

MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 1983

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

PERSONS ATTENDING: Members: Charlie Williamson, Wes Myllenbeck, Bruce Etlinger, Bill Young, Earl Blumenauer (alternate), Ed Hardt (alternate), Robin Lindquist, John Frewing, Vernon Veysey, Ed Ferguson, Larry Cole, Margaret Weil, and Richard Waker

Guests: Keith Ahola, WSDOT; Gilbert Mallery, RPC of Clark County; Greg Nelson, Office of Commissioner Gordon Shadburne; Sarah Salazar, Port of Portland; Larry Rice, Washington County; Elton Chang, FHWA - Salem; Jerry Markesino and Steve Dotterer, City of Portland; Paul Bay, Tri-Met; Ernie Bonner, Metro Councilor; Bebe Rucker, Multnomah County; Ray Polani, Citizens for Better Transit; Aloha Schade, Portland Chapter - Oregon Association of Railway Passengers; Winston Kurth, Clackamas County; Rick Walker, Cities of Multnomah County; and George Starr and Leeanne MacColl, Citizens

Staff: Rick Gustafson, Andy Cotugno, Steve Siegel, Michael Ogan, Karen Thackston, Robert Hart, Keith Lawton, James Giesecking, Jr., and Lois Kaplan, Secretary

MEDIA: None

SUMMARY:

1. REVIEW OF OREGON LEGISLATURE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

Steve Siegel described the various transportation and infrastructure financing bills pending at the State Legislature that affect the Portland metropolitan area. He stressed the importance of being aware of the criteria for allocation of funds, who allocates the funds, and whether it meets the needs of our region and state.

2. ALIGNING THE FEDERAL AID URBAN BOUNDARY WITH THE 1980 CENSUS BOUNDARY AND URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY

Andy related that the purpose of the FAU boundary changes is to comply with an FHWA request to conform to the census urbanized boundary and the local desire to align more closely to the Urban Growth Boundary, ensuring that funding policies

are consistent with land use policies. He then reviewed the various changes and noted that action on the FAU funding allocation was postponed pending TPAC consideration of a suggested change in procedure for allocating such funds. A discussion ensued on the necessity of defining what the allocation procedure should be for distribution to Forest Grove.

It was noted during discussion that Hogan Road should be added to Attachment D under "D. Urban to Rural - Multnomah County". In addition, Commissioner Myllenbeck pointed out that the portion of Thompson Road noted on Attachment D under "Urban to Rural" was actually in Multnomah County rather than Washington County.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of the Resolution which would align the Federal Aid Urban Boundary with the 1980 Census Boundary and Urban Growth Boundary, with the street changes noted above. Motion CARRIED.

3. METRO FY 84 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM OPTIONS

A list of FY 84 Unified Work Program options was presented with the request that Committee members contact Andy with their recommendations as to which tasks should be included in the UWP. There was general discussion of whether the "impact of high technology on the transportation system" should be an element of the work program. The draft UWP will be reviewed in April with adoption in May.

4. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION OF A COLISEUM TRANSIT STATION BY CITIZENS FOR BETTER TRANSIT

Councilor Etlinger stated that he felt the proposal of the Coliseum Transit Station to be of regional significance and that an opportunity should be given for proponents and opponents of the project to present their views to the affected jurisdictions. He indicated jurisdictional support for such a presentation. Councilor Williamson indicated that Portland had raised an objection to this presentation being made without first having notified the City.

A letter from Commissioner Mildred Schwab was reviewed, questioning JPACT's role in considering this proposal. In addition, a response drafted by Chairman Williamson was reviewed which indicated that it was placed on the Agenda as an informational item only and that the slide show would be presented only if interest prevailed.

~~Steve Dotterrer questioned whether it was appropriate for JPACT to review this proposal, citing the fact that it is JPACT's role to review federal transportation funding proposals and overall regional plans, and that the scope of this project did not fall into either category. He expressed concern over a possible trend -- of items appearing on the Agenda that affect a specific jurisdiction without prior notification and a regional body entering the decision process. He further noted that the proposed relocation of the Greyhound terminal adjacent to Union Station was accepted by Metro in approving its Downtown Plan, a segment of the City's Comprehensive Plan.~~

Interest was expressed in seeing the presentation, but the Committee agreed that no action should be taken by JPACT and that the City should have first been notified of the proposed presentation.

Action Taken: It was then moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting prior to presentation of the slide show by Citizens for Better Transit. Motion FAILED.

The Committee concurred that, in the future, any special Agenda items that affect a single jurisdiction should first be discussed with that jurisdiction.

Ray Polani (representing Citizens for Better Transit) and Aloha Schade (representing the Portland Chapter of the Oregon Association of Railway Passengers) gave a slide presentation on a proposal for a Transportation Center in the vicinity of the Coliseum. The center would consolidate Amtrak, Greyhound, Trailways, DART, and Tri-Met bus and LRT service in one locale. This proposal at this location would provide an opportunity for multiple use of the transportation facility with expanded convention facilities and private development.

In conjunction with plans for the proposed Transit Center, a discussion took place on the feasibility and availability of federal funds for such a project.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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