

MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: June 10, 1982

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

PERSONS ATTENDING: Members: Charlie Williamson, Bill Young, Lloyd Anderson, Robin Lindquist, John Frewing, Bonnie Hays (alternate), Vern Veysey, Bob Bothman, and Larry Cole

Guests: Ted Spence, Marty Nizlek, Steve Dotterer, Ed Hardt, Sarah Salazar, John Price, Paul Bay, Gilbert Mallery, David Peach, and Easton Cross

Staff: Rick Gustafson, Andy Cotugno, Bill Pettis, Karen Thackston, James Giesecking, Jr., Keith Lawton, Peg Henwood, and Lois Kaplan, Secretary

MEDIA: None

SUMMARY:

1. ENDORSEMENT OF EARLY TRANSIT ACROSS I-205 BRIDGE

Anticipating the I-205 bridge opening in December, Paul Bay requested JPACT endorsement of the Tri-Met/C-TRAN recommendation that bus service be allowed to begin on the bridge one day prior to its opening. Explaining that it is an attempt by Tri-Met and C-TRAN to make the public aware of a new commuter option, he noted the Bridge-Opening Committee was not receptive to the idea, fearing it would take away from the opening-day ceremony.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to endorse Tri-Met and C-TRAN's request for the provision of transit across the I-205 bridge the day prior to its opening in December. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FEDERAL FUNDS FOR 16(b)(2) TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND AMENDING THE TIP

Applications for 16(b)(2) funds were received from the Urban League of Portland, the Urban Indian Council and the Mittleman Jewish Community Center. Andy noted that a change had been requested by the Mittleman Jewish Community Center for the purchase of one small bus with lift rather than a van with lift. This would change the federal dollar amount from \$13,200 to \$22,800 and the applicant's match from \$3,300 to \$5,700.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of the Resolution authorizing federal funds for three 16(b)(2) transportation projects and amending the TIP, including the recommended change for the Mittleman Jewish Community Center. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

3. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TIP FOR UMTA SECTION 4(i) GRANT APPLI-CATIONS

Andy stated that this amendment would allow three Tri-Met grant applications to compete for federal discretionary funds. TPAC was concerned about the impact of these projects on Tri-Met operating expenses and services. The project requests are for a rideshare savings display, a fleet management system, and a telecommunication network system.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of amending the TIP to incorporate these three projects of innovative techniques and methods in the operation and management of public transportation service. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

4. ADOPTING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Andy related that public and jurisdictional review of the RTP has been completed, citing new endorsements by the following: Portland City Council, Washington County jurisdictions through the Washington County Transportation Coordinating Committee, and the Oregon Transportation Commission, who intends to adopt the Plan as the metropolitan element of the Statewide Transportation Plan.

Andy then reviewed changes to be incorporated in the Plan as proposed by the various jurisdictions and staff. He also pointed out map changes for the highways and transitways as depicted in the JPACT memo on the RTP. Also noted in the memo is the new Appendix A which is intended to stand alone to provide policy-makers with a concise statement of the implementation aspects of the Plan and how it affects their local plans.

The Metro Council will hold a public hearing and hear the first reading of the ordinance on June 24, with the second reading and adoption scheduled on July 1.

Questions raised by Committee members at the meeting concerned the proposed downgrading of Highway 213 south of Oregon City and the matter of whether adoption of the RTP might preclude development of light-rail in the McLoughlin Corridor to Milwaukie.

Regarding Milwaukie's request for a study by Tri-Met on the short-term feasibility of light-rail for McLoughlin, Paul Bay stated that light-rail would be feasible and cost-effective in the short term and that the analysis would be presented to the Tri-Met Board. He added that there are many questions yet to be addressed.

Andy suggested that the McLoughlin development be handled separately from the RTP, with any changes incorporated into the Plan at a later date. He did not feel that the RTP, as written, would preclude any options in the development of a transitway in that corridor.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan with the changes proposed in the JPACT memo. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

REPORT WRITTEN BY: Lois Kaplan

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