



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

January 12, 2012

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rex Burkholder
Jack Burkman
Carlotta Collette, Chair
Shirley Craddick
Nina DeConcini
Donna Jordan
Deborah Kafoury
Ann Lininger
Roy Rogers
Jason Tell

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
City of Vancouver
Metro Council
Metro Council
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
Multnomah County
Clackamas County
Washington County
Oregon Department of Transportation, Region 1

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sam Adams
Shane Bemis
Craig Dirksen
Neil McFarlane
Steve Stuart
Don Wagner
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
City of Tigard, representing Cities of Washington Co.
TriMet
Clark County
Washington State Department of Transportation
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Jef Dalin
Bart Gernhart
Susie Lahsene
Lisa Barton-Mullins

AFFILIATION.

City of Cornelius, representing Cities of Washington Co.
Washington State Department of Transportation
Port of Portland
City of Wood Village representing the Cities of Mult. Co.

STAFF: Robin McArthur, Kim Ellis, Dylan Rivera, Deena Platman, Tom Kloster, Randy Tucker, John Mermin, Kathryn Sofich, Aaron Brown, Alison Kean Campbell, Andy Cotugno, Elissa Gertler, Nuin-Tara Key, Ted Leybold, Kelsey Newell, Sheena VanLeuven, Marc Week

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Carlotta Collette declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Collette welcomed new committee members Mr. Bart Gernhart and Councilor Lisa Barton-Mullins of the City of Wood Village representing the Cities of Multnomah County, and Metro staff Mr. Marc Week.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Collette provided a brief overview of the Dec. 15 JPACT Regional Funding Subcommittee meeting. Highlights included a presentation from Mr. Craig Boretz of the Community Investment Initiative's Leadership Council and a discussion on this year's federal authorization priorities. She also highlighted a memorandum from Metro staff Aaron Brown that overviewed the national recipients of TIGER III grants. (Memo included as part of the meeting record.)

Commissioner Deborah Kafoury announced that Multnomah County was a recipient of a TIGER III grant for the Sellwood Bridge project and provided a brief status update.

Mr. Alan Lehto of TriMet announced that JPACT member Mr. Neil McFarlane and alternates were not available for the meeting due to a meeting with the Federal Transit Administration. He also highlighted TriMet's current budget challenges and encouraged attendees to review TriMet's *Challenges and Choices: A Budget Discussion Guide*. (Report included as part of the meeting record.)

Ms. Mary Moller of Oregon Transportation Research and Education Consortium (OTREC) announced that PSU was a recipient of the U.S. Department of Transportation grant for research and education on sustainable transportation topics. OTREC and Portland State University's (PSU) transportation center will administer the \$3.5 million grant.

Councilor Donna Jordan of Lake Oswego announced that the City of Lake Oswego voted to table the Lake Oswego to Portland Transit project. She noted that the stakeholder and partner support is critical to the project.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Roy Rodgers moved, Councilor Jordan seconded, to approve the following items:

- The JPACT minutes for December 8, 2011 minutes;
- **Resolution No. 12-4323**, For the Purpose of Amending the 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Add the City of Portland Peer-to-Peer Carsharing Project;
- **Resolution No. 12-4319**, For the Purpose of Amending the Financially Constrained 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Add the Northbound Cornelius Pass Road to US 26 Eastbound Project;
- **Resolution No. 12-4319**, For the Purpose of Amending the Financially Constrained 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Add the Construction Phase of the Sellwood Bridge Replacement Project; and
- **Resolution No. 12-4321**, For the Purpose of Amending the Financially Constrained 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to Add the City of Portland Bikeshare Project and to Remove the Allen Boulevard and Nimbus Avenue Extension Projects.

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

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 **Climate Smart Communities Scenarios: Discussion of Preliminary Results and Findings**

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro provided a presentation on the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project. JPACT was asked to consider and accept the Phase I Findings report, *Understanding Our Land Use and Transportation Choices*. JPACT acceptance of the report would acknowledge the work completed to date and forward the findings to the Metro Council for their review and consideration. 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. ODOT and DLDC will include the findings and toolkit in their joint progress report for the Legislature in Feb. 2012. Additionally, Ms. Ellis briefly overviewed elements of Phase 2 which will include adjusting the assumptions and goals, and initiating community engagement with more local policymakers and other business and community leaders.

The committee discussion included:

- Mayor Jef Dalin of Cornelius, on behalf of the cities of Washington County, was opposed to accepting the findings. He stated the cities did not have sufficient time

to review the Phase 1 report and were unclear as to the consequences of accepting the report. He also noted the need to strengthen community outreach.

- The process for comparing and selecting between the different scenarios; including comparing cost effectiveness.
- Climate Smart Communities Scenarios timeline; specifically the anticipated Fall 2012 decision providing direction on alternative scenarios to be tested.
- The possibility of forming a subcommittee around the CSC.
- The importance of maintaining flexibility with the scenarios; specifically that there is no one scenario that will fit all communities.
- The importance of including other stakeholders, especially members of the business community and local industries.
- The need to broaden the region and state's focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions to include other contributors in addition to light-duty vehicles.

JPACT is anticipated to review and endorse the Phase 2 work program at their April 2012 meeting.

MOTION: Councilor Jordan moved, Commissioner Rogers seconded, to accept the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Phase 1 Findings Report, *Understanding Our Land Use and Transportation Choices*.

Discussion: Commissioner Rogers acknowledged the Cities of Washington County's comments, but expressed his support for the motion stating that these details will come with the next phase of the project.

ACTION TAKEN: All in favor, and one opposed (Dalin), the motion passed.

7. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Update on the Transportation Electrification Executive Council (TEEC) and Drive Oregon

Mr. Charlie Allcock of Transportation Electrification Executive Council (TEEC) and Mr. Jeff Allen of Drive Oregon provided a presentation on the use of electricity as fuel in the Portland metropolitan area. Mr. Allcock discussed the improvements in battery technology and how the Federal 2025 emission standards can be met with hybrid and electric vehicles. He also addressed the history of electric transportation in Portland and future issues the electric vehicles industry will face. Mr. Allen discussed how the Portland metro region can develop electric vehicle markets and the associated economic impacts. (Presentation included as part of the meeting record.)

The committee discussion included capacity to meet the region's potential electricity needs, electricity storage and infrastructure, and other U.S. states' dependency on coal power.

7.2 Comments on Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Tolling/Congestion Pricing Policy

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro, with assistance from Mr. Dave Williams of ODOT, provided a presentation on ODOT's tolling/congestion pricing policy. ODOT has released a draft set of policies and is seeking comment related to the consideration of tolling and congestion pricing on state highway system facilities. The overall intent of the policies is to ensure complete consideration of the issues before implementation of tolling or congestion pricing projects. And while the policy is limited to ODOT owned facilities, the policies are fundamental to the future management of the region's transportation strategy.

In response to ODOT's request, staff proposed a set of policy questions for JPACT's consideration:

- How should the policies be drafted to facilitate and help implement the region's interest in tolling and congestion pricing?
- Are there additional considerations that need to be included in the policy?
- What are the policy reasons why the region would want to implement a toll, congestion pricing and/or both congestion pricing and tolling?

JPACT is anticipated to review and will be asked to take action on a formal comment letter to ODOT at their February meeting.

The committee discussion included:

- Potential impacts to other facilities due to diversion.
- The State of Washington's experience with tolling such as HOV lanes and the Tacoma Narrows Bridge.
- The policy as a statewide policy and other areas that have or may be considered for tolling or congestion pricing in the future.
- Different electric tolling payments methods.
- The potential for staged multi-phased approach to tolling
- The difficulties in drafting a policy statement given the unpredictability of the public and other government bodies.

Committee members recommended Mr. Bart Gernhart of Washington State Department of Transportation provide a presentation on Washington state's experience with tolling.

7.3 Federal Authorization Priorities

Mr. Cotugno 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 that 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 indicated a resolution finalizing a position would be brought for the February JPACT meeting.

8. ADJOURN

Chair Collette adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marc Week
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR JANUARY 12, 2012

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

ITEM	Document type	Doc Date	Document Description	Document No.
4	Memo	01/11/12	National recipients of Tiger Grants	011212j-01
6.1	Packet	12/11	Trimet: Challenges & Choices Budget Discussion	011212j-02
6.1	PPT	01/12/12	Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project	011212j-03
6.2	PPT	01/12/12	Transportation Electrification	011212j-04
7.1	Report	01/11/12	Tolling Flux	011212j-05
7.2	PPT	01/12/12	Oregon Highway Plan Goal 6: Tolling and Pricing	011212j-06