



TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE
January 7, 2010
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Beanes
Marta Carrillo
Elissa Gertler
Mara Gross
Katherine Kelly
Nancy Kraushaar
Alan Lehto
Dave Nordberg
Charlie Stephens
Paul Smith
Karen Schilling
Jenny Weinstein
Tracy Ann Whalen

AFFILIATION

Citizen
Citizen
Clackamas County
Citizen
City of Gresham, Representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
City of Oregon City, Representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
TriMet
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Citizen
City of Portland
Multnomah County
Citizen
Citizen

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Brent Curtis
John Hoefs
Dean Lookingbill
Mike McKillip
Satvinder Sandhu
Rian Windsheimer
Sharon Zimmerman

AFFILIATION

Washington County
C-TRAN
SW Washington RTC
City of Tualatin, Representing Cities of Washington Co.
FHWA
Oregon Department of Transportation
Washington State Department of Transportation

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Andy Back
Lynda David
Phil Healy
Lainie Smith
Margaret Middleton

AFFILIATION

Washington County
SW Washington RT
Port of Portland
Oregon Department of Transportation
City of Beaverton, Representing Cities of Washington Co.

STAFF: Dick Benner, Colin Deverell, Dan Kaempff, Tom Kloster, Ted Leybold, Lake McTighe, Kelsey Newell, Deena Platman, Deb Redman, Dylan Rivera, Matthew Rohsbach, John Williams.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair John Williams declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members of the committee introduced themselves, including new citizen members Mr. Chris Beanes, Ms. Marta Carrillo and Mr. Charlie Stephens.

Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro provided a list of projects supplied with funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and noted the approval of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) by the state Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) and the approval of the 2010-13 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Chair Williams thanked the committee for their contributions to the RTP.

Mr. Phil Healy provided the committee with copies of two reports describing economic health and international trade in the region and encouraged members to review them. Committee members noted their appreciation for the reports and the constructive nature in which they were presented.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. Tracy Ann Whalen moved, Mr. Alan Lehto seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- October 29, 2010 TPAC Minutes
- November 19, 2010 TPAC Minutes

ACTION TAKEN: With fifteen in favor and two abstentions (Kraushaar, Stephens) the motion passed.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Climate Smart Communities Scenarios

Mr. Tom Kloster of Metro briefed the committee on Metro's ongoing greenhouse gas (GHG) scenario planning efforts. The scenarios, which describe the integrated packages of policies that result in GHG reductions, are being developed as a result of state mandates. Current work included examining policy options to meet state GHG reduction targets and the development of a reference scenario with which to postulate alternatives. Mr. Kloster described the timeline of the effort and the deadlines established by the state.

Committee members discussed the effect of active transportation on GHG reductions and the possibility of changes to state mandates from the legislature. Members also commented on the disproportionate growth in larger metropolitan areas, noting the differing levels of responsibility for GHG reductions across the state.

5.2 Oregon Sustainable Transportation Initiative (OSTI)

Mr. Brian Gregor of ODOT briefed the committee on the development of the statewide transportation strategy (STS) on GHG emissions reduction. Noting the aggressive targets set by the legislature, the STS will recommend new policies or changes to existing policy target transportation-related emissions. Mr. Gregor described the goal of the current first round of scenario planning as analyzing the potential magnitude of reductions and the likely efforts required to reach established targets. These scenarios were being developed by the state's transportation emissions model, GreenSTEP, which utilizes different levels of policy assumptions amongst several categories to illustrate potential GHG reductions. Categories included changes in technology, urban growth and carbon pricing. Mr. Gregor indicated that next steps involve analyzing the top tier of results and extrapolating their requirements for the longer term.

Committee members discussed the STS and the results of the model. Members inquired about the baseline assumptions in the model, including household income and the likelihood of investment in electric vehicles. Members also commented on the need for a report describing the modeling and suggested potential adjustments to policy assumptions in road build-out and vehicle technology.

5.3 Regional Flexible Fund Task Force Strategy Draft Report

Mr. Leybold and Mr. Dylan Rivera of Metro briefed the committee on the Regional Flexible Fund (RFF) Task Force Strategy draft report. The report contained recommendations on prioritizing RFF dollars for the project focus areas of Green Economy & Freight Initiatives and Active Transportation & Freight Initiatives. The draft recommendation on an approach to Active Transportation & Complete Streets is to support developing fewer, geographically concentrated projects that incorporate pedestrian, bicycle and transit stop improvements into a comprehensive project that addresses barriers to non-auto trips in priority travel corridors or areas. The draft recommended approach to Green Economy & Freight projects emphasizes project development and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) on arterials vital to the region's freight needs. In the coming months, staff will work to solicit project nominations from local and regional agencies that would be brought before the RFF task force, JPACT and the Metro Council. Noting that the Task Force report would be finalized at the next meeting, staff accepted comments from TPAC to share with the Task Force.

Members commented on the recommendations in the draft report. Some members questioned how the report addressed RFF dollars being used for larger projects and suggested additional language in the report's recommendations regarding Green Economy/Freight projects. Members also commented on the presence of stormwater treatment projects and the report's recommendations regarding GHGs and environmental justice.

5.4 Region-wide Flexible Funds (Step 1) Review: Transportation System Management & Operations (TSMO) programs – Regional Travel Options and Regional Mobility

Ms. Deena Platman and Mr. Dan Kaempff of Metro briefed the committee on TSMO programs with funding derived from Step 1 Regional Flexible Funds, including the Regional Travel Options (RTO) program and the Regional Mobility program. Staff described the programs' benefits, current projects and goals for the forthcoming RFF cycle, including reduced travel times, work on regional highways and leveraging efforts with other jurisdictions, respectively.

6. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Colin Deverell
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR JANUARY 7, 2010

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
5.1	PowerPoint	1/7/11	Climate Smart Communities: Scenarios	010711t-01
5.2	PowerPoint	1/7/11	TPAC Briefing on First Round of Scenarios for Statewide Transportation Strategy for Reducing Transportation GHG	010711t-02
5.3	Handout	n/a	Port of Portland Considerations for Green Economy and Freight Initiatives	010711t-03
5.4	PowerPoint	1/7/11	TSMO Programs: Regional Travel Options and Regional Mobility	010711t-04
	Handout	2010	A Check-up on the Portland Region's Economic Health	010711t-05
	Handout	2010	2010 International Trade Summary	010711t-06
	Handout	1/6/11	ARRA Transportation Reporting Summary: Oregon and Metro Region Through November 30, 2010	010711t-07