



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
March 1, 2012  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rex Burkholder  
Carlotta Collette, Chair  
Shirley Craddick  
Nina DeConcini  
Craig Dirksen  
Donna Jordan  
Deborah Kafoury  
Ann Lininger  
Don Wagner  
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

Metro Council  
Metro Council  
Metro Council  
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality  
City of Tigard, representing Cities of Washington Co.  
City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.  
Multnomah County  
Clackamas County  
Washington State Department of Transportation  
Port of Portland

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sam Adams  
Shane Bemis  
Jack Burkman  
Neil McFarlane  
Jason Tell  
Roy Rogers  
Steve Stuart

AFFILIATION

City of Portland  
City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.  
City of Vancouver  
TriMet  
Oregon Department of Transportation, Region 1  
Washington County  
Clark County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Olivia Clark  
Dean Lookingbill  
Lisa Barton Mullins  
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION.

TriMet  
City of Vancouver  
City of Fairview, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.  
Oregon Department of Transportation, Region 1

STAFF: Alison Kean Campbell, Katie Edlin, Kim Ellis, Tom Kloster, Dan Kaempff, Ted Leybold, Robin McArthur, John Mermin, Deena Platman, Dylan Rivera, Amy Rose, Josh Springer, Randy Tucker, Elissa Gertler, Kelsey Newell, Sheena VanLeuven, Marc Week, John Williams

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

Chair Carlotta Collette declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m. Chair Collette formally introduced Ms. Alison Kean Campbell as Metro Attorney. Ms. Kean Campbell was selected to fill the vacant position by Mr. Dan Cooper, who is anticipated to retire in November 2012.

## **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON JPACT ITEMS**

Councilor Jeff Gudman of the City of Lake Oswego City Council, on his own behalf, testified to the committee that although he opposed the Portland to Lake Oswego Streetcar project, he did not oppose transit projects in general. He stated that while he believed the streetcar project did not make sense at that specific time, it did not mean he disagreed with other bus and light rail projects in the region.

## **3. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Chair Collette shared the Climate Smart Communities Phase 1 findings report with the committee. Metro councilors are in the process of presenting the report and project summary to city councils and county coordinating committees around the region. Chair Collette welcomed the committee members' attendance at the scheduled meetings. The Metro Council discussed Phase 2 of the project at a work session on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. The Metro Council would like local goals and aspirations to be at the center of this process.

Chair Collette announced that the draft 2015-18 the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) eligibility and prioritization criteria are available for comment from Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) stakeholders. The draft criteria are available on the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) web site. The Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) recommended that Metro staff draft a comment letter from Metro but to not seek formal MPO endorsement of the letter. Agencies are encouraged to provide their own comments to the STIP Stakeholder committee; directions for doing so are on the ODOT web site. Metro's draft letter will be made available to Metro area agencies for input prior to the April 13<sup>th</sup> comment deadline.

## **4. CONSIDERATION OF THE JPACT MINUTES FOR FEB. 1, 2012**

MOTION: Ms. Olivia Clark moved, Ms. Nina DeConcini seconded, to approve the JPACT minutes for February 9, 2012.

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

## **5. TRIMET'S "CHALLENGES AND CHOICES" PROPOSAL**

Ms. Clark of TriMet updated the committee on TriMet's recent proposal to address with the transit agencies 17 million dollar budget deficit. TriMet started the budgeting process three months early and have been holding open houses to receive public feedback. The proposed changes include, fair increases, eliminating zone pricing, surgical changes to services and internal efficiencies. The changes were designed impart to simplify the system for when TriMet moves to electronic ticketing. Transit equity of riders was a main consideration when developing fee changes and eliminating fares.

The committee discussed the following items:

- The importance of having a robust transportation system, the consideration of potential long-term negative impact, and the need to strengthen investments as the economy recovers.
- Some committee members were concerned with the lack of available demographic information. Multnomah County's member, Commissioner Deborah Kafoury, offered county assistance with the data collection process.

- The need to reinforce the importance of a federal authorization bill that emphasizes more transit investments.

## **6. 2012-15 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) AND AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION**

Ms. Amy Rose of Metro introduced two pieces of legislation. Resolution No. 12-4332, for the purpose of approving the 2012-2015 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program for the Portland metropolitan area. Resolution No. 12-4332, if approved, would; allow for the scheduling of previously allocated federal funding, define which decisions to add or remove from the MTIP that require JPACT approval or can be handled administratively, demonstrate that the region is meeting federal planning and programming regulations and would enable submission of the MTIP to the Governor and the US Department of Transportation (DOT) for review and approval

Resolution No. 12-4333 for the purpose of approving the air quality conformity determination for the 2012-15 MTIP. Resolution 12-4333 is the companion piece to the MTIP legislation and is a federally required step in documenting that the region can meet air quality standards. Approval of the resolution would enable the submission of the conformity determination to the US DOT for review and approval and thus affirm that the MTIP meets air quality standards.

The committee discussed the following items:

- The potential for TriMet's service cuts that could affect project's air quality conformity. Metro staff stated that any current cuts made by TriMet would be incorporated into the next MTIP modeling scheduled in 2 years.
- Ms. DeConcini flagged that the national ozone standard is currently under consideration and may be tightened. Any changes to the ozone standards would have to be updated in future next MTIP.

**MOTION:** Councilor Burkholder moved, Councilor Donna Jordan seconded, to approve Resolution No. 12-4332 and Resolution No.12-4333.

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

## **7. 2012-17 REGIONAL TRAVEL OPTIONS STRATEGIC PLAN**

Mr. Daniel Kaempff of Metro presented Metro's 2012-17 Regional Travel Options (RTO) Strategic Plan. The RTO program is intended to increase the awareness of non-single occupancy vehicle (SOV) travel options such as biking, walking, taking transit, and ridesharing. The purpose of this strategic plan is to define a mission, a set of goals and objectives, and a 5-year plan to support a regional travel options program. To accomplish this, the RTO program provides strategic investments in a range of programs, including: individualized marketing, employer and commuter travel options, Transportation Management Associations (TMAs), and traveler information tools and services. Mr. Ross Peterson of Nelson/Nygaard Consulting added details on the evaluation process used to create the RTO plan, outlined the new mission statement, and summarized key issues, opportunities and recommendations

The following items were discussed by the committee:

- The future of TMA funding, and how to balance stable funding of the TMA with accountability

- RTO programs that resonate in Portland might not resonate in the suburbs; members noted that ¾ of the region's population lives in the suburbs.
- The difference between new residents choosing into a non-SOV lifestyle and converting current residents from SOV to non-SOV.
- The success of the Smart Program in Clackamas County and how it is applicable regionally.

## **8. TIGER IV AND JPACT REGIONAL FUNDING SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE**

Chair Collette provided an update on the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) IV grant applications. At the JPACT regional funding subcommittee on Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012, subcommittee members recommended that JPACT to approve a letter to Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood supporting local jurisdictions in the metro area submission of four TIGER grants applications based on a technical rating according derived from a federal scoring standards. Metro staff rated the Sunrise Project in Clackamas County, with the highest score while the other three, the I-84/Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park Access, the Close the Loop Streetcar, the US 26/Brookwood-Helvetia Interchange Modernization Project, would still move forward with committee support.

The following items were discussed by the committee:

- Identify job creation figures in the application with short and long term aspects.
- The application should show how each project has unique quality which may match future federal priorities.
- The committee should consider putting the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the first section.
- The committee noted how close each projects rated during staff evaluation.
- The committee noted that Representative Earl Blumenauer recommended that only one project move forward.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Ann Lininger moved, Councilor Jordan seconded, to approve the letter of support be sent to Secretary Ray LaHood, for the regions four TIGER IV applications with the previous comments.

**ACTION TAKEN:** With all in favor, 1 abstain (N. DeConcini), the motion passed.

## **9. ADJOURN**

Chair Collette adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marc Week  
Recording Secretary

### **ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR MARCH 1, 2012**

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>
<b>3</b>	Brochure	02/12	CRC Phase 1 Findings	030112j-01
<b>3</b>	Handout	02/12	CRC Phase 1 Findings	030112j-02
<b>5</b>	Handout	2/12	TriMet Challenges and Choices	030112j -03
<b>5</b>	Handout	02/09/12	TriMet Service Reduction	030112j -04
<b>6</b>	Resolution	03/01/12	Resolution No. 12-4332	030112j -05
<b>7</b>	PPT	2/12	Regional Travel Options	030112j -06
<b>8</b>	Letter	2/9/12	TIGER IV Submissions	030112j -07