

MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: October 11, 1984

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

PERSONS ATTENDING: Members: Charlie Williamson, John Frewing, Ed Hardt, Robin Lindquist, Wes Myllenbeck, Dick Pokornowski, Robert Schumacher, George Van Bergen, and Dick Waker

Guests: Brian Campbell, Port of Portland; Bebe Rucker, Multnomah County; Rick Walker, Cities of Multnomah County; Ted Spence, ODOT; Bob Post, Tri-Met; Steve Dotterer, City of Portland; Gilbert Mallery, RPC of Clark County; and Peter Fry, Central Eastside Industrial Council

Staff: Rick Gustafson, Andy Cotugno, Peg Henwood, Karen Thackston, and Lois Kaplan, Secretary

MEDIA: None

SUMMARY:

1. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Andy Cotugno's presentation on the status of the RTP update dealt with the factors and approaches under consideration. He noted that utilizing the updated population/employment data would help establish travel patterns and demands for use in other studies.

The update will be in two phases: Phase I will deal with the underlying assumptions affecting travel as well as updating costs and revenues; Phase II will re-evaluate policy direction and plans for transit expansion and new highway construction.

Under Phase I, assumptions to be investigated include the impact of lower gas prices and higher unemployment, and the role and impact of ridesharing and telecommunications.

Andy then reviewed the two scenarios of the RTP update: the No-Build (highway projects with identified funding commitment) and the Adopted RTP (all previously adopted highway projects).

During discussion, Andy indicated the intent not to factor a very high rideshare goal into the travel forecasts but rather to encourage ridesharing as a policy direction. Similarly, he cited the difficulty in trying to quantify the impact of telecommunications on travel, but related that an effort has been made to gather expertise on the subject from people in the areas of technology, labor management, futurists and regulators. Andy also

indicated there were barriers to the telecommunications industry and that they need to be identified.

Mr. Frewing asked whether or not land use plans are being effective in shaping transportation and whether this issue will be addressed in the RTP update, citing housing density and location of commercial expansion as examples for compliance with comprehensive plans. He noted that the focus of the LCDC has shifted from merely approving plans to that of assessing whether plans are accomplishing the intent. Along this line, Rick Walker spoke of the need to reassess densities in the Gresham area from that adopted in their comprehensive plan.

A tentative time frame for adoption of Phase I of the RTP update is scheduled for January or February. Analysis will begin with the RTP Westside, followed by the Committed Westside, the RTP Eastside and the Committed Eastside.

2. AMENDING THE TIP TO INCLUDE A FREEWAY ILLUMINATION PROJECT IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND (ODOT-SPONSORED)

Andy explained that this is a joint venture for ODOT and the City of Portland to upgrade freeway lighting on I-5 and I-405 to high-pressure sodium vapor.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of Resolution No. 84-508 amending the TIP to include a freeway illumination project in the City of Portland. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

3. AMENDING THE FY 1984 UWP TO INCLUDE TWO NEW PLANNING STUDIES AND AMENDING THE TIP ACCORDINGLY

Resolution No. 84-509 would enable development planning of the Gresham station area and provide a study for "Final Packaging Reports" for the Banfield for use with private developers.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of Resolution No. 84-509 amending the FY 1984 UWP to include two new planning studies and amending the TIP accordingly. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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