



TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE  
January 28, 2011  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Beanes  
Marta Carrillo  
Mara Gross  
Nancy Kraushaar  
Alan Lehto  
Charlie Stephens  
Paul Smith  
Jenny Weinstein  
Tracy Ann Whalen  
Rian Windsheimer  
Sharon Zimmerman

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Brent Curtis  
Elissa Gertler  
John Hoefs  
Katherine Kelly  
Dean Lookingbill  
Mike McKillip  
Dave Nordberg  
Satvinder Sandhu  
Karen Schilling

AFFILIATION

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

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Andy Back  
Karen Buehrig  
Nancy Cardwell  
Lynda David  
John Gessner  
Phil Healy  
Jane McFarlane

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Washington County  
Clackamas County  
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality  
SW Washington RT  
City of Gresham, Representing Cities of Multnomah Co.  
Port of Portland  
Multnomah County

STAFF: Dan Kaempff, Tom Kloster, Ted Leybold, Robin McArthur, Lake McTighe, Chris Myers, Josh Naramore, Kelsey Newell, Deb Redman, Dylan Rivera, Matthew Rohsbach, Amy Rose.

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

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

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

Chair McArthur stated that staff will be working to add items from the “future agenda” to the upcoming agenda.

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

There was none.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION: Mr. Paul Smith moved, Mr. Alan Lehto seconded, to approve the TPAC minutes from January 7, 2011.

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

**5. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**5.1 Opt In Public Opinion Research Panel**

Ms. Patty Unfred of Metro briefed the committee on the Opt-in program. Program objectives include citizen outreach, communication, improved demographic representation for underserved populations, sustained citizen relationships, and increased transparency. Project partners include United Way of the Columbia Willamette, Northwest Health, and Portland State University. Committee discussion included internet access, language options, and other barriers.

**5.2 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Josh Naramore of Metro briefed the committee on the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP include descriptions of all federally funded transportation planning activities to be undertaken by Metro, local governments and transportation agencies in the metropolitan region during the next fiscal year. Committee discussed the importance of the UPWP including encouragement from committee members to reconvene the project group. The committee also asked for further definition of the listed projects including the added Tiger 2 grant project. TPAC is scheduled to discuss and make a recommendation to JPACT at their March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**5.3 Regional Flexible Funds (RFF) Allocation**

*5.3.1 Resolution No. 11-4231, For the Purpose of Adopting the Recommendations of the Regional Flexible Funds Task Force*

Mr. Ted Leybold and Ms. Amy Rose of Metro briefed the committee on Resolution No. 11-4231 which if approved would adopt the Regional Flexible Funds task force report. Committee discussion included supporting projects that provide mutual or common benefits for both freight and active transportation projects. TPAC recommended JPACT approve Resolution No. 11-4231 and identified the following Task Force recommendations as warranting further JPACT consideration:

- Elevating "Ability to leverage funds" to a higher priority criterion than "Low."
- In the Green Economy & Freight Initiatives category, whether the criteria for improving safety be broadly defined and not focused narrowly on removing conflicts with active transportation.
- In the Active Transportation & Complete Streets category, clarify that "separating" pedestrian/bike traffic from freight and/or vehicular conflicts to improve safety can include many types and designs of facilities (cycle-tracks or bike lanes), not just new facilities on separate right-of-way.
- Whether utilizing funding in the Green Economy & Freight Initiatives category for regional strategy and policy development is an appropriate use of these funds.

*5.3.2 Resolution No. 11-4232, For the Purpose of Endorsing Procedures for the Allocation of 2014-15 Regional Flexible Funds to Individual Projects*

Mr. Leybold and Ms. Rose briefed the committee on Resolution No. 11-4232, the companion piece to the task force report which outlines project development and the selection process. The Regional Flexible Funds Task Force was charged with developing a recommendation to JPACT on the priorities and implementation strategies for investing Regional Flexible Funds in the active transportation/complete streets and green economy/freight initiatives. Staff will facilitate a collaborative project nomination and evaluation process using those priorities and strategies to recommend projects for funding.

MOTION: Mr. Lehto moved, Ms. Tracy Ann Whalen seconded, to amend the Resolution No. 11-4232 to:

- Remove the word "the" from page one of Exhibit A.
- Add "lead agency presentation of project nominations to Task Force and TPAC for comment" under "Project nomination and assessment material" bullet
- Add the word "county" before coordinating committees for clarification under "Project Nomination bullet.

Add "local/sub-regional public process to aid in identification of projects to nominate" to "Project nomination and assessment material" bullet.

DISCUSSION: Committee discussed the recommendation process including the number of projects and the level of detail utilized. Some committee members expressed concern that public participation is not weighted as heavily as the task force even though decision-makers will receive an assessment regarding the process. Others noted that the task force was comprised of all citizen members, that it was a proper construct to obtain a complex citizen-based recommendation and that broad-based public input will still be solicited during the sub-regional narrowing process and during the regional comment process.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor the motion passed.

#### **5.4 Active Transportation Demonstration Projects Criteria and Evaluation**

Due to time constraints this item was postponed to the TPAC meeting scheduled for February 25, 2011.

## 5.5 Draft ODOT State Freight Plan

Mr. Michael Bufalino of Oregon Department of Transportation presented ODOT's Freight Plan which is designed to guide ODOT and other agencies to preserve and enhance the state's freight system. ODOT representatives can bring comments back to TPAC from other groups. Committee extended thanks to ODOT for their comprehensive development plan.

## 6. ADJOURN

Chair McArthur adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Myers", is written over a light gray grid background.

Chris Myers  
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR JANUARY 28, 2011

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>
<b>5.1</b>	PowerPoint	1/28/11	Opt In Online Participation Tool	012811t-01
	Handout	n/a	Resolution No.11-4231	012811t-02
	Handout	n/a	Resolution No.11-4232	012811t-03
<b>5.3</b>	Handout	n/a	2014-15 Regional Flexible Funding Allocation Document	012811t-04
<b>5.4</b>	Handout	n/a	Active Transportation Trails	012811t-05
<b>5.5</b>	Handout	n/a	Draft Oregon Freight Plan Executive Summary	012811t-06
<b>5.5</b>	Handout	12/15/10	Draft Oregon Freight Plan	012811t-07
<b>5.5</b>	PowerPoint	01/28/11	Oregon Freight Plan	012811t-08
<b>5.5</b>	Memo	01/28/11	Proposed Comments On The Draft Oregon Freight Plan	012811t-09
	Handout	n/a	Climate Leadership Initiative	012811t-10
	Handout	01/27/11	Portland And The Willamette Valley Prepare To Face Climate Change	012811t-11