



Metro Policy Advisory Committee  
**March 13, 2013**  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Amanda Fritz  
Andy Duyck  
Annette Mattson  
Bill Turlay  
Bob Grover  
Bob Stacey  
Charlynn Newton  
Craig Dirksen  
Craig Prosser  
Denny Doyle  
Doug Neeley  
Jody Carson, *1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair*  
Josh Fuhrer  
Kent Studebaker  
Loretta Smith, *Chair*  
Marilyn McWilliams  
Sam Chase  
Wilda Parks

**AFFILIATION**

City of Portland  
Washington County  
David Douglas School Board, Governing Body of School Districts  
City of Vancouver  
Citizen, Washington Co. Citizen  
Metro Council  
City of North Plains, City in Washington Co. Outside the UGB  
Metro Council  
TriMet  
City of Beaverton, Washington Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City  
City of Oregon City, Clackamas Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City  
City of West Linn, Clackamas Co. Other Cities  
City of Gresham, Multnomah Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City  
City of Lake Oswego, Clackamas Co. Largest City  
Multnomah County  
Tualatin Valley Water District, Washington Co. Special Districts  
Metro Council  
Citizen, Representing Clackamas Co. Citizen

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Charlie Hales  
Jerry Willey  
Martha Schrader  
Maxine Fitzpatrick  
Norm Thomas  
Peter Truax, *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair*  
Steve Clark  
Steve Stuart  
William Wild

**AFFILIATION**

City of Portland  
City of Hillsboro, Washington Co. Largest City  
Clackamas County  
Citizen, Representing Multnomah Co. Citizen  
City of Troutdale, Multnomah Co. Other Cities  
City of Forest Grove, Washington Co. Other Cities  
TriMet Board of Directors  
Clark County  
Boring Fire District, Clackamas Co. Special Districts

**ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Jennifer Donnelly  
Susie Lahsene

**AFFILIATION**

Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation and Development  
Port of Portland

**STAFF:** Joe Montanez, Ina Zucker, Robin McArthur, Nikolai Ursin, Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Jonathan Jubera, Patty Unfred, Grace Cho, Ray Valone, Bob Foster, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Kathryn Harrington

## **1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

Chair Loretta Smith called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 5:07p.m.

## **2. SELF INTODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS**

All attendees introduced themselves.

## **3. CITEZEN COMMUNICATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No citizen communication or non-agenda items were discussed.

## **4. COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilor Bob Stacey provided an update on the following items:

- On Feb. 28 the Metro Council adopted the master plan for the 22-mile-long Ice Age Tonquin Trail which will connect the cities of Sherwood, Tualatin, and Wilsonville. Five miles of the trail has already been completed and the next phase consists of constructing the Cedar Creek Greenway through the City of Sherwood.
- House Bill 3067, the Area 93 land transfer from Multnomah Co. into Washington Co., has received unanimous support in the Oregon Legislature House Land Use Committee. The bill will be voted upon in the Oregon House this week.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Consideration of the Feb. 27, 2013 minutes**

MOTION: Councilor Jody Carson moved, Ms. Wilda Parks seconded, to approve the consent agenda.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

## **6. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Legislative Update**

Councilor Craig Dirksen provided an update on the following items:

- The I-5 Replacement Bridge Project;
- Paint Stewardship;
- Willamette Falls Legacy Project;
- Industrial site readiness;
- Property tax reform;
- Area 93;
- TriMet collective bargaining;
- Clean Fuels Program;
- Affordable Housing.

Mayor Doug Neeley, City of Oregon City, wanted to go on record in expressing his support of the Willamette Falls site.

## 6.2 **Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project: Investment Choices**

Councilor Craig Dirksen introduced Kim Ellis as well as provided a brief introduction to Climate Smart Communities.

The Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project will help the region's cities and counties define their goals for the next 20 years. It will show how those goals might help the region reduce carbon emissions. There are many ways we can reduce pollution, create healthy, more equitable communities and nurture the economy, too.

A one-size-fits-all approach won't meet the needs of our diverse communities. Instead, a combination of many local approaches, woven together, will create a diverse yet shared vision for how we can keep this a great place for years to come. With many options available to the region, the next step is to test three potential future ways the region could grow and invest, called scenarios, to see what might work best. Since community investment is such a powerful tool for helping grow jobs and protecting our clean air, the region will consider a range of investment levels - low, medium and high - to demonstrate what communities and the region can accomplish on our current path with existing resources and tools, and what could be accomplished with more.

Ms. Ellis reviewed project accomplishments to date and the 3 investment-based scenarios that will be tested this summer. Staff convened a series of workshops with community leaders on public health, the environment and equity to share information about the project and gather input on the strategies being considered as well as the outcomes that are a priority for the evaluation. The workshops were convened in partnership with Oregon Health Authority, 1000 Friends, Oregon Environmental Council, Coalition for Communities of Color and the Coalition for a Livable Future.

Ms. Ellis explained staff is mid-way through conducting a series of business focus groups in different parts of the region in partnership with the different business alliances and chambers. Similar to the 2012 workshops, the purpose is to share information about the project, hear what businesses are already doing to reduce costs and be more sustainable. In addition, staff worked with local government staff to confirm their locally adopted land use visions using envision tomorrow. Those adopted visions for growth will be the foundation for the scenarios evaluation moving forward. Staff also conducted additional sensitivity testing of the phase 1 scenarios, which showed the top strategies from a GHG reduction perspective are advancements in clean fuels and technology, transit and increases in the cost to drive. All of these activities informed development of the three scenarios presented today.

She reminded members that the purpose of scenario planning is to test a range of potential futures that reflect choices policymakers, businesses and individuals might make to compare and contrast the effects of different levels of investment and policy implementation on public health, economy, environment, equity and GHG emissions. She emphasized that the preferred scenario developed in 2014 may not be 1 of the 3 tested, and is likely to include elements from all three scenarios. All will be tested in the summer of 2013, so cities, counties and community partners can decide which elements of the three should go forward into one scenario for the region to adopt in 2014.

Ms. Ellis explained the three scenarios are being introduced to MPAC and JPACT this month to build understanding and support among policy makers for the evaluation work ahead. Staff will also begin working in earnest with the technical work group to define the specific modeling assumptions for each scenario – examples are proposed assumptions were included in the meeting materials. A key objective of MPAC and JPACT discussions between now and May is for members to tell staff what information they need from the evaluation to develop a preferred scenario concept next fall. The input provided will help direct the evaluation over the summer.

For more information, visit [www.oregonmetro.gov/climatescenarios](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/climatescenarios).

Member discussion included:

- Mr. Bob Grover inquired if Metro will choose the scenario that is status quo, or a scenario that is more balanced. Ms. Kim Ellis responded by stating that the chosen scenario will be a variation of local approaches, designed for the best possible outcome;
- Ms. Robin McArthur stated that communities should look at the various scenarios to see how different levels of investments produce the best outcomes;
- Members asked if the given scenarios incorporated equity issues. Ms. Ellis stated that in terms of access, all scenarios take medical services, transit, sidewalks, and other equity affected issues into account. She noted that communities of color, walk, bike, and take public transit more than any other socioeconomic demographic;
- Members asked if low-income maps exist. Ms. Ellis stated that socioeconomic mapping is taking place now and is scheduled to roll out in the fall. She stated that Metro will look to this work to incorporate it into the final scenario;
- Members expressed concerns with “food deserts” – areas that do not have easy access to grocery stores or medical services. Ms. Ellis stated that this issue could be looked at through analysis. Councilor Craig Dirksen also stated that in addressing this issue, communities have to realize that not all of these areas are subject to change;
- Members stated that statistics of the economic affects should also be reported for each scenario;
- Members suggested that including a cost benefit analysis of each scenario might be helpful in making a final decision;
- Members stated that reporting on the effects of small business in each scenario would be helpful information as well;
- Members asked if choosing a scenario would require a significant amount of regulatory changes. Ms. Ellis stated that the evaluation will also identify what is required to implement each scenario. This information will inform next fall’s regional discussion on choices and tradeoffs available to us. For the preferred scenario, MPAC and JPACT will make recommendations to the Metro Council about the policies and funding needed to support the outcomes and choices that the region has agreed upon.

### 6.3 **Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project: Phase 1 Health Impact Assessment**

Ms. Jae Douglas and Ms. Andrea Hamberg from Oregon Health Authority presented a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) of Phase 1 of the CSC Scenarios project, and provided their recommendation of which strategies would achieve the best health outcomes.

The OHA recommendations apply to the selection of the three Phase Two scenarios to be further tested in 2013, as well as the development and adoption of a preferred scenario in 2014. The HIA

will help to support Metro in their consideration of public health and health equity in the selection and implementation of transportation and land use decisions related to GHG reduction policy in the Portland metro region.

All of the policy combinations under consideration in the CSCS project are intended to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) levels, and may also reduce other air pollutants. Any reduction in air pollution may have positive impacts on health, including reductions in chronic diseases such as asthma or cancer, and acute conditions such as heart attack or stroke.

OHA found that almost all of the policies under consideration could be positive for health, and that certain policies were more beneficial than others. The majority of the health benefits result from increased physical activity, followed by reductions in road traffic crashes and lower exposure to particulate air pollution. Strategies that meet GHG reduction goals by decreasing vehicle miles traveled (VMT) will have the most positive impact on human health by increasing physical activity through active transportation and reducing injuries and fatalities from collisions. Strategies supporting the highest increases in active transportation may also be the most successful in decreasing air toxics emissions and related exposures that result from lower VMT.

OHA strongly recommends the development and implementation of a preferred scenario that meets or surpasses GHG reduction levels set in 2011. For more information, contact Jae Douglas at [jae.p.douglas@state.or.us](mailto:jae.p.douglas@state.or.us).

Member discussion included:

- Members asked if the number of the scenario reported in the HIA was directly related to the scenario levels tested in Phase 1. Ms. Kim Ellis noted that it is the case;
- Members asked how partners participated in this project. Ms. Douglas stated that partners helped define the scope of the impact assessment through a one-day workshop and they provided further technical assistance to support the literature review and a review of the draft HIA;
- Mr. Bob Grover argued that his health should not be the concern or responsibility of anyone but his own self. Ms. Douglas stated that there is a growing body of knowledge about the social determinates of health. She stated that humans are not distinct from the environment in which they live and what we contribute out is what we take in from our environment. She also noted that our personal behavior plays a key element in our health and that we should be focused on healthy choices that are affordable and accessible;
- Members stated that our personal choices do affect the society around us and that how we treat our environment does, in fact, impact our health.

## **7. MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATION**

The following items were discussed in member communication:

- Mr. Bob Grover, on the issue of industrial land use, stated that he believes the process is cumbersome and expensive. He believes the process should be simplified by being made cheaper and easier;
- Councilor Bob Stacey stated that the leadership council is currently working with Urban Land Institute on the Community Investment Initiative.

- Councilor Jody Carson inquired if members would be interested in attending an MPAC 101session;
- Commissioner Andy Duyck and Mayor Doug Neeley both spoke in support of the work being conducted at the Blue Heron Paper Mill Facility in Oregon City. Commissioner Loretta Smith stated that MPAC would be taking a field trip to the facility this spring;
- Councilor Bob Stacey, hearing overwhelming support for the Blue Heron facility, prompted MPAC for a motion to send a letter of support and a request that \$5 million be allocated to the facility for project expenses, to the Governor's office.

MOTION: Councilor Jody Carson moved, Ms. Marilyn McWilliams seconded, to send a letter in support of the Blue Heron Paper Mill facility to Governor Kitzhaber.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

## 8. **ADJOURN**

Chair Loretta Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe Montanez  
Recording Secretary

## **ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR MARCH 13, 2013**

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

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Doc. Type</u></b>	<b><u>Doc. Date</u></b>	<b><u>Doc. Description</u></b>	<b><u>Doc. Number</u></b>
6.2	Power Point	N/A	CSC Investment Choices	31313m-01
6.3	Handout	N/A	CSC HIA Summary	31313m-02
6.3	PowerPoint	N/A	CSC HIA	31313m-03