

## MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: October 13, 1983

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

PERSONS ATTENDING: Members: Charlie Williamson, Larry Cole, Bruce Etlinger, Robin Lindquist and Richard Waker

Guests: Elton Chang, FHWA; Winston Kurth, Clackamas County; Ted Spence, ODOT; Bebe Rucker and Paul Yarborough, Multnomah County DES; George Starr, Citizen; Janet Jones, Jack Mason and Paul Bay, Tri-Met; Sarah Salazar, Port of Portland; Steve Dotterer, City of Portland; and Sharron Kelley, Metro Councilor

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

MEDIA: None

### SUMMARY:

Chairman Williamson thanked Tri-Met, on behalf of JPACT, for the hospitality extended at the Ruby Junction Maintenance facility.

#### 1. UPDATE ON TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mr. Williamson stressed the importance of the Transit Development Plan to the region and noted that JPACT and the Metro Council want to be part of the review process before the plan is submitted to the Tri-Met Board. Paul Bay indicated that the plan did not require approval beyond the Tri-Met Board but was willing to submit the proposed service changes to JPACT for review. For clarification purposes, he related that the Transit Development Plan is required by UMTA and used for planning purposes but does not have to be updated annually. It is helpful to Tri-Met in reviewing its service and standards and how they are being applied to the region, as well as providing an overview of ridership in terms of cost-effectiveness.

Mr. Bay said the recession is responsible for the major changes that have taken place since publication of the last TDP. Tri-Met is analyzing what can be done with the resources available and, in cooperation with the jurisdictions and Metro, determining what changes or cuts need to be made. Based upon comments received at this time, the draft TDP will go to public hearings in the spring.

Jack Mason reviewed the breakdown of Tri-Met's financial structure, citing 58 percent of revenue from the payroll tax and

28 percent from farebox. Charts displayed at the meeting indicated a decline in ridership since 1980, with employment and recession as contributing factors. There is evidence also of too much capacity on the street system or of poor distribution. He described existing revenue and expenses for operating costs and capital expenditures. He pointed out the hesitancy in raising fares based on past experience that ridership declines when fares are raised.

Andy Cotugno stressed the importance of JPACT involvement in the review process, noting that all transportation planning is predicated on major transit growth. In addition, he pointed out the \$76.8 million allocation to the region over a seven-year period and the jeopardy these federal capital funds and Section 9 funds might be placed in if there is no local match.

Paul Bay described Tri-Met's efforts to obtain local match. Cooperation has been sought from Washington County, Beaverton and Milwaukie regarding their respective transit centers as well as developers in the Sunset Corridor.

Mr. Bay indicated a summary of the proposed January service cuts is available and would be sent directly to JPACT members. It will be submitted to the Tri-Met Board on October 31. Councilor Etlinger stressed the importance of Metro Council involvement as a means of keeping the Council better informed of transit issues in the region.

Regarding proposed service cuts, Paul Bay spoke of the opposition received from the business community. Some of the proposed cuts involve the issues of shrinking the service boundaries and cutting out all night and weekend service.

Chairman Williamson asked that the proposed TDP be placed on the JPACT agenda for next month's meeting.

## 2. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to a tour of the Ruby Junction Maintenance facility.

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