



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

January 13, 2010

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carlotta Collette, Chair  
Sam Adams  
Rex Burkholder  
Jack Burkman  
Nina DeConcini  
Craig Dirksen  
Kathryn Harrington  
Donna Jordan  
Deborah Kafoury  
Roy Rogers  
Jason Tell  
Don Wagner

AFFILIATION

Metro Council  
City of Portland  
Metro Council  
City of Vancouver  
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality  
City of Tigard, representing Cities of Washington Co.  
Metro Council  
City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.  
Multnomah County  
Washington County  
Oregon Department of Transportation, Region 1  
Washington State Department of Transportation

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Shane Bemis  
Neil McFarlane  
Lynn Peterson  
Steve Stuart  
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.  
TriMet  
Clackamas County  
Clark County  
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Olivia Clark  
Susie Lahsene  
Ann Lininger

AFFILIATION

TriMet  
Port of Portland  
Clackamas County

STAFF: Andy Cotugno, Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick, Colin Deverell, Kim Ellis, Megan Gibb, Mike Hoglund, Allison Kean-Campbell, Ted Leybold, Robin McArthur, Kelsey Newell, Dylan Rivera, Andy Shaw, Randy Tucker, Patty Unfred, Chris Yake.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

Chair Carlotta Collette declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Collette welcomed new District 1 Metro Councilor, Shirley Craddick, who was in the audience.

**3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Ken Smelser, 1801 N Marine Drive, voiced concerns regarding potential cost overruns in the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project. Mr. Smelser compared the CRC project to the recently cancelled Access to the Region's Core (ARC) tunnel in New Jersey and the proposed Alaskan Way Viaduct replacement tunnel in Seattle, Washington.

Mr. Ron Swaren, 1543 SE Umatilla St., briefed the committee on double-decker buses that could be utilized in the region and described the buses as a way to expand transit capacity.

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Chair Collette noted the upcoming final meeting of the Regional Flexible Fund (RFF) Task Force and described its recommendations, which included advocating for the use of RFF dollars for fewer, larger active transportation projects and improved system management for the region's freight needs.

Ms. Susie Lahsene reviewed the Port of Portland's suggestions for additional language regarding green economy and freight initiatives in the RFF Task Force report.

Chair Collette discussed the upcoming meetings of the Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium (OMPOC) and recommended that Commissioner Lynn Peterson continue to serve as her alternate.

Mr. Jason Tell announced that ODOT and partnering consulting firms received recognition from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) for their work on several projects, including the Sellwood Bridge.

**5. CONSIDERATION OF THE JPACT MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 9, 2010**

MOTION: Commissioner Deborah Kafoury moved, Councilor Donna Jordan seconded, to approve the December 9 JPACT Minutes.

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

## 6. ACTION ITEMS

### 6.1 **Resolution No. 11-4223, “For the Purpose of Endorsing Regional Policy and Funding Priorities for 2011 State Transportation Legislation”**

Mr. Randy Tucker of Metro briefed the committee and sought comment on the resolution. Mr. Tucker highlighted previously recommended changes, including language describing the Road User Fee Task Force’s recommendations, in addition to high-speed rail and access management.

MOTION: Commissioner Roy Rogers moved, Councilor Jordan seconded, to approve Resolution No. 11-4223.

*Discussion:* Members inquired about the discussions between local jurisdictions’ government affairs staff regarding the resolution. As noted during the December 9 JPACT meeting, members reiterated an interest in developing an ongoing dialogue related to the region’s approach to the Legislature. Members also commented on the likelihood of funding for the CRC project.

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

### 6.2 **Resolution No. 11-4226, “For the Purpose of Endorsing a Regional Position on the Authorization of a Surface Transportation Act in the US Congress and Approving Regional Transportation Priorities for Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Appropriations”**

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro briefed the committee regarding the current political and financial circumstances surrounding federal transportation legislation and described the components of the resolution. Mr. Cotugno highlighted a revised version of Exhibit D, which deleted the Lake Road project.

MOTION: Councilor Rex Burkholder moved, Commissioner Rogers seconded, to approve Resolution No. 11-4226 with the amended Exhibit D, “FY 2012 Appropriation Priorities.”

*Discussion:* Members commented on the political landscape in the new Congress and cautioned against focusing on smaller projects. Members agreed that additional preparatory work was needed before bringing the region’s transportation needs to the Congressional delegation and questioned whether a six-year reauthorization bill would best serve the region’s needs, given the current political climate. It was recognized that the region is interested in and should advocate for a 6-year bill that meets the priorities laid out in the resolution and that the bill advanced may not meet the region’s needs.

Members also discussed the work in the transit-oriented development and active transportation components listed in the related exhibits. Members also requested additional information on how active transportation project priorities were determined. Conjointly, committee members proposed a friendly amendment striking the enumeration of specific active transportation projects from Exhibit B, “Strategic Project Direction: Focus on broadly supported high-priority projects,” which was accepted.

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

## **7. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **7.1 Global Warming Commission 2020 Roadmap**

Mr. Angus Duncan of the Oregon Global Warming Commission (GWC) briefed the committee on the 2020 Roadmap to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions below 1990 levels, as mandated by the state legislature. Mr. Duncan overviewed the recommendations by sector, with varying tiers of assumptions in each. Mr. Duncan also noted that, even if each sector achieves the highest tier, GHG reductions will still be modestly shy of state GHG targets. General goals of the 2020 Roadmap include:

- Increasing sustainable vehicle use,
- Focusing growth in existing urban growth boundaries,
- Reducing coal electricity generation,
- Supporting sustainable building practices,
- Improving Oregon's low-carbon economy; and
- Developing consumption-based carbon accounting.

Committee members discussed the 2020 Roadmap. Members conferred upon the potential impact of GHG reduction efforts on the economy and ways to integrate thinking on GHGs into daily decision-making. Members also discussed the aggressiveness of the targets and the need to engage the public early on.

### **7.2 Review of 2014-15 Regional Flexible Fund Step 1 Programs: Transit Oriented Development**

Due to time constraints, the review of the following RFF Step 1 programs was postponed to the February 10 JPACT meeting.

## **8. ADJOURN**

Chair Collette adjourned the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Colin Deverell  
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR JANUARY 13, 2010

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

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
	Handout	7/7/2010	“Nothing Has Ever Gone Right” Article	011311j-01
	Handout	n/a	Port of Portland Considerations for Green Economy and Freight Initiatives	011311j-02
<b>6.2</b>	Handout	1/11/11	Resolution No. 11-4226, Revised Exhibit D	011311j-03
<b>7.1</b>	Handout	n/a	“Global Warming” Handout	011311j-04
<b>7.1</b>	PowerPoint	n/a	Oregon Greenhouse Gas Reduction 2020 Roadmap	011311j-05