



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

June 9, 2011

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rex Burkholder
Jack Burkman
Shirley Craddick
Nina DeConcini
Donna Jordan
Ann Lininger
Neil McFarlane
Roy Rogers
Don Wagner

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
City of Vancouver
Metro Council
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
Clackamas County
TriMet
Washington County
Washington State Department of Transportation

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sam Adams
Shane Bemis
Carlotta Collette, Chair
Craig Dirksen
Deborah Kafoury
Steve Stuart
Jason Tell
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION.

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

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Susie Lahsene
Diane McKeel
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland
Multnomah County
Oregon Department of Transportation

STAFF: Kim Ellis, Megan Gibb, Mike Hoglund, Allison Kean Campbell, Ted Leybold, Robin McArthur, Chris Myers, Kelsey Newell, Dylan Rivera, Patty Unfred, Randy Tucker, Andy Shaw, Lake McTighe, Ted Leybold, Tom Kloster, Kelsey Newell, Dylan Rivera, Aaron Brown, Kathryn Sofich.

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

Vice Chair Rex Burkholder declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Vice Chair Burkholder introduced Ms. Nancy Boyd as new Chair for the Columbia River Crossing project and new Multnomah County cities' JPACT alternate Fairview City Councilor Lisa Barton Mullins.

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

There were none.

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

- Chair Burkholder announced that Ms. Heidi Guenin was selected to serve as the new TPAC citizen member filling the vacancy left by Ms. Marta Carillo.
- Oregon global warming commission

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Consideration of the JPACT Minutes for May 12, 2011
- Resolution No. 11-4266, For the Purpose of Amending the 2010-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Add the Going Street Bike/Ped: N Vancouver Ave. – N Channel Ave. Project.

MOTION: Mayor Sam Adams moved, Councilor Donna Jordan seconded, to approve the consent agenda for June 9, 2011.

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

6. **A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO BUILDING LIVABLE, PROSPEROUS, EQUITABLE AND CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES USING SCENARIOS**

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro briefed the committee on the importance of the work and economic impacts of the various strategies employed. The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to a work group of Metro, state, and local agency staff and describe the evaluation approach and analytic framework to be used in Phase 1 of the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios effort. Included in the document is a process overview, a statement of guiding principles, and specific direction on the strategies and outcomes to be evaluated. The approach and framework will be updated for Phase 2 to reflect lessons learned and recommendations from Phase 1. The goal of the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios effort is to collaborate across different levels of government and public and private sectors to target investments to generate maximum local and regional benefits, and identify and implement programs and policies that help build prosperous, vibrant, equitable, and climate smart communities.

MOTION: Mr. Neil McFarlane moved, Councilor Jordan seconded, to recommend approval of the Climate Smart Scenarios to move forward to phase 1 scenario analysis.

Discussion: Committee members expressed concern about the potential economic impact on cities within the region and the region as a whole. Further committee discussion focused on producing projects correctly the first time rather than have to retrofit systems in the future.

ACTION: With all in favor the motion passed.

7. PROPOSED HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT SYSTEM EXPANSION POLICY IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE: RESOLUTION NO. 11-4265, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE REGIONAL HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT SYSTEM EXPANSION POLICY IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE

Mr. Josh Naramore of Metro briefed the committee on Resolution No. 11-4265. The resolution, if approved, would adopt the High Capacity Transit System Expansion Policy (SEP) implementation guidance guidebook. The guidebook, the first post-adoption 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) implementation activity to be completed, builds upon the SEP policy framework that was adopted as part of the 2035 RTP by:

1. Clearly articulating the decision-making process by which future High Capacity Transit (HCT) corridors will be advanced for regional investment.
2. Establishing minimum requirements for HCT corridor working groups to inform local jurisdictions as they work to advance their priorities for future HCT.
3. Defining quantitative and qualitative performance measures to guide local land use and transportation planning and investment decisions.
4. Outlining the process for updating the 2035 RTP, including potential future RTP amendments, for future HCT investment decisions.

The purpose of the guidebook is to have a tool that will help inform developers, elected officials, and agencies in the decision-making process. The guidebook will be available to local agencies however; it does take significant GIS skills to utilize. Future changes can be made to the guidebook however those changes must be discussed within the committee through the formal process.

Committee members discussed how the guidebook will help cities understand what it takes to become transit ready, how to advance HCT corridors, areas that have senior and low-income housing need transit but may not have budget to follow the guidebook, and that the guidebook is an attempt to make it clearer what type of actions can be done to be transit supportive.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 11-4264, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONCLUDING THAT THE CONCERNS AND CONSIDERATIONS RAISED ABOUT THE COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING PROJECT IN EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION NO. 08-3960B HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED SATISFACTORILY

MOTION: Commissioner Roy Rogers moved, Mr. Bill Wyatt seconded, to approve Resolution No. 11-4264.

Vice Chair Burkholder briefed the committee on the history of the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project over the past ten years and whether the conditions adopted three years ago have been sufficiently addressed to move forward.

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro discussed that there have been numerous questions regarding tolling the CRC and the call for traffic demand management functions and revenue generation. Due to financial concerns the Governors of Oregon and Washington have asked each state treasurer to conduct an independent evaluation of the CRC project finances. An investment grade analysis is only done immediately before bonds are released for sale, which is right before the money is needed and therefore that analysis will be done at a later date.

The resolution before the Metro Council has identified additional areas of concern that were addressed by the Project Sponsors Council in response to Resolution No. 08-3960b approving the locally preferred alternative; those areas are:

- Tolling
- Number of Auxiliary Lanes
- Impact Mitigation and Community Enhancement
- Demand Management
- Financing Plan
- Capacity Considerations, Induced Demand, and Greenhouse Gases
- Preservation of Freight Access
- Light Rail
- Design of Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
- Urban Development Impacts at Re-Designed Interchanges
- Bridge Design

Resolution No. 11-4264, if adopted, would accept responses to the concerns and considerations from the Locally Preferred Alternative resolution, support proceeding with publishing the Final Environmental Impact Statement, and acknowledge the need for further refinements.

Committee members discussed the possibility of phasing the project due to financial constraints, whether phasing the project changes any critical components, the possibility of bi-state compacts, and community enhancement funds, and human powered transit. Further committee discussion focused on freight mobility and the importance of this project for freight mobility in the region.

Committee members expressed concerns that support for this project is based upon a funding plan that does not use most or all of the available funds for transportation projects throughout the region. The committee also acknowledged there is a problem downstream of the CRC near the Fremont Bridge that will require a separate project.

Councilor Harrington questioned the need to amend the section on the finance plan to recognize the finance plan will take into account phasing. The committee agreed to allow Mr. Cotugno to wordsmith the resolution.

Commissioner Roy Rogers and Mr. Jason Tell agreed to the change as a friendly amendment.

ACTION: With all favor and one abstention (Lookingbill) the motion passed.

9. ADJOURN

Chair Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Myers", written in a cursive style.

Chris Myers
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR JUNE 9, 2011

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
5.0	Handout	05/12/11	JPACT Minutes	060911j-01
	Handout	5/26/11	2014-15 Draft STIP Outreach	060911j-02
	PowerPoint	N/A	Climate Smart Communities Timeline	060911j-03
	Memo	N/A	Climate Smart Scenario Planning, Mayor Sam Adams	060911j-04
	PowerPoint	06/09/11	CRC Status of LPA Conditions	060911j-05
	Memo	06/08/11	Hayden Island Livability Project – Ongoing CRC Concerns	060911j-06
	Handout	06/08/11	Columbia Corridor Association	060911j-07