



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
April, 12 2012
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rex Burkholder
Jack Burkman
Carlotta Collette, Chair
Shirley Craddick
Nina DeConcini
Craig Dirksen
Donna Jordan
Deborah Kafoury
Ann Lininger
Neil McFarlane
Roy Rogers
Jason Tell
Don Wagner
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
City of Vancouver
Metro Council
Metro Council
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
City of Tigard, representing Cities of Washington Co.
City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
Multnomah County
Clackamas County
TriMet
Washington County
Oregon Department of Transportation, Region 1
Washington State Department of Transportation
Port of Portland

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sam Adams
Shane Bemis
Steve Stuart

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
Clark County

STAFF: Alison Kean Campbell, Andy Cotugno, Katie Edlin, Kim Ellis, Elissa Gertler, Kathryn Harrington, Tom Kloster, Dan Kaempff, Nuin-Tara Key, Ted Leybold, Robin McArthur, Lake McTighe, John Mermin, Josh Naramore, Kelsey Newell, Deena Platman, Dylan Rivera, Amy Rose, Randy Tucker, Patty Unfred, Nikolai Ursin, Sheena VanLeuven, Marc Week, John Williams

1. CALL TO ORDER, DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Carlotta Collette declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON JPACT ITEMS

There were none.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Collette updated the committee on the March Annual JPACT Washington, DC lobby trip. With no federal earmarks the summit members appeared to be in the middle of real policy making. Chair Collette thanked JPACT for supporting a single priority on the TIGER IV grant applications. Policy makers from the Department of Transportation were impressed with the collaboration efforts of the metro region.

Chair Collette announced that the public comment period for proposed revisions to the 1999 Oregon Highway Plan is currently underway. The revisions will make the Highway Plan consistent with the Freight Plan. Comments are due by May 11, 2012 and the Oregon Transportation Committee (OTC) is anticipated to take action at its May 16th meeting. The Committee discussed the provision on freight capacity protection.

Chair Collette reminded the committee that ODOT is seeking comments its tolling and congestion pricing policy. The comment period ends May 18th. A public hearing has been confirmed for the May 16th OTC meeting. JPACT approved a comment letter concerning tolling congestion pricing addressing the region's concerns at its Fuburay meeting.

Chair Collette provided the committee details on the upcoming Regional Transportation Functional Plan amendment. The amendment changes the process for extensions to deadlines by making it an administrative decision of Metro's Chief Operating Officer and creates exemptions for smaller communities from making large transportation plans. JPACT is anticipated to review and vote on the proposed amendment at its May 10th meeting. For questions, contact John Mermin of Metro.

Chair Collette discussed the 2015-2018 State Transportation Improvement Projects (STIP). The STIP stakeholders and ODOT staff have released a draft of eligibility criteria and prioritization factors for modification, bridge and preservation funding programs. At the last JPACT meeting, the committee agreed that each agency or jurisdiction would submit individual comment letters. Metro's draft comments have been circulated to both TPAC and JPACT for their review. The deadline for comments is April 13th.

Ms. Patty Unfred of Metro discussed Metro's Public Engagement Review Process Proposal. Historically Public Engagement at Metro has taken the form of the Metro Citizen Involvement Initiative (MCII). The MCII committee had dwindling membership and Metro did not believe it was getting public best practices in public involvement. The committee disbanded in 2010 and since then Metro has been working with local public involvement staff, former MCII members in order to vet the new proposal. There will still be a nine member public committee with the role of reviewing Metro's public involvement procedures. Metro is also proposing that they convene a pier group three to four times a year, and hold an annual stakeholder's summit and hold annual public surveys. The proposal will go to The Metro Council in May.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE JPACT MINUTES FOR MARCH 1, 2012

Mr. Neil McFarlane of TriMet requested to clarify the language used on March 1, 2012 JPACT minutes regarding TriMet's concerns and ridership. He requested the minutes to read "~~economic equality~~ transit equity..." He also noted that TriMet has great data on ridership information and the minutes should read "~~ridership~~ demographic information."

MOTION: Ms. Nina DeConcini moved, Commissioner Ann Lininger seconded, to approve the JPACT minutes for March 1, 2012 as revised.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, the motion passed.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Resolution No. 12-4335: Draft 2012-13 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Josh Naramore of Metro introduced Resolution No. 12-4335. Resolution No. 12-4335, if approved, would certify that the Portland metropolitan area is in compliance with federal transportation planning requirements and would adopt the fiscal year 2012-13 The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP is developed annually by Metro and is a federally-required document that serves as a guide for transportation planning activities and will be conducted over the course of each fiscal year. The UPWP is developed by Metro with input from local governments, TriMet, ODOT, FHWA and FTA. Additionally, Metro must annually undergo a process known as self-certification to demonstrate that the Portland metropolitan region's planning process is being conducted in accordance with all applicable federal transportation planning requirements. The Metro Council is set to vote on the UPWP on April 19th. Mr. Naramore pointed out that Resolution No. 12-4335 is not taking action on the proposed Division/Powell corridor which will be in a separate resolution to be brought before JPACT in May.

The committee discussed the following items:

- Committee members suggested that local planning staffs be involved earlier in the UPWP. Metro staff is considering adopting the UPWP on a two-year cycle which would give local governments more time to be involved in the process.
- Committee recommended Metro coordinate with the Greater Portland Metro Export Initiative (MEI) schedule to find ways to support MEI with transportation planning.

MOTION: Mr. McFarlane moved, Councilor Donna Jordan seconded, to approve Resolution No. 12-4335.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor (one abstain, N. DeConcini), the motion passed.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Climate Smart Communities Scenarios: Shaping Regional and Local Choices

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro updated the committee on Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Phase 2: Shaping Regional and Local Choices. The CSC Scenarios Project is a state mandated multi-year, collaborative effort between Metro, local governments and other regional partners to achieve local ambitions for growth and development and the 2040 Growth Concept vision, and meet state and regional climate goals. Ms. Ellis overviewed the challenges facing the CSC Scenarios project, the two tracks of policy and technical work that will be the focus of Phase 2, and project next steps. Ms. Ellis solicited committee member's support for the overall approach and responses to questions that addressed individual community's ambitions and information needed to direct staff in December.

The committee discussed the following items:

- Members expressed the importance of developing of trust within the communities through local engagement given the political realities of a skeptical public and the need to proceed with pragmatism. Committee members expressed the importance of addressing the key challenges presented by staff.

- Questions were raised about potential consequences for local communities and the region as a whole if the process is not able to reach agreement on an approach to meet the state’s greenhouse gas reduction targets.
- Members identified the importance of quantifying the economic benefits from green investments and looking at existing business models that have invested in energy saving procedures to save money. Members recommended surveying business to figure out what drives them to make changes. Members provided examples such as industrial buildings investing in low cost lighting.
- Members suggested more collaboration/coordination with MPAC, and to also find ways to bring forward discussions from the region’s mayors.
- Members emphasized the importance of the need for more comprehensive discussions around other greenhouse gas contributors, such as wood burning furnaces and construction equipment.
- As the region leads this effort, the committee recommended a status update be provided to the Legislature on what has been accomplished.
- Members emphasized the importance of incremental change and that incremental change would be a success.
- Members emphasized the need to be thoughtful and intentional when narrowing scenarios, and recommended that the Scenarios project pace itself to take the time needed to broaden engagement, build trust and pursue the work in a reasonable way to focus on top priorities of communities.

MOTION: Councilor Jordan moved to support going forward with Climate Smart Communities Phase 2.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, the motion passed.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Collette adjourned the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marc Week
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR APRIL 12, 2012

The following have been included as part of the official public record:

ITEM	Document type	Doc Date	Document Description	Document No.
3	Handout	04/13/2012	STIP Stakeholder Committee Letter	041212j-01
6	Handout	04/11/2012	Local government engagements on Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project	041212j-02
6	PPT	4/13/2012	Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Phase 2 Approach	041212j -03