

## MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: February 9, 1984

GROUP/SUBJECT: Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT)

PERSONS ATTENDING: Members: Charlie Williamson, Larry Cole, Bruce Etlinger, John Frewing, Robert Schumacher and Richard Waker

Guests: Keith Ahola, WSDOT; Ted Spence, ODOT; Steve Dotterer, City of Portland; Bebe Rucker, Multnomah County; Steve Smith, Tom Matoff, Lee Hames and Bob Post, Tri-Met; Gilbert Mallery, RPC of Clark County; Winston Kurth, Clackamas County; Easton Cross, Kasch's; and Geraldine Ball, DJB, Inc.

Staff: Rick Gustafson, Andy Cotugno, T. Keith Lawton, Dick Bolen, Karen Thackston, Peg Henwood and Lois Kaplan, Secretary

MEDIA: None

### SUMMARY:

#### 1. STATUS REPORT ON POPULATION/EMPLOYMENT FORECAST UPDATE

Keith Lawton reviewed the changes that have taken place since the 1980/2000 population/employment forecast was conducted, including: 1) the impact of the recession; 2) the inability to maintain the previous growth rates without unprecedented economic expansion; 3) the changing lifestyle trends; 4) the declining household size; and 5) the changing ratio of single-family to multi-family dwelling units. Such changes affect the value and credibility of the existing forecast and necessitate an update to the year 2005.

Staff will prepare issue papers for use at a workshop comprised of local planners, members of the private and public sector, and representatives of the high-tech industries. Recommendations formulated at the workshop will be forwarded on to the Growth Distribution Workshops where planners, utilizing the knowledge of what land is available and vacant, will allocate the regional control totals to census tracts. A series of papers on key growth issues will be presented to local jurisdictions and JPACT. The intent is that the most informed representatives from the private and public sector will provide the basis for assumptions to be used in the updated forecast.

Position papers will be forthcoming by the end of March, with the entire planning process extending until June.

Charlie Williamson asked that JPACT be kept apprised of the population/employment update.

2. AMENDING THE FY 1984 TIP TO TRANSFER UMTA SECTION 9 FUNDS FROM CAPITAL ASSISTANCE TO OPERATING ASSISTANCE, AND ADDING A NEW RESTORATION (4R) PROJECT

This Resolution, if approved, would entail two separate actions: 1) while it would forfeit \$644,223 in Capital Assistance funds, the transfer of \$1,289,342 from Capital to Operating Assistance would benefit Tri-Met by providing needed local funds; and 2) it would add a new restoration (4R) project to the TIP on I-5 from the South Tigard interchange to the Willamette River Bridge in Wilsonville in the amount of \$368,000.

Action Taken: Lacking a quorum, no formal recommendation was made by the Committee; however, the consensus of those present was to convey their approval of the Resolution to the Metro Council.

3. SEEKING CONGRESSIONAL PASSAGE OF THE FY 1984 INTERSTATE TRANSFER COST ESTIMATE

Andy explained that the U.S. Department of Transportation is unable to release the Interstate Transfer funds until Congress passes the FY 84 Interstate Transfer Cost Estimate. \$33 million of highway funds are pending the passage of the cost estimate. The proposed Resolution is our attempt to accelerate passage of the cost estimate.

Rick Gustafson noted that the Legislature is about to take a recess and probably will not act on this matter until the end of the month.

Action Taken: Inasmuch as a quorum was lacking, Charlie Williamson asked that a letter be drafted in lieu of the proposed Resolution for submittal to Congress on the 1984 Interstate Transfer Cost Estimate. In addition, Mr. Waker asked that staff prepare a list of those projects affected by delaying the passage of the cost estimate.

4. COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE

Due to the poor attendance at the JPACT meeting, members felt that some action should be taken to encourage better member attendance. Chairman Williamson indicated that a letter would be sent to all members. Larry Cole suggested that members notify the secretary in advance if they are aware of an inability to attend.

5. TRI-MET TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM/SERVICE CUTS

Tom Matoff related that, because of Tri-Met's precarious funding situation, a 2,000-hour cutback of service hours went into

effect on January 27 with an additional 2,000-hour reduction to become effective June 17, 1984. In addition, a 3,000-hour service cut is slated for January, 1985. He indicated that the service cuts represented about a 21 percent reduction.

A handout was distributed providing the background for the reduction in service. He then reviewed the seven objectives considered in determining the cuts.

Community meetings have been scheduled by Tri-Met on February 21 and 22 to discuss the June cuts. In addition, a public hearing will be held on March 15, with the final proposal being submitted to the Board of Directors on March 19, 1984.

Mr. Matoff also indicated that a revision in the fare/zone structure would take place to consolidate the three outer zones into Zone 3 and the tendency to increase fares for the short-distance trips and reduce them for the long trips.

Mr. Matoff informed the Committee that most of the June service cuts affect the City more than suburban areas which would be cut more heavily in January 1985 cuts.

Bruce Etlinger questioned whether consideration had been given to an experimental grid service on 122nd Avenue, with possible use of small vans. Bob Post did not feel there would be any opposition from the union to using vans inasmuch as there is no existing service at this time.

Regarding the Five-Year Transit Development Program schedule, Bob Post stated that most staff time has been devoted to the impending service cuts. He did indicate, however, that a draft is being prepared for review at Tri-Met and they are proposing to enlist TPAC and JPACT in the TDP development. Bruce Etlinger noted that Metro Council sees the need for a TDP in this region in explaining options for improvement.

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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