



TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE

January 6, 2012

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carla Danley
David Eatwell
Elissa Gertler, Chair
Carol Gosset
Katherine Kelly
Scott King
Nancy Kraushaar
Alan Lehto
Margaret Middleton
Dave Nordberg
Satvinder Sandhu
Karen Schilling
Charlie Stephens
Rian Windsheimer
Sharon Zimmerman

AFFILIATION

Community Representative
Community Representative
Metro
Community Representative
City of Gresham, Representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
Port of Portland
City of Oregon City, Representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
TriMet
City of Beaverton, Representing Cities of Washington Co.
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Federal Highway Administration
Multnomah County
Community Representative
Oregon Department of Transportation
Washington State Department of Transportation

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Chris Beanes
Karen Buehrig
Brent Curtis
Heidi Guenin
John Hoefs
Dean Lookingbill
Paul Smith

AFFILIATION

Community Representative
Clackamas County
Washington County
Community Representative
C-TRAN
Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Committee
City of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Andy Back
Courtney Duke
Gary Schmidt

AFFILIATION

Washington County
City of Portland
Clackamas County

STAFF: Aaron Brown, Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Ted Leybold, John Mermin, Dylan Rivera, Gerry Uba, Marc Week and Dennis Yee.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Elissa Gertler declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Gertler highlighted the Active Transportation Plan report. TPAC is anticipated to receive a presentation from Metro staff Lake McTighe on the plan in the upcoming months.

Mr. Rian Windsheimer of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) announced that recent state restrictions on government travel will affect the number of people attending meetings but should not affect operations.

Ms. Karen Schilling of Multnomah County announced that Multnomah County received a TIGER III grant for the Sellwood Bridge Project and thanked the committee for their support.

Chair Gertler introduced and welcomed new citizen members Carla Danley, David Eatwell and Carol Gosset.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE TPAC MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2011

MOTION: Mr. Alan Lehto moved, Ms. Sharon Zimmerman seconded, to approve the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) minutes for November 18, 2011.

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.0 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendment

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro presented a Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) amendment. This project will study the effectiveness of peer-to-peer car sharing in altering travel behavior of participating vehicle owners and renters. This project will be performed in Portland, Oregon and will focus on neighborhoods that are poorly served by fixed route transit and existing car sharing services.

MOTION: Ms. Schilling moved, Mr. Lehto seconded, that TPAC recommend that the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) approve Resolution No. 12-4323.

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

5.1 Amendments to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

Ms. Ellis introduced the following resolutions:

- *Resolution No. 12-4319*: The City of Hillsboro has requested that two projects be amended into the 2035 RTP and 2010-2013 MTIP. These related projects address transportation issues associated with Intel's planned expansion at its Ronler Acres campus and will improve existing deficiencies in area.
- *Resolution No. 12-4320*: Multnomah County has requested that the construction phase of the Sellwood Bridge project be amended to the 2035 Financially Constrained RTP and the 2010-2013 MTIP.
- *Resolution No. 12-4321*: The City of Portland has requested to add the Portland Bike Sharing project to the 2035 financially constrained RTP project list and to remove the Allen Boulevard and Nimbus Avenue extension projects.

Committee discussion included:

- The immediate opportunity for \$1 million state dollars for the road connection to Intel. The program, by ODOT, is for immediate job creation where funds would not have to be paid back. There is still money in the program but the project needs investment.
- The details of the bike share program and the locations of kiosks in relation to elderly and disadvantaged people.
- The committee noted that the resolution numbers in Resolution No. 12-4319 and No. 12-4320 were both labeled 4319 in the title, and another typo in Resolution No. 12-4319. Staff will incorporate the corrections.

MOTION: Ms. Schilling moved, Mr. Windsheimer seconded, that TPAC recommend JPACT approve Resolution No. 12-4319, Resolution No. 12-4320, and Resolution No. 12-4321 as amended.

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

5.2 Climate Smart Communities Scenarios: Discussion of Preliminary Results and Findings

Ms. Ellis presented the Phase 1 Climate Smart Community Scenarios findings and asked the committee to recommend the report to JPACT for acceptance. The goal of the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project is to collaborate across all levels of government and public and private sectors to find the right combination of actions that will help the region build sound communities that advance local aspirations and meet state climate goals. Ms. Ellis reviewed the specific changes in the report. ODOT and LCDC will include the findings and toolkit in their joint progress report for the Legislature in Feb. 2012. Pending TPAC's recommendation, JPACT will consider the Phase 1 findings report at their Jan. 12 meeting. Pending the Metro Council's acceptance of the Phase 1 Findings, staff will forward the Phase 1 Findings and the Strategy

Toolbox to the Oregon Department of Transportation and Department of Land Conservation and Development, which will then allow the scenarios project to move into Phase 2.

Committee discussion included:

- Formalizing the training of spokespersons to better inform local jurisdictions about the Climate Smart Communities project.
- The ambitiousness of the required fleet and technology improvements. In the future the committee would like to engage in discussions about the implications of these technology and fleet assumptions on the region's target, as well as what it means for the region if these assumptions are not met.
- Concerns about the availability and viability of future financing and revenue sources, especially in the context of unfavorable economic realities.
- Issues for further consideration by project staff (as the process moves forward) should include a better understanding and more examination of the effect of individual policy strategies.
- Concerns about the limited scope of the climate scenarios project mandate and the lack of State direction for emissions reductions from other sectors. There was a request to coordinate the scenarios project with other local and regional emissions reduction plans.
- The climate scenarios project needs to consider the concurrent regional effort to update the regional household growth forecast and the assumed housing choice assumptions embedded in the forecast. Further research is needed to better understand regional changes in housing demand (current and future single family and multi-family housing demand).
- Ensuring that all stakeholders have a clear understanding of the Phase 1 findings in order to support the project direction moving into Phase 2.

MOTION: Mr. Andy Back, Mr. Lehto seconded, TPAC recommend JPACT accept the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project – Phase 1 Findings Report.

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

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Growth Distribution (Population and Employment Forecast at Local Level)

Mr. Gerry Uba and Mr. Dennis Yee of Metro provided a presentation on the Growth Distribution - Population and Employment forecast. Metro is required by state law to coordinate population forecasts for planning purposes so that regional forecasts can be distributed to Metro area cities and counties can coordinate population projections for cities outside the Metro UGB. Metro regularly updates these forecasts upon completion of major growth management actions. The last update was in 2005. Compared to previous updates, this process has involved more extensive

review of data inputs and will seek action from MPAC and Council of the final distribution of population density. The process begun in October 2010 with review and comment on the approach by the region's planning directors and is expected to be completed by summer of 2012. Mr. Uba and Mr. Yee gave details of Metro's analytical process and how they reached their actual findings. The findings, titled Gamma TAZ Forecast Distribution, will be released on Metros FTP site shortly.

Committee discussion included:

- The committee was impressed with the modeling and conclusions of the forecast and how it did not hide from difficult projections.
- Specific information that was taken into account such as size and availability of vacant land and public versus private land.
- Concerns over the accuracy of the green house gas modeling, specifically data provided by Global Insight.
- Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro announced Metro is working on an air conformity analysis consistent with federal rules and a comment period would start on January 12th. At the in the spring 2012 he will bring in document to recommend for JPACT.

6.2 Federal Authorization

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro briefly overviewed a draft memorandum outlining this year's federal authorization priorities. Unlike previous years, the region's priorities will focus on the larger message of the importance of an authorization bill, the need to invest in transportation, and will emphasize that action on 9 key priorities will directly impact the region and implementation. Key priorities included, but were not limited to, collaborative decision-making, maintaining the established funding split between transit and highways, and continued coordination through Sustainable Communities Partnership. Mr. Cotugno noted that there will be no federal earmarks and it would be prudent not to even mention earmarks in the paper.

Committee discussion included:

- The need to correct the senate bill on the treatment of non-National Highway System (NHS) bridges and the requirement to transfer Transportation mobility Program funds to the NHS system if pavement and bridge conditions slip.
- The availability of funds left over from the Jobs and Transportation Act for the Sellwood Bridge Replacement Project. The committee discussed how much available money was actually left over and if it could be allocated to the Sellwood bridge. The committee intended to follow up on this issue in the future.
- Ways to improve the format of the paper, areas to emphasize, and removing items that would not go in the final resolution (e.g. the term High Capacity Transit versus light rail).

Mr. Cutogno noted a proposed resolution will be brought to the next meeting for consideration and further insight is welcome

7. **ADJOURN**

Chair Gertler adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcus Week

Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR JANUARY 6, 2012

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
5.0	Comments	01/06/12	RTP Citizen comments	010612t-01
6.1	Handout	11/11	Data Transfer Protocol for MetroScope	010612t -02
6.1	Handout	1/5/12	Metro 2010-2045 Growth Distribution Process	010612t -03