Transfer Funds from the Greenburg Road: Tiedeman to Hwy 217 Project to the Walnut Street: Tiedeman to 116th Project.”

Mr. Leybold and Mr. Mike McCarthy of the City of Tigard presented the resolution. Mr. McCarthy described the current project as financially impractical due to an unforeseen

requirement of bridge replacement along the route and presented the City of Tigard's request to divert the funds to a similarly important but more feasible project.

Committee members discussed the resolution, noting their general support for the changes, but inquired about this project's ability to meet the criteria set for the original project and whether TPAC was considering the funds inappropriately.

MOTION: Mr. Keith Liden moved, Ms. Nancy Kraushaar seconded, to recommend Resolution No. 10-4210 to JPACT.

ACTION TAKEN: With seventeen in favor, one opposed (Whalen), the motion passed.

5.3 Resolution No. 10-4211, "For the Purpose of Amending the 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Delete the Washington Square Regional Center Trail: Hall to Greenburg Project and Substitute the Fanno Creek Trail: Main to Hall Project."

Mr. Leybold described the amendment, noting the original project's inability to move forward due to the lack of a willing seller in the proposed right-of-way. The City of Tigard requested that funds for the project be reallocated for other trail improvements.

Committee members discussed the resolution and inquired about the changes in the project's funding mechanics.

MOTION: Mr. Lehto moved, Ms. Margaret Middleton seconded, to recommend Resolution No. 10-4211 to JPACT.

ACTION TAKEN: With seventeen in favor, one opposed (Reinhold), the motion passed.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Regional Flexible Fund Step 1 Review: Regional Planning Program

Mr. Tom Kloster of Metro briefed the committee on the allocation of MTIP funds for regional planning efforts. Mr. Kloster described JPACT's past decision to adopt an MTIP/STIP model in lieu of a regional dues program and its likely continuation. Mr. Kloster also described several of the areas to which MTIP funds are allocated, including regional freight planning, livable streets and local project development.

The committee inquired about specific aspects of the regional planning process and concerns raised by the Metro auditor regarding project outcome measurement. Mr. Kloster acknowledged there was room for improvement, but that additional funds would be required to address them.

6.2 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Draft for Public Comment

Mr. Rian Windsheimer updated the committee on the STIP draft prepared by ODOT and provided a list of safety and preservation projects, noting the modeling used to highlight important projects.

Committee members inquired about specific projects and the application process.

6.3 Oregon Transportation Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Planning (HB 2001/SB 1059)

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro introduced Mr. Bob Cortright from the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, who reported on the state's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions planning efforts and their implications for the Portland metropolitan area. Mr. Cortright described the challenges ahead in addressing the state-mandated reduction in carbon emissions and the ongoing development of emissions reduction strategies. The statewide strategy will identify the combination of strategies needed to meet the state goals, with transportation-related GHG emissions reduction targets being developed for each metropolitan area. The Portland metropolitan region's scenario planning effort will be focused on identifying the combination of strategies needed to meet the region's target, tailored to address trips that begin, end or are entirely within the region's urban growth boundary.

Committee members discussed the specifics of the relevant legislation and the areas of responsibility for the region and state. Intercity travel options will be an important component of the overall strategy. Members discussed the risks of overly aggressive technical assumptions and highlighted the importance of considering a range of these assumptions at the state level. Members also noted the significance of addressing the equity implications of the different strategies, along with providing state-level incentives and public outreach.

7. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Chair Roberts adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Colin Deverell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR OCTOBER 29, 2010

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
5.2	Handout	n/a	City of Tigard - Proposed Walnut St. Improvements	102910t-01
6.1	PowerPoint	n/a	Regional Planning Funds	102910t-02
6.2	Handout	10/25/2010	ODOT Region 1 Draft 2014-15 STIP Candidate List	102910t-03
6.3	PowerPoint	n/a	State and Metropolitan GHG Planning	102910t-04