



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

July 12, 2012

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Shane Bemis  
Donna Jordan  
Steve Stuart  
Don Wagner

AFFILIATION

City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.  
City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.  
Clark County  
Washington State Department of Transportation

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Tim Knapp

AFFILIATION

City of Wilsonville, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.

STAFF: Andy Cotugno , Kim Ellis, Maria Ellis, Elissa Gertler, Kathryn Harrington, Ted Leybold, Robin McArthur, Kelsey Newell, Ramona Perrault, Dylan Rivera, Mike Hoglund, 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 7:34 a.m.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON JPACT ITEMS**

There were none.

**3. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Ms. Nina DeConcini provided an overview of the Oregon Clean Fuels Program(OCFP). The OCLP is part of an integrated strategy the state is conducting in respect to energy, climate change and transportation. The project will have 2 phases, with phase-1 starting in January 2013, which would require importers of fuels to begin documenting volumes and carbon intensities of the fuel they have. Phase 2, which would

involve legislation and advisory committees, would begin at later time. Sometime in the next few weeks DEQ will begin a public comment period though the end of August.

Chair Collette provided an update on the Climate Smart Communities project. As work with local staff continues, Metro Staff have provided a document, which clearly explains what the project is and how the project will take into account local community's goals. Chair Collette stated that over the summer she hoped local plans could be pulled together that will be aggressive enough to meet the green house gas goals but also benefits all our communities.

Chair Collette invited the committee to attend a presentation by Dr. Manuel Pastor on Monday July 30, 2012 at 5pm at the metro regional center. Dr. Pastor melds issues like the environmental justice, economy business and how to address these issues to our benefit.

Mr. Andy Cotugno provided an update to the recently passed Transportation Reauthorization Bill. Overall, the level of funding stayed flat. The bill is only for two years. Intentions to eliminate transit funds did not happen. The Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) funding were substantially improved which will benefit the Colombia River Crossing funds from tolling. Safer routes to school program, the transportation enhancement and recreation trails programs were merged into the transportation alternatives program which overall was reduced by 40%. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funds were reduced 5%. There were new changes to diesel particulate procedures in the CMAQ funds, which may also spread out CMAQ funding. The bridge program was combined into the Surface Transportation Program (STP) program and the National Highway System (NHS) program, which may change the way the region funds bridges. There was a significant addition to the bill about performance standards, which will require state and MPO's to set performance targets.

#### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Consideration of the JPACT Minutes for June 14, 2012**
- **Amendments to the 2012-15 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Add:**
  - **Resolution No. 12-4357:** The Kellogg Lake Multi-Use Bridge Project;
  - **Resolution No. 12-4358:** The Construction Phase of the I-84 Eastbound to I-205 Northbound Auxiliary Lane Project; and
  - **Resolution No. 12-4359:** The Crescent Connection – Cedar Hills Boulevard to Denny Road Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Access Project.

MOTION: Mr. Jason Tell moved, Commissioner Ann Lininger seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor and one abstain (C. Dirksen), the motion passed.

Mayor Dirksen noted he was absent at the last meeting and could not vote on the minutes.

#### **4. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (CII) STRATEGIC PLAN**

Chair Collette introduced the CII strategic plan. Chair Collette explained the history of CII and mission of the CII leadership council. Current resources can only pay for only half of the needed infrastructure investments. CII was formed to extract the knowledge and expertise of leaders from the private sector to help fill this gap. Chair Collette introduced the Co-Chair of the CII leadership council Ms. Karen Williams along with Mr. Bill Wyatt who is also on the council. Ms. Williams overviewed the CII

strategies to include: Increase resources for transportation investments; establish an infrastructure investment vehicle for the region; create a 'development-ready' pilot program for local communities; Support infrastructure planning for school districts. Ms. Williams noted that CII would not have political authority instead, the organization would give leaders tools to provide needed infrastructure.

The committee discussed the following items:

- Some members of the committee expressed concern that CII could be perceived as propionate for tax increases. Ms. Williams noted that CII is a politically diverse organization. This group would encourage better use current funds before advocating for new resources.
- Members recommended looking at projects of national significance and the National Freight Strategic Plan.
- Members were concerned that state efforts to develop a Partnerships B.C. model in Oregon and the tri-state effort on the West Coast Infrastructure Exchange \ could eclipse the work of CII. They encouraged the Regional Infrastructure Enterprise program to move forward focusing on regional needs.

#### **5. COMMENT LETTER ON DRAFT OREGON STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY**

Mr. Mike Hoglund of Metro discussed the Comment Letter on Draft Oregon Statewide Transportation Strategy (STS). The STS is the Oregon transportation Commission's (OTC) response to Senate Bill 1059, which requires that the state develop and approve a STS that addresses Greenhouse Gas reductions. The draft STS is currently in a public comment period until July 20. The State is in Phase One, testing strategies to see how the state can reduce Carbon Dioxide emission levels by 75% from 1990 by 2050. The works is broader than Metro's Climate Smart Communities in that it includes air and freight movement. Metro's staff comment letter recommends the OTC to approve the STS, immediately move to Phase Two, and identifies two thematic areas for GHG reduction strategies that should be carried into Phase Two.

The committee discussed the following items:

- Mayor Tim Knapp expressed concerned that the nexus between land use and transportation was not directly addressed in the comment letter. Mayor Knapp recommended emphasizing the connection between housing and job location

MOTION: Mr. Neil McFarlane moved, Mayor Craig Dirksen seconded, to approve the Comment Letter on Draft Oregon Statewide Transportation Strategy with the friendly amendment.

#### *Discussion:*

Mayor Dirksen caution against getting involved in strategic details and criteria before Phase Two of the project. Mayor Knapp stated that, based on prior experience, if the issues he addressed were not cited they may be over looked and suggested verbiage he stated be added into a friendly amendment.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor and one abstain (J. Tell), the motion passed.

#### **6. STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)**

Mr. Jason Tell discussed the Oregon Transportation Commission's (OTC) consideration of updates to the STIP process. The OTC is considering a different project selection process than it has in the past. The Oregon Department of Transportation staff has issued a proposal to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) for updating the funding allocation and project selection process for funding programs led by the DOT. The attached proposal would consolidate several separate funding programs into two funding categories: "Fix-It", concentrating on maintaining existing assets, and "Enhance" to expand or modernize transportation facilities. Mr. Tell further discussed options for an Area Commission of Transportations for Region one which includes areas outside of the JPACT area. Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro explained the comment letter developed by Metro Staff and reviewed by TPAC. The letter consisted of three main points: Encourage the OTC to slow down the adoption process to allow better review. Work with local stakeholders to develop prioritization criteria for projects, and clarify that JPACT would be entity responsible for project selection within its boundaries.

The committee discussed the following items:

- Members expressed concern that the STIP changes are happening too fast.
- Members stated that they did not see a problem with the current system and the changes would be significant. Putting all funds in one large source could make project prioritization difficult for local communities and make it difficult for the region to reach its goals.
- Some members expressed concern that the rural areas of counties are not well represented outside the JPACT area.
- Some members expressed concern from the impact of moving some decisions to administrators from elected officials.
- Committee members stated that without knowing the criteria for project prioritization it would be difficult to support the changes.

Metro staff will create a memo for the OTC that will capture the concerns from JPACT members.

**7. ADJOURN**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marc Week  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR JULY 12, 2012**

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

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>Document type</b>	<b>Doc Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Document No.</b>
<b>3</b>	Flyer	7/2012	Manuel Pastor Speaking event	071212j-01
<b>3</b>	Handout	7/2012	Portland Region Policy Positions MAP-21 Results	071212j-02
<b>3</b>	Handout	7/2012	MAP-21 Estimated Oregon Apportionments	071212j-03

<b>3</b>	PPT	12/07/2012	CII overview	071212j-04
<b>4</b>	Handout	05/07/12	OTC STIP review	071212j-05