



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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rex Burkholder
Jack Burkman
Carlotta Collette, Chair
Shirley Craddick
Nina DeConcini
Donna Jordan
Ann Lininger
Neil McFarlane
Roy Rogers
Jason Tell
Don Wagner
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sam Adams
Shane Bemis
Craig Dirksen
Deborah Kafoury
Steve Stuart

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
City of Tigard, representing Cities of Washington Co.
Multnomah County
Clark County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Diane McKeel
Lisa Barton Mullins
Jeffrey Dalin

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County
City of Fairview, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
City of Cornelius, representing Cities of Washington Co.

STAFF: Andy Cotugno, Alison Kean Campbell, Colin Deverell, Kim Ellis, Elissa Gertler, Tom Kloster, Robin McArthur, Lake McTighe, John Mermin, Kelsey Newell, Joshua Naramore, Ramona Perrault, Katie Shriver, Dylan Rivera, 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 7:32 a.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON JPACT ITEMS

Commissioner Jim Bernard of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners spoke to the committee in recognition of the of Commissioner Ann Lininger service as Clackamas County Commissioner and as a JPACT representative. He also stated his excitement for the Portland to Milwaukie Light rail.

Hank Doane of R.S. David Recycling Inc. discussed his concern on a segment of the Sunrise Corridor project at the North Lawnfield road and 98th Ave. R.S. David Recycling agreed to move their business to the lot next door to make room for the 98th Ave. extension and were promised to have better access to freight routes. The plans have now been dramatically altered. The current plan will direct heavy truck traffic up and down a nine percent grade that will be signalized. Even in excellent driving conditions, the plan is dangerous. Mr. Doane asked the committee to reconsider the plan.

Elizabeth Gallardo of Utility Trailer discussed her concern on a segment of the Sunrise Corridor project. Utility Trailer is located on Lawnfeild road and is a member of the Lawnfield Industrial Owners Association. Utility Trailer and the Lawnfield Industrial Owners Association are concerned with the closing of the railway section as propped by ODOT rail and the newly proposed highway will intersect Mather Road near Camp Withycombe, which is Utility trailers primary access to Highway 212 and 224. Lawnfield Industrial Owners Association has come to the conclusion that a few alterations to the proposed plan would meet adequate industrial access to the few dozens of business in the area. She recommended to construct an overpass at Mather road, abandon construction of new Industrial Way, abandon the grade improvements at Lawnfeild road, and to build the Tolbert Overpass. No close of railroad crossing at Lawnfeild until adequate access is available.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Collette recognized councilors who will be departing JPACT, Commissioner Lininger, Mayor Craig Dirksen, Mayor Sam Adams and Councilor Rex Burkholder.

Mr. Josh Naramore of Metro briefly discussed the MTIP Regional Flexible Fund solicitation packet, which is scheduled to be released on January 4. All applications for Step 2 Active transportation & Complete Streets and Green economy & Freight initiatives and the Step 3 Regional Economic Opportunity Funds will be due to Metro Staff and County Coordinating committees on March 15.

Mr. John Mermin of Metro briefed the committee on amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan(RTP). This is targeted to regional project that need to spend money before the next RTP update in June 2014. Requests are due December 20th and there will be a public comment period early 2013 do an come back to the regional committees later in the winter of 2013.

Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro discussed the MTIP process for ODOT and Transit agency funding and coordination. Metro staff has prepared a letter to its transportation partners describing the responsibilities of Metro and JPACT and requesting coordination with the development of their funding allocation processes so that JPACT and the Council will be prepared to approve the final 2015-18 MTIP with the ODOT and Transit administered projects. JPACT will receive a response from the transportation partners.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE JPACT MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2012

MOTION: Mr. Neil McFarlane moved, Councilor Donna Jordan seconded, to approve JPACT Minutes for November 8, 2012.

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

5. REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Mr. Randy Tucker of Metro presented the draft Regional Legislative Priorities. Metro and local government staff who developed this resolution initially presented a range of issues for discussion by the JPACT Finance Committee on October 23. JPACT members share an understanding of the challenging political, economic and budget environments at the state level. In that context, this agenda proposes to focus the region's strongest efforts on achieving a single top priority (financing for the CRC). Other priorities include defending past progress, maintaining existing local revenue authority and restoring authority that has been temporarily suspended, seeking additional local flexibility, and continuing the region's innovative approach to transportation system development in ways that support economic prosperity, livable communities, and environmental sustainability. The committee is expected to take action on a resolution approving the Regional Legislative Priorities in 2013. Mr. Tucker asked the committee for input on the legislative priorities.

The committee discussed the following items:

- Committee members stated they supported the letter.
- Councilor Burkholder updated the committee on a recent meeting he and Metro Council President Tom Hughes had with Governor John Kitzhaber concerning reduction in funding for the project.
- Members stated the importance of tolling and stated the need to be aware of the effect the construction and tolling will have on I-205.
- Members requested that the changes to the Business Energy Tax Credit and its implications should be noted in the priorities.

6. REGIONAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FUND PROPOSAL

Regional flexible funds are an element of the funds programmed within the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). The Metropolitan region is preparing to prioritize transportation projects and program activities to receive regional flexible funds available in the federal fiscal years 2016 through 2018. The Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council's adopted the policy direction for the allocation of these funds with Resolution No. 12-4383 on November 15, 2012. Chair Collette asked the members to describe their respective Projects. Commissioner Ann Lininger described the Sunrise System: Industrial Area Freight Access and Multimodal Improvement. Commissioner Roy Rodgers described the US 26/Brookwood Interchange project. Mr. Bill Wyatt described the Troutdale Industrial Access Project. Commissioner Diane McKeel described the NE 238th Drive: NE Halsey Street to NE Glisan Street Freight and Multimodal Improvements. Mr. Neil McFarlane described the East Portland Access to Employment and Education Multi-Modal Improvements projects. Mr. Joshua Naramore of Metro introduced a resolution to amend resolution 12-4383 setting the policy direction to The Regional Flexible Funding Allocation (RFFA) process for federal fiscal years 2016-18.

MOTION: Mr. Jason Tell moved, Commissioner Roy Rodgers seconded to approve amendments to regional flexible fund policy direction.

DISCUSSION: Members stated their appreciation of the regional collaboration that was involved in the project and the strength of all the projects.

Councilor Burkholder reminded the committee is obligated to have an open, transparent and competitive process. He stated concern that committee may be moving away from that obligation.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, with one abstain (N. DeConcini), the motion passed.

7. ADJOURN

Councilor Lingerer thanked the committee and stated that there will be changes to the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners but ensured that the new Commissioners will continue work with the region.

Chair Collette adjourned the meeting at 8:41a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marc Week
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR DECEMBER 13, 2012

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

ITEM	Document type	Doc Date	Document Description	Document No.
3	Memo	12/14/2012	MTIP process to Mr. Tell	121312j-01
3	Memo	12/14/2012	MTIP process to Mr. McFarlane	121312j-02
3	Memo	12/14/2012	MTIP process to Mr. Lashbrook	121312j-03
3	PPT	12/13/2012	Call for RTP project amendments	121312j-04
6	Memo	12/11/2013	HLA comment on RFFA	121312j-05
6	Memo	12/11/2013	Sen Thomsen comment on Sunrise Corridor Project	121312j-06