



TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE
April 29, 2011
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Beanes
Elissa Gertler
Mara Gross
Katherine Kelly
Scott King
Alan Lehto
Mike McKillip
Dave Nordberg
Satvinder Sandhu
Karen Schilling
Paul Smith
Jenny Weinstein
Tracy Ann Whalen
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

Citizen
Clackamas County
Citizen
City of Gresham, Representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
Port of Portland
TriMet
City of Tualatin, Representing Cities of Washington Co.
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
FHWA
Multnomah County
City of Portland
Citizen
Citizen
Oregon Department of Transportation

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Brent Curtis
John Hoefs
Nancy Kraushaar
Dean Lookingbill
Charlie Stephens
Sharon Zimmerman

AFFILIATION

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

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Kenny Asher
Andy Back
Lynda David

AFFILIATION

Cities of Clackamas County
Washington County
SW Washington RT

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

- Ross Roberts left Metro a few months ago; his position will go out for recruitment next week.
- Robin taking a 6 month leave of absence starting at end of June returning January 2nd
- Paul Smith of Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) announced that they expect to start the Sullivan's Gulch Trail Project next week.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

4. **Consideration of the TPAC Minutes for March 25, 2011**

MOTION: Ms. Tracy Ann Whalen moved, Mr. Alan Lehto seconded, to approve the TPAC minutes from March 25, 2011.

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 **Resolution No. 11-4246, For the Purpose of Amending the 2010-2013 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Allocate Funds to Manage the Regional Mobility Program.**

Chair Robin McArthur discussed the challenge of planning budgets at Metro and how that might affect Metro led projects.

Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro discussed amending 2010-2013 MTIP to fund on-going management of the Regional Mobility program. This would ensure continued support of key regional programs. TSMO capital infrastructure projects would not be impacted by the proposal. Activities to be supported with the funding include grant management, committee management, project management, and performance management.

Mr. Dennis Mitchell of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) briefed the committee on the background of Transport. The committee is a group of technical staff from agencies throughout the region and is a sub-committee of the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC). This committee created the TSMO plan and recommended the amendment to fund management support of the Regional Mobility program.

Ms. Deena Platman of Metro and Mr. Peter Koonce of Portland Bureau of Transportation briefed the committee on the importance of the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) resources to the Regional Mobility program. The resources will allow project groups to know and understand what other project teams are doing to ensure projects are coordinated

across jurisdictional boundaries. An example of this collaboration is traffic signal timing between cities throughout the region. Mr. Koonce stated that the region needs these funds in order to share information within the region and create these types of collaborations. This will help agencies to use the same language and operate with consistent information.

Committee members asked for clarification on the reductions in program FTEs, whether the funding reductions will allow for delivery of the same products, clarification on why there is a reduction in funding, and whether bicycling information will be included. Committee members expressed that TSMO activities are an efficient way to tackle transportation problems in a limited funds environment.

MOTION: Mr. Paul Smith moved, Mr. Rian Windsheimer seconded the staff recommended motion for Resolution No. 11-4246 with the following amendments:

- Exhibit A under line item titled Regional Mobility Management, change amounts listed for years 2013-14-15 to read zero dollars.
- Remove all language in Exhibit A and the staff report about programming intent for years 2014 and 2015.

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

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Creating a Climate Smart Communities Strategy Using Scenarios

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro updated the committee on the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Evaluation approach and role of TPAC and MTAC. This briefing is intended to gather input on the evaluation framework and strategies to be tested in regional scenarios. The evaluation framework provides a set of instructions to staff that will direct the development and evaluation of scenarios and other research to be conducted in summer 2011. The evaluation framework has been an important piece of work to figure out the scenarios and strategies as well as understanding which combination of strategies will be used. The analysis will include development of a “Strategy Toolbox” that synthesizes existing research on different strategies in terms of their carbon reduction potential, potential co-benefits and synergies, and implementation feasibility. Evaluation will be based on all six desired outcomes throughout the region. While reducing greenhouse gas emissions from light vehicles is important, the scenarios will be used to demonstrate how the region can progress toward the GHG reduction goals set by the state and achieve other outcomes of importance to the region: a healthy economy, clean air and water, and access to good jobs, affordable housing, transportation options, and nature, trails and recreation.

Committee member discussed the potential for overlap within the indicators, the challenges to figuring out public health benefits, possibly separating traditional air quality emissions from air toxics, and the benefit of evaluating the costs by income group.

6.2 Making a Great Place

Ms. Sherry Oeser of Metro, briefed the committee on transportation and land use tools to assist local governments in becoming eligible for regional investments and supporting local aspirations. There are plans to have a work session regarding system expansion policy with guidance coming back to this committee later in the spring.

Mr. Brian Harper of Metro, discussed the state of the centers report and the 2040 context tool. Specifically how centers are performing and new methodologies for the most recent version of the context tool. Using a one minute walk cell overlaid on a map which will show distance and density and its relative success allows a view of changes and to see how a center is functioning.

Mr. Josh Naramore of Metro, briefed the committee on the system expansion policy specifically that the Regional Transportation Plan has very general language and this expansion policy is an attempt at the details, the decision making process, the corridor work group, and analysis. Linking all these pieces together based on policies that have already been implemented.

7. ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Myers
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR APRIL 29, 2011

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
6.1	PowerPoint	N/A	Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Evaluation	042911t-01