



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 10, 2011

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carlotta Collette, Chair  
Shane Bemis  
Rex Burkholder  
Jack Burkman  
Nina DeConcini  
Craig Dirksen  
Kathryn Harrington  
Donna Jordan  
Deborah Kafoury  
Neil McFarlane  
Lynn Peterson  
Roy Rogers  
Jason Tell  
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

Metro Council  
City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.  
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  
TriMet  
Clackamas County  
Washington County  
Oregon Department of Transportation, Region 1  
Port of Portland

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sam Adams  
Steve Stuart  
Don Wagner

AFFILIATION.

City of Portland  
Clark County  
Washington State Department of Transportation

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Olivia Clark  
Susie Lahsene

AFFILIATION

TriMet  
Port of Portland

STAFF: Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick, Kim Ellis, Megan Gibb, Mike Hogle, Allison Kean-Campbell, Ted Leybold, Robin McArthur, Chris Myers, Kelsey Newell, Dylan Rivera, 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**

There were none.

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

Mr. Jeff Goodman expressed that the Lake Oswego community consists of both proponents and opponents of the Lake Oswego to Portland streetcar project.

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

Mr. Randy Tucker of Metro discussed the United States Senate decision to discontinue the use of federal earmarks for fiscal year 2011-12. The committee discussed how to frame conversations when JPACT returns to Washington D.C. and how to present potential projects in context to the new reality of Washington D.C. Although the federal government isn't allowing earmarks, priorities must still be organized and ready.

Committee members discussed the appropriations including specific language used, descriptions of projects the appropriations, and how appropriations are discussed, may have an effect on the process. Further committee discussion included the addition of the freight program due to national emphasis on freight and the potential for a bill that isn't six years due to the volatile nature of transportation funding.

Chair Collette briefed the committee on:

- Metro Opt-in initiative which is a new online research panel that will gather public opinion from residents of the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area. Committee members expressed concerns regarding a lack of internet accessibility for some constituents and the possibility that only a portion of the community will be represented.
- Announcement regarding the joint MPAC/JPACT Climate Leadership Summit scheduled for April 1, 2011.
- The March 29, 2011 brownbag presentation by Patrick Condon on his book, Seven Rules for Sustainable Communities.

Neil McFarlane announced TriMet's recent ranking as the number one transit system in the country as rated by US News and World Report.

## **5. CONSIDERATION OF THE JPACT MINUTES FOR JANUARY 13, 2011**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lynn Peterson moved, Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded, to approve the January 10, 2011 JPACT Minutes.

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

## **6. OREGON FREIGHT PLAN BRIEFING AND JPACT COMMENT**

Ms. Barbara Fraser and Mr. Lloyd Colby of ODOT and Ms. Deborah Redman of Metro asked JPACT for their support to send a letter to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) containing policy-level comments on the draft Oregon Freight Plan. This plan was developed over a two-year period with guidance from representatives of Oregon's freight shippers and carriers, freight system infrastructure owners, land use and environmental agencies, regional and local governments and other stakeholders. The purpose of the plan is to improve freight connections to local, state, regional, national and global markets in order to increase trade related jobs and income for Oregon workers and businesses.

Committee discussion included concerns about classifying industrial lands to commercial uses, improving bottlenecks and chokepoints, and benefits of a thoughtful framework of this nature. The committee approved sending the comment letter.

## **7. REVIEW OF 2014-15 REGIONAL FLEXIBLE FUND STEP 1 PROGRAMS TRANSIT OREIENED DEVELOPMENT**

Ms. Megan Gibb and Mr. Chris Yake of Metro presented a review of the 2010 Transit Oriented Development strategic plan centers and implementation progress annual report. Current development successes can be seen in areas such as Patton Park, Pacific University, Town Center Station, The Knoll, and others.

Committee members discussed the benefits of the Transit Oriented Development plan and why this program is not funded from a regional perspective. To date the bulk of the funding has come from the federal government. Further committee discussion centered on land development opportunities that are important to help solidify the program.

## **8. Regional Flexible Funds Task Force Report, Recommendations for the Allocation of 2014-15 Funds.**

### **8.1 Resolution No. 11-4231, "For the Purpose of Adopting the Recommendations of the Regional Flexible Fund Task Force."**

Mr. Ted Leybold and Ms. Amy Rose of Metro presented about the Regional Flexible Funds Task Force which was charged with identifying transportation needs within the focus areas, priorities for meeting regional needs with funds available, strategies that should be employed to further development of these focus areas, and potential opportunities for collaboration between the focus areas such as active transportation and complete streets and green economy and freight.

**MOTION:** Councilor Donna Jordan moved, Commissioner Lynn Peterson seconded, to approve Resolution No. 11-4231.

*Discussion:* Committee members discussed why and how safety can be considered a medium priority in the Green Economy and Freight Initiatives category and that every project should be completed to meet all safety standards for local, state, and federal regulations.

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

**8.2 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 regarding endorsement of procedures for allocating federal transportation money known as Regional Flexible Funds. Historically this process allocates money to both regional programs such as the Transit Oriented Development program, and projects generated by local agencies. In this cycle, JPACT and the Metro Council decided that money for local projects should have a focused, regional impact, and provided direction on criteria and a coordinated framework, in favor of a process that produces an array of disconnected projects. Local agencies will work with county transportation coordinating committees to nominate projects for JPACT and Council approval by the fall of 2011.

MOTION: Mayor Craig Dirksen moved, Mr. Bill Wyatt seconded, to approve Resolution No. 11-4232.

*Discussion:* Committee members discussed the connection of smaller projects to larger regional projects and the potential to leverage those connections. Further committee discussion focused on the narrow focus of this effort compared with past efforts.

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

**9. ADJOURN**

Chair Collette adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Myers  
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR FEBRUARY 10, 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>
	Handout	2/7/11	JPACT Consideration of 2014-15 Regional Flexible Fund Allocation	021011j-01
	Handout	2/8/11	10 Best Cities for Public Transportation	021011j-02
<b>6.1</b>	PowerPoint	n/a	Draft Oregon Freight Plan	021011j-03
<b>6.2</b>	PowerPoint	1/28/11	Oregon Freight Plan	021011j-04
<b>7.0</b>	PowerPoint	n/a	Transit Oriented Development & Centers (TOD) Program	021011j-05
	Handout	n/a	Regional Priorities for Federal Assistance	021011j-06
	Handout	n/a	Seven Rules for Sustainable Communities	021011j-07
	Handout	1/13/10	JPACT Minutes	021011j-08