



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
September 13, 2012
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jack Burkman
Carlotta Collette, Chair
Shirley Craddick
Nina DeConcini
Craig Dirksen
Donna Jordan
Ann Lininger
Roy Rogers
Jason Tell
Don Wagner

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.
Clackamas County
Washington County
Oregon Department of Transportation, Region 1
Washington State Department of Transportation

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sam Adams
Shane Bemis
Rex Burkholder
Deborah Kafoury
Neil McFarlane
Steve Stuart
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
Metro Council
Multnomah County
TriMet
Clark County
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Olivia Clark
Kathryn Harrington
Susie Lahsene
Diane McKeel
Lisa Barton Mullins

AFFILIATION

TriMet
Metro Council
Port of Portland
Multnomah County
City of Fairview, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.

STAFF: Andy Cotugno, Colin Deverell Kim Ellis, Elissa Gertler, Mike Hoglund, Tom Kloster, Robin McArthur, Lake McTighe, John Mermin, Kelsey Newell, Joshua Naramore, Ramona Perrault, Katie Shriver, Dylan Rivera, Nikolai Ursin, Marc Week, Ina Zucker.

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 noted the Street Smart Communities event on September 20th. Steve Lockwood, transportation policy expert with Parson Brinkerhoff, will be at Metro to share innovative transportation system management strategies that support the region's vision of great places to live work and travel. The presentation is intended for policy makers and their staffs but interested parties are invited as well.

Chair Collette explained that in the meeting materials there was an updated fact sheet for the Climate Smart Communities Project that reflects the project's new timeline and a new FAQ document that has also been posted to the web site www.oregonmetro.gov/climatescenarios. Metro is extending the timeline for more work in communities. The summit will take place Spring 2013.

Chair Collette stated that Metro will have a panel at the League of Oregon Cities conference on September 27-29. Mike Hoglund, Director of Metro's Data Research Center will join Amanda Pietz, Planning Unit Manager at ODOT and Jonathan Harker, Director of Urban Planning and Design for the City of Gresham on a panel about the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios project moderated by Mayor Pete Truax of Forest Grove.

Ms. Susie Lahsene invited the committee to the Global Export Gateway Summit the Port of Portland is sponsoring with the Brookings institute on October 2 at the Governor Hotel. The summit participants include Brad McDearman, Adie Tomer, representatives from FHWA, members of the Business community, and Metro Council President and Co-Chairs of Metropolitan Export Initiative Tom Hughes.

Chair Collette announced that Metro was awarded OTREC Partner of the Year award at the Oregon Transportation Summit. Chair Collette stated the committee should also be equally recognized as part of the award for their collaboration in the region. Chair Collette also congratulated Mr. Andy Cotugno who was inducted to the Peter DeFazio Transportation Hall of Fame.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- **Consideration of the Minutes for August 9, 2012**
- **Resolution No. 12-4366 to Amend the 2012-13 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to Add the OR8/OR47 Intersection Improvement Project**

MOTION: Mr. Jason Tell moved, Councilor Donna Jordan seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

5. STATUS UPDATE ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING CONDITIONS

Ms. Heather Wills Columbia River Crossing provided a status update to the Columbia River Crossing (CRC). In August, the CRC was designated on president Obama's "we can't wait" list to expedite the federal permitting on the project, which then created a accountable deadlines to meet. In early August, the CRC was a recipient of a \$3.3 Million grant from USDOT discretionary funds for preliminary and final engineering. The Oregon and Washington Legislative oversight committees meet to prepare for the 2013 Legislature session. The Project has received High Ratings on TIFIA and New Starts Applications for when the project is ready to apply. The TIFIA will lower the borrowing cost of bonds. The CRC is working to get permits for the project. The project has been working closely with the Coast Guard and the Army Corp of Engineers for approval. Ms. Wills reported on the CRC conditions set by JPACT and the Metro Council concerning the project. The majority of the conditions have been met. The area which was the Thunderbird Hotel which is planned to be used for construction is under consideration to be turned into a park won't be decided until completion of the project

The committee discussed the following items:

- The committee asked about the status of the Community Enhancement Fund. There is sub-group with the integrated partners groups. Once the group has a scope of work, they can share that with the committee.
- The committee discussed value engineering on the bridge. The bridge design is the same but there have been phasing changes on the interchanges and local access roads.
- Committee members recommended reconvening the bi-state committee now there is not a project sponsors council.
- Members asked when the committee would get a more concrete written summary of progress to date. Ms. Wills stated that a written summary would come out early winter after the height issues are sorted out.
- Members inquired about the discussion surrounding the height of the bridge. CRC staff recently released a work plan detailing the plan to test height increases at 5 feet increments up to 110 feet. Despite some early media coverage all the federal and state agencies are talking with each other to work out the issue.

6. UPDATE ON THE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE: MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS AND PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Mr. Tell provided an update on the STIP stakeholder committee member appointment process and project selection criteria. The OTC recently has proposed creating an ACT like committee for Region 1 to recommend funding properties for Region 1 transportation projects. The counties have nominated four members each which will be in front of the OTC for approval project applications are due November 27th.

The committee discussed the following items:

- The committee discussed and requested clarification of criteria for project selections. Mr. Tell stated that if members had specific request for criteria to bring them to the next JPACT.
- The committee members emphasized that the interim committee is not an ACT.
- The committee expressed concern that there would be portions of rural Region 1 who may be underrepresented in the ACT. Some committee members suggested a rural ACT or a HWY 26 corridor ACT and a Southern Clackamas County/South Willamette Valley ACT.
- The committee asked if ODOT would meet federal outreach requirements for limited English Proficiency under new Environmental justice requirements.

7. PROPOSED 2015-18 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: POLICY DIRECTION, PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

Mr. Josh Naramore of Metro introduced the proposed 2015-18 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). The Portland metropolitan region is preparing to prioritize transportation projects and program activities in developing the 2015-18 MTIP. The Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA) process is the Metro and JPACT administered allocation conducted as part of the development of the MTIP. Recent changes to the ODOT STIP have accelerated the Metro process for developing the next MTIP and RFFA. Based on the RFFA funding summary JPACT will have \$98.56 million to allocate as part of the 2016-18 RFFA and using the 2014-15 RFFA process (25% - 75% split between Green Economy/Freight Initiatives and Active Transportation/Complete Streets categories) as a baseline the 2016-18 RFFA process will have an additional \$37.78 million to allocate. Metro staff is seeking policy

direction from the JPACT at their September meeting on the development of the MTIP, allocation of the regional flexible funds and direction on coordinating with the STIP process.

The committee discussed the following items on the timeline of the MTIP process:

- The integration between the STIP process and the MTIP process to balance and work together in project selection.
- Members clarified that the Application for the RFFA would be due on February 15 after the STIP application deadline of November 27.

Mr. Naramore proposed three options for the additional \$37.78 Million in 2016-18 RFFA.

Option 1 – Maintain the existing policies and funding levels from the 2014-15 RFFA

Option 2 – Redistribute the funding levels under new policy direction

Option 3 – Add new project policy categories

The committee discussed the following items on the additional RFFA funds:

- Some members suggested keeping existing funding policies to complete the large projects.
- Other members suggested moving the priority for the additional funds to job creation such as Freight and TIGER IV projects.
- Members also suggested that the Community Investment Initiative have a significant role in the Funds to use for job creation and economic development.
- Members suggest that projects that did not meet either requirement, be evaluated for funding potential.
- Members suggested using the criteria from the TIGER IV grant process.
- Members asked if there were projects that needed to be addressed that are not being met by the current process such as access to industrial land, jurisdictional transfers or safety.
- Members discussed leveraging the STIP process along with the MTIP process as well as private investment.
- Members suggested integrating corridor safety into the process.
- Members discussed jurisdictional transfers. Some members suggested not using this RFFA for transfers.

The general direction from the committee was for Metro staff to work with TPAC and refine the RFFA policy framework around Option 3 for discussion at the October 11 meeting.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Collette adjourned the meeting at 8:53a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marc Week
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

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

ITEM	Document type	Doc Date	Document Description	Document No.
3	Flyer	9/13/2012	Street Smart Communities	091312j-01
6	Flyer	9/13/2012	Save the date Enhance Application Workshop	091312j-02
6	Letter	9/11/2012	Mayor Adams comment on STIP	091312j-03
7	PPT	9/13/2012	MTIP overview	091312j-04
7	Letter	9/13/2012	Mayor Adams comment on MTIP	091312j-05
7	Letter	09/12/12	Bill Wyatt Comment on MTIP	091312j-06