



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
May 10, 2012
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sam Adams
Rex Burkholder
Shane Bemis
Steve Stuart
Don Wagner
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
Metro Council
City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
Clark County
Washington State Department of Transportation
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Susie Lahsene
Lisa Barton Mullins

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland
City of Fairview, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.

STAFF: Michelle Bellia, Andy Cotugno, Katie Edlin, Kim Ellis, Elissa Gertler, Tom Kloster, Dan Kaempff, Nuin-Tara Key, Ted Leybold, Robin McArthur, Lake McTighe, John Mermin, Kelsey Newell, Ramona Perrault, Deena Platman, Deborah Redman, Dylan Rivera, Randy Tucker, Patty Unfred, Nikolai Ursin, Marc Week.

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

Chair Carlotta Collette declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON JPACT ITEMS

There were none.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Collette shared the schedule for the 2012 Summer Zoo concert series. She stated that there are some great shows and that it would behoove everyone to get tickets early.

Ms. Nina DeConcini announced that the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) would begin outreach for Portland Air Toxics. At the end of May, DEQ will hold a series of meetings throughout the Portland area to gain comments for the next steps of implementation. Ms. DeConcini offered to send the report to JPACT Members.

Chair Collette updated the committee on the status of the federal transportation bill. The Senate has passed a bill but the House did not agree with it. A committee has already started to convene. Congressional representatives Peter DeFazio and Earl Blumenauer are both on the committee and Congresswoman Barbra Boxer is the chair of the committee.

Chair Collette provided an update on the Oregon Statewide Transportation Strategy. The Statewide Transportation Strategy looks to the year 2050 and identifies the most effective land use and transportation strategies for reducing transportation-related Greenhouse Gas emissions to help the state meet the 2050 goal. The Oregon Transportation Commission is expected to release the draft strategy for public comment from May 17 to July 20.

Chair Collette provided an update on the Active Transportation Plan. The plan will be developed over an 18-month timeframe and will be finalized by the end of June 2013. It will amend the Regional Transportation Plan and the Regional Transportation Functional Plan. In March, the Stakeholder Advisory Committee and Executive Council for Active Transportation endorsed the project objectives and work plan for the project. The project is in Phase 1, developing an existing conditions report to identify barriers and opportunities for completing a prioritized regional network of Bicycle and Pedestrian Parkways and Districts. In early fall, JPACT will receive a presentation on the project and findings from Phase 1 and a set of Regional Active Transportation Network Concepts.

Chair Collette provided a status on the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) urban growth boundary (UGB) decision. The LCDC is reviewing decisions made by the Metro Council in 2010 and 2011 to add capacity to the region's UGB. In April, DLCD staff recommended that the Commission acknowledge the measures taken to increase the capacity of the UGB, as it existed in late 2010 and remand the UGB expansion decision the Metro Council made last October for further review. Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Barbara Roberts, and Metro's land use attorney Dick Benner will go before the Commission to urge the commission to acknowledge the UGB decision.

Chair Collette reviewed the recent Greater Portland Incorporated, Best Practices, trip to Cleveland. Every year leaders from around the Portland area travel to a different city and study how those communities innovating solutions to development. Chair Collette overviewed the developments she saw including; a new high capacity transit system, cooperative workforce development programs and large philanthropic support. Atlanta is under consideration for next year's best practice trip.

Mr. Neil McFarlane of TriMet provided the committee with TriMet's budget recommendation. The budget recommendation will go to the TriMet Board of Directors at a special meeting on June 13. TriMet started the budget process early and set a record public outreach with 16,000 public comments. The key message from the public comments TriMet received was "protect the service". Mr. McFarlane updated the committee on the details of the budget recommendation and the status of the ATU 757 strike of TriMet's contract company First Transit's lift service. On May 22, TriMet is expecting the federal Transit administrator will be in Portland to sign the full funding agreement of the Portland to Milwaukie light rail.

Mr. Jason Tell of the Oregon Department of Transportation announced that there is a webinar on May 14 to prepare for transportation enhancement and bicycle/pedestrian grants. The two applications are being

combined into one application process to try to streamline the process. Notices of interests for applications are due June 6.

Mr. Tell noted that May is Transportation Safety Awareness month. There will be a series of events such as child safety seats installation seminars and reminders of construction season.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE JPACT MINUTES FOR APRIL 12, 2012

MOTION: Councilor Donna Jordan moved, Mayor Craig Dirksen seconded, to approve the JPACT minutes for April 12, 2012.

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Update to Transportation System Plan Adoption Schedule and Process: Ordinance No. 12-1278

Mr. John Mermin of Metro introduced Ordinance No. 12-1278. Mr. Mermin reminded the group of what the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Regional Transportation Functional (RTFP) are, and that these amendments serve to both streamline the implementation of the RTP and create consistency with the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan (UGMFP). The amendments will make granting exceptions and extensions to jurisdictions easier, and add a provision allowing small cities to seek exemption from regional requirements.

In June of 2010, Metro adopted the RTP and a schedule for jurisdictions to bring their plans into compliance with the RTP. Metro anticipates several jurisdictions may have difficulty meeting the 2012 deadlines; these amendments will help to facilitate this process. The Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) and Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) and Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) approved the recommendation of the Ordinance unanimously. Mr. Mermin is asking for a recommendation for approval of Ordinance No. 12-1278 from JPACT.

The committee discussed the following items:

- Committee members expressed support for the ordinance and that small communities would appreciate it.

MOTION: Mayor Craig Dirksen moved, Ms. Susie Lahsene seconded, to approve Ordinance No. 12-1278.

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

5.2 Corridor Refinement Planning and Designating the Powell-Division High Capacity Transit Corridor as the Next Regional Priority: Resolution No. 12-4345

Ms. Elissa Gertler of Metro introduced Resolution No. 12-4345. Resolution No. 12-4345 if approved would update the work program for corridor refinement planning and designating the Powell-Division high capacity transit corridor as the next regional priority for completion of corridor refinement and the initiation of an alternatives analysis. The Powell-Division high capacity transit corridor was originally to be included in the Unified Planning Work Program however was separated so that JPACT members could vote on it. 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. Gertler reviewed that smaller scale of the project and noted that it would not interfere with the timeline of the Southwest corridor.

The committee discussed the following items:

- Committee members expressed support for the corridor but stressed the importance of keeping the SW Corridor timeline in place.
- Members stated the need to convey appropriate expectations to the public and not create expectations that cannot be met.
- Members noted the ripeness of the corridor given the synergistic opportunities such as light rail connections and the ability to make quality improvements without spending a lot of money.

MOTION: Councilor Shirley Craddick moved, Councilor Lisa Barton-Mullins seconded, to approve Resolution No. 12-4345.

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

5.3 Regional Travel Options Strategic Plan: Resolution No. 12-4349

Mr. Daniel Kaempff of Metro introduced Resolution No. 12-4349. Resolution No. 12-4349 if approved would adopt the Regional Travel Options 2012-2017 Strategic Plan and approve the missions, goals, strategies, and actions in that plan. The RTO Program supports implementation of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and carries out regional policy to increase use of travel options, reduce pollution, and improve mobility. The program focuses on making strategic investments that encourage the use of the alternatives to driving alone – carpooling, vanpooling, riding transit, cycling, walking and telecommuting. The plan calls for; a increased clarity of partners’ roles and for reducing duplication of effort, funding and policy recommendation functions be transferred from the existing RTO Subcommittee to a newly formed work group comprised of TPAC members and other interested parties, and the plan recommends that the policy of dedicating a portion of program funds for the use of the region’s Transportation Management Associations (TMA) be ended.

The committee discussed the following items:

- Members discussed how to decide funding allocation targets between sub-regions. The allocation target decision will come back to JPACT later. Some members suggested that the process for larger allocations be a part of the MTIP.
- Members supported the sub-regional allocation targets since some sub-regions do not have TMAs.
- The committee discussed changes to reporting requirements for smaller projects. Smaller projects still are required to provide reports but do not need to conduct larger vehicle reduction studies.
- Members discussed criteria for entities to receive grants. The list of accepted entities has not changed.

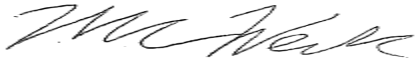
MOTION: Councilor Jordan moved, Mr. McFarlane seconded, to approve Resolution No. 12-4349.

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

6 ADJOURN

Chair Collette adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marc Week

Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR MAY 10, 2012

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

ITEM	Document type	Doc Date	Document Description	Document No.
3	Handout	05/2012	Zoo Concerts Schedule	051012j-01
3	Memo	05/07/2012	Upcoming Briefings and Public Comment Period on Draft Oregon Statewide Transportation Strategy	051012j-02
3	Handout	4/10/2012	TriMet Recommended Plan	051012j-03
3	Flyer	05/2012	Enrique Peñalosa speaking event	051012j-04
4	Minutes	05/05/12	041212 JPACT Minutes	051012j-05