



TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE
APRIL 27, 2012
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Elissa Gertler, Chair
Carol Gossett
Heidi Guenin
Katherine Kelly
Scott King
Nancy Kraushaar
Alan Lehto
Karen Schilling
Charlie Stephens
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

Metro
Community Representative
Community Representative
City of Gresham, Representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
Port of Portland
City of Oregon City, Representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
TriMet
Multnomah County
Community Representative
Oregon Department of Transportation

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Chris Beanes
Karen Buehrig
Brent Curtis
David Eatwell
John Hoefs
Dean Lookingbill
Margaret Middleton
Dave Nordberg
Satvinder Sandhu
Paul Smith
Sharon Zimmerman

AFFILIATION

Community Representative
Clackamas County
Washington County
Community Representative
C-TRAN
Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Committee
City of Beaverton, Representing Cities of Washington Co.
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Federal Highway Administration
City of Portland
Washington State Department of Transportation

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Andy Back
Lynda David
John Gillam
Phil Healy
Don Odermott
Gary Schmidt

AFFILIATION

Washington County
Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Committee
City of Portland
Port of Portland
City of Hillsboro, Representing Cities of Washington Co
Clackamas County

STAFF: Dick Benner, Anthony Butzek, Kim Ellis, Daniel Kaempff, Tom Kloster, Ted Leybold, Robin McArthur, Lake McTighe, John Mermin, Josh Naramore, Kelsey Newell, Deb Redman, Amy Rose, Marc Week.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Elissa Gertler declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Tom Kloster of Metro recognized Ms. Nancy Kraushaar for receiving the National American Public Works Association Professional Manager of the Year in transportation. Mr. Kloster presented two videos showing Ms. Kraushaar's work. Ms. Kraushaar thanked the committee and recognized the others who helped her in her work.

Mr. Kloster proposed to the committee the option to hold a meeting to prepare comments on amendments to the Oregon Highway Plan, Mobility street design. The committee supported holding a meeting. The Oregon Transportation Commission public comments period ends in June and JPACT would need to approve the comments at May meeting. The committee agreed to hold a TPAC working group meeting on Monday, April 30th to discuss the regions comments on the highway plan.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO TPAC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Brad Perkins of Portland and Candidate for Metro Council District 5 addressed the committee. Mr. Perkins stated he was encouraged that the committee is scheduled to discuss the Sullivan's Gulch Bike trail. He stated the current plan for the Columbia River Crossing was an embarrassment due to environmental and height issues. He stated that it was time to look at alternatives to the project. Mr. Perkins called for a bridge that encompasses high-speed rail, light rail and community support. He pointed to his web site cascadiahighspeedrail.org and offered to provide a presentation to the committee.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE TPAC MINUTES FOR MARCH 30, 2012

Ms. Carol Gossett stated the minutes listed her as excused when she actually was present in the meeting. Ms. Heidi Guenin stated that she was listed as present but she did not attend the meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Andy Back moved, Ms. Katherine Kelly seconded, to approve the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) minutes for March 30, 2012 as amended.

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Ordinance No. 12-1278

Mr. John Mermin of Metro introduced Draft Ordinance No. 12-1278. Ordinance No. 12-1278, if approved, would amend The Regional Transportation Functional Plan (RTFP) to remove the schedule for updating city and county transportation system plans; add an exemption process; and revise procedures for extensions and exceptions. The RTFP implements the policies contained in the Regional Transportation Plan and local transportation system plans and implementing ordinances must be consistent with it. The changes would make requests from local governments for extensions or exceptions administrative functions of Metro's Chief Operating Officer (COO), but still allow for an appeal to the Metro Council. The ordinance will go to MPAC on May 9th and to JPACT on May 10th. Mr. Mermin then asked the committee for comments on the ordinance.

MOTION: Mr. Back moved, Mr. Alan Lehto seconded, to recommend that JPACT approve Ordinance No. 12-1278.

Discussion:

- Committee members discussed how private individuals would receive notice of future exemption applications. The COO currently does not provide public notices on its decisions. Committee members recommended posting a notice on Metro's Website when the COO receives applications for exemptions.
- The committee requested from Metro staff what the process would be for opting back in to the RTFP after an exemption. Staff replied that any exemptions granted would have a limited duration, tied to the number of years remaining until the next update to the Regional Transportation Plan.
- The committee discusses what requirements will need to be met for an exemption. Jurisdictions have to meet all four requirements for RTFP exemptions.

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

5.2 Resolution No. 12-4345

Ms. Deb Redman of Metro introduced Resolution No. 12-4345. Resolution No. 12-4345 if approved would update the work program for corridor refinement planning and designate the Powell-Division high capacity transit corridor as the next regional priority for completion of corridor refinement and commencement of alternatives analysis. Building off the findings and local support generated through recent related planning work, the Powell-Division High Capacity Transit Corridor Refinement Plan will coordinate land use and transportation planning efforts to develop an investment strategy. Transit in this corridor would connect several low-income areas with major education and workforce training sites including Portland State University, Portland Community College and Mt. Hood Community College as well as with jobs in Portland and Gresham. Ms. Redman asked the committee for a recommendation and comments on the resolution.

MOTION: Ms. Alan Lehto moved, Mr. John Gillam seconded, to recommend that JPACT approve Resolution No. 12-4345.

Discussion:

- Committee members recommended that the resolution include wording that clearly indicates the scope of the project and that it makes expectations clear so the public will not expect amenities that will not happen.
- The committee discussed the ripeness of the Powell/Division given the demographics and workforce changes, location of important destinations along the corridor, and ability to complete the project in a timely manner.
- Committee members expressed the importance that the resolution clearly state that the project not interfere with the timeline of the SW Corridor.
- The City of Portland is committed to the project and has allocated matching funds. The City hopes to time the project to follow the Cities periodic review schedule.
- The map should reflect that the Port of Portland headquarters have relocated. However, the Port is still a large employer in corridor.

- Committee members suggested that the study corridor include the industrial district near Troutdale Airport. Chair Gertler indicated that staff would consider this as they finalized the boundaries of the study corridor.

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

5.3 Regional Travel Options Strategic Plan

Mr. Daniel Kaempff of Metro introduced the Draft 2012-2017 Regional Travel Options (RTO) Strategic Plan. The Draft 2012-2017 RTO Strategic Plan lays out a framework for building on past successes through a realignment of the program with regional desired outcomes and Regional Transportation Plan triple-bottom line objectives (Equity, Economy and Environment). The consolidation of the grant programs has been the primary topic of discussion throughout the Strategic Plan adoption process. The primary point of concern has been regarding the recommended elimination of the dedicated grant program for Transportation Management Associations (TMA). The consultant's recommendation to eliminate this dedicated grant program was based on improving program performance. To address these concerns, staff has developed the following recommendations: establish sub-regional funding targets, local project prioritization, establish sub-regional funding targets, local project prioritization, increase flexibility in valuing program investments and improve support of local program development. Mr. Kaempff asked the committee for comments and a recommendation on the RTO Strategic Plan.

MOTION: Mr. John Gillam moved, Mr. Scott King seconded, to recommend that JPACT approve the 2012-2017 RTO Strategic Plan Regional Travel Options Strategic Plan.

Discussion:

- Committee Members discussed what process would decide what portion of the 2.1 million dollar amount available for grants would be designated for sub-regional targets, and how those targets would be established. Staff responded that options would be evaluated through a series of TPAC working group meetings.
- The committee asked if there was unanimous support for not bringing the funding discussion to the RTO Subcommittee. The recommendation from Metro consultants was the RTO Subcommittee would have a conflict of interest. Staff responded that the RTO Subcommittee unanimously approved this framework for future decision-making.

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

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Regional Safety Action Plan

Mr. Josh Naramore and Anthony Butzek of Metro presented the Regional Crash and Safety Analysis. In the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), safety was included as a goal and it established a performance target to reduce fatalities and serious crashes for all modes by 50 percent by 2035. Metro convened a Regional Safety Workgroup and analyzed data provided by ODOT. Mr. Anthony Butzek of Metro discussed the analysis findings in detail. Mr. Butzek reviewed national and international safety statistics and a regional breakdown on different types of crashes and their types and contributing factors. The detailed State of Safety in the Region report is available on the Metro website (<http://www.oregonmetro.gov/regionalmobility>). The findings from the data in this report were used by

Metro and the Regional Safety Workgroup to develop a Regional Transportation Safety Plan (RTSP). Metro staff will present the Workgroup recommendations and the RTSP at the May TPAC meeting.

The committee discussed the following items:

- Clackamas County is conducting its own safety analysis and offered to provide the counties findings to Metro staff
- Public engagement and enforcement is a key factor in driving safety and the committee recommended public safety sectors be engage.
- Ways the engineering can solve issues often attributed to driving behavior.
- Have a discussion on how safety changes will affect the traffic in nearby areas as the as the process moves forward.
- The analysis should focus on avenue access management with arterials being a major safety concern.

6.2 Age-Friendly Portland: An Overview of Global and Local

Ms. Margaret B. Neal and Mr. Alan DeLaTorre of Portland State University (PSU) presented the Age-Friendly Portland report. In the late fall and early winter of 2006/2007, researchers at the Institute on Aging in the School of Community Health, College of Urban and Public Affairs at PSU were invited to collaborate with the World Health Organization (WHO) on its *Age-Friendly Cities Project*. The goal of the project in Portland was to identify concrete indicators of an age-friendly city and produce a practical guide to stimulate and guide advocacy, community development, and policy change to make urban communities around the world age-friendly. After the research was completed and compared to other cities around the world, organizers were encouraged to go back to their committees and advocate for policy implementations. Ms. Neal and Mr. DeLaTorre discussed the goals and challenges as the project moves from research to policy implementation.

The committee discussed the following items:

- The committee would like to see the Age-Friendly Portland Project move to a regional level.
- Land use also needs to be a part of the discussion. Committee members recommended that the presenters share their findings with MPAC

7. ADJOURN

Chair Gertler adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcus Week
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR APRIL 27, 2012

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
2	Letter	4/29/2011	Oregon Highway Plan	042712t-01
4	Minutes	4/25/10	033012 TPAC Minutes	042712t -02
5.2	Handout	4/26/12	Erata page section 4-c Staff Report Res 12-4345	042712t -03
6.1	PPT	4/30/12	Regional Crash and Safety Analysis	042712t -04
6.2	PPT	4/30/12	Age-Friendly Communities and Transportation	042712t-05