

MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: September 13, 1984

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

PERSONS ATTENDING: Members: Charlie Williamson, Robert Schumacher, Richard Waker, George Van Bergen, John Frewing, Ted Spence (alternate), Vern Veysey, Larry Cole and Earl Blumenauer (alternate)

Guests: Bebe Rucker, Multnomah County; Brian Campbell, Port of Portland; Grace Crunican and Steve Dotterer, City of Portland; Elton Chang, FHWA; Lee Hames, Tri-Met; and Peter Fry, Central Eastside Industrial Council

Staff: Andrew Cotugno, Bill Pettis, Keith Lawton, Dick Bolen, Karen Thackston, Peg Henwood, and Lois Kaplan, Secretary

MEDIA: None

SUMMARY:

Following an introduction of newcomer George Van Bergen to JPACT and a welcome-back to Commissioner Blumenauer from his trip to Europe, a quorum was declared and the meeting commenced.

1. ADOPTING THE FY 1985 TO POST-1988 TIP AND THE FY 1985 ANNUAL ELEMENT

Andy Cotugno reviewed the various funds comprising the Transportation Improvement Program for FY 1985. The primary importance of the annual TIP is to consolidate all past actions into an updated document and set forth the anticipated program for FY 85. Priorities will then be set later in the year based upon the actual amount of revenue received.

Under the Section 3 "Trade" section, Andy noted a new project added to the TIP -- the North Terminal facility, to be funded from the Downtown Portland Reserve -- and an increase in funding to the Tigard transit station. With regard to Section 9 funding, the question was raised as to whether Tri-Met will continue to follow the practice of trading capital funds for federal operating assistance with the resultant penalty of \$644,000. In response, Mr. Frewing related that the 1980 Transit Development Program is in the process of revision and that, until the TDP is updated, he felt such transactions would occur. He also revealed that there is a proposal for some change in funding to the extent that local funding for operations can be advanced and that other options for funding are being explored.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of Resolution No. 84-498 adopting the FY 1985 to post-1988 Transportation Improvement Program and the FY 1985 Annual Element. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

2. ADOPTING THE YEAR 2005 FORECAST OF POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT FOR USE IN METRO'S FUNCTIONAL PLANS

Keith Lawton explained that this forecast, if approved, would serve as the basis for Metro's infrastructure planning needs. He reviewed the role of the Regional Growth Forum and its composition and emphasized that the representation at the Growth Allocation workshops involved planners and administrators from every jurisdiction in the region. Their task was to review the 2005 forecast and allocate the data down to 20 districts. A summary report of the regional growth forecast (1983 to 2005) that resulted was distributed at the meeting showing the forecasts arrived at by the workshops.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of Resolution No. 84-497 for adoption of the year 2005 forecast of population and employment for use in Metro's functional plans. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

3. STATUS OF STATE GAS TAX ACTIVITIES

Andy related that, at the last JPACT meeting, endorsement was given to a 1¢-state/2¢-city/county gas tax measure. He indicated further that AOC and LOC representatives from the region are stressing the significance and need for the 2-cent increase for the locals; however, the Legislative Council was asked by the House Task Force on State and Local Road Funding to draft legislation for a 1¢-state/1¢-local tax measure.

Studies proposed or underway at this time include: 1) a bridge study undertaken by ODOT; 2) an update of the needs assessment statewide providing a change in the apportionment factor that would affect all cities and counties; and 3) developing a long-term strategy and financing plan to meet the needs in question. ODOT/AOC/LOC are developing the scope for such a study to be initiated this fall, which will be reviewed by the Task Force at its next meeting. Two committees will be established -- a Policy Committee of elected officials to set policy direction -- and a Steering Committee composed of technical management-type individuals to serve in an advisory capacity. The study itself will be conducted by an independent consultant. Andy asked that everyone monitor the study closely and pursue appointments to the Policy Committee. Chairman Williamson also emphasized the need for JPACT support and willingness to serve on the committee.

A discussion followed on how the long-range financial plan will affect the Regional Transportation Plan. Andy indicated that eighteen months will be devoted to the study beginning in January.

Action Taken: There was unanimous agreement that JPACT support Andy Cotugno's appointment to the management Steering Committee, and that this be conveyed to ODOT.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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