



Metro Policy Advisory Committee

April 10, 2013

Metro Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andy Duyck
Annette Mattson
Bill Turlay
Bob Grover
Craig Prosser
Doug Neeley
Jody Carson, *1st Vice Chair*
Loretta Smith, *Chair*
Marilyn McWilliams
Maxine Fitzpatrick
Peter Truax, *2nd Vice Chair*
Sam Chase
Tim Clark
Wilda Parks

AFFILIATION

Washington County
David Douglas School Board, Governing Body of School Districts
City of Vancouver
Citizen, Washington Co. Citizen
TriMet
City of Oregon City, Clackamas Co. 2nd Largest City
City of West Linn, Clackamas Co. Other Cities
Multnomah County
Tualatin Valley Water District, Washington Co. Special Districts
Citizen, Representing Multnomah Co. Citizen
City of Forest Grove, Washington Co. Other Cities
Metro Council
City of Wood Village, Multnomah Co. Other Cities
Citizen, Representing Clackamas Co. Citizen

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Amanda Fritz
Bob Stacey
Charlie Hales
Charlynn Newton
Craig Dirksen
Jim Rue
Josh Fuhrer
Kent Studebaker
Martha Schrader
Norm Thomas
Steve Clark
Steve Stuart
Tom Imeson

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
Metro Council
City of Portland
City of North Plains, City in Washington Co. Outside the UGB
Metro Council
Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation and Development
City of Gresham, Multnomah Co. 2nd Largest City
City of Lake Oswego, Clackamas Co. Largest City
Clackamas County
City of Troutdale, Multnomah Co. Other Cities
TriMet Board of Directors
Clark County
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Aron Carleson
John Hartsock
Marc San Soucie

AFFILIATION

City of Hillsboro, Washington Co. Largest City
Boring Fire District, Clackamas Co. Special Districts
City of Beaverton, Washington Co. 2nd Largest City

STAFF: Kelsey Newell, Beth Cohen, Ina Zucker, Nikolai Ursin, Patty Unfred, Joe Montanez, Roger Alfred, Brian Monberg, Andy Shaw, Nick Christiansen, John Williams, Tom Kloster, John Mermin, Kim Ellis, Grace Cho, 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 5:06p.m.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

All attendees introduced themselves.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No citizen communication or non-agenda items were discussed.

4. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Sam Chase provided an update on the following items:

- Metro has secured a 147-acre wildlife corridor near Chehalem Ridge and the Tualatin National Wildlife Refuge. This area, which will expand the wildlife corridor into the southern Tualatin Valley, provides a vital habitat to a wide variety of species;
- The Regional Travel Options grant awards were announced today. It will provide \$2,1 million for projects that reduce driving alone, improve air quality, and address community health issues;
- The Southwest Corridor online open house begins on April 15th. This open house walks citizens through steps taken, decisions made, and issues addressed thus far. It is open until mid May. For more information, visit www.swcorridorplan.org.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- **Consideration of the March 13, 2013 minutes**

MOTION: Commissioner Andy Duyck moved, Councilor Jody Carson seconded, to approve the consent agenda.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

6. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Legislative Update

Councilor Sam Chase provided an update on the following items:

- Monday was the deadline for bills to be scheduled for a work session and April 18th is the deadline for bills to move out of their committee;
- The House Land Use Committee is working on a package of land use reforms which are intended to streamline the UGB process;
- HB 2255, dealing with employment land and industrial facilities is scheduled for a work session and will most likely be amended;
- SB 845, has just been introduced that is intended to address uncertainty related to the appeal of the region's urban reserve decision and the subsequent UGB decision;

- HB 3067, the Area 93 bill, passed the House unanimously and is awaiting a hearing in the Senate;
- A bill up for a hearing and possible work session on 4/10 would create a task force to look at financing strategies for the Willamette River bridges;
- A bill up for a hearing next week proposes to change the makeup of the TriMet board;
- HB 2453, which would impose a mileage-based fee on vehicles that get the equivalent of 55 MPG or better;
- Clackamas County's rural ACT bill has drawn the attention of ODOT;
- SB 246 and 253, the industrial site readiness bills, are scheduled for a work session and seem to be in good shape;
- HB 3030, which would recapitalize the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund with \$10 million, had a first hearing yesterday and has strong support;
- HB 2048, the bill to lift the sunset on the state's paint stewardship program, is caught up in a dispute between PaintCare (the industry consortium that runs the program) and the Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association. The bill will be sent to Ways and Means and negotiations will continue.

6.2 **Update from MPAC members who attended the National League of Cities Conference**

Councilor Aron Carleson provided an update from the National League of Cities Conference. Ms. Carleson stated that the conference was executed very well. She noted that speakers and the conference overall, were very effective. She stated that their time with Senator Wyden was enjoyable.

Chair Smith also noted that Multnomah County has applied for a grant that aims to shrink the achievement gap in black males. She noted that literacy is key for increasing black male achievement.

6.3 **2035 Regional Transportation Plan Amendments**

Mr. John Mermin provided an update on proposed amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). When amending the RTP, Metro must demonstrate that the proposed projects meet federal air quality conformity requirements and hold a 30 day public comment period. There are state requirements that have to be met as well, including a 35-day notice the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development and a 45-day public comment period. When soliciting the current set of amendments Metro asked that local jurisdiction only submit projects that they expect to advance to design or construction prior to the next scheduled RTP update (required by federal law to be adopted by June 2014).

The proposed amendments include the following projects:

- Washington County – Scholls Ferry Road lane widening;
- City of Beaverton – Crescent Street multimodal extension;
- City of Hillsboro
 - Gibbs Drive new 3-lane street
 - 253rd Avenue new 3-lane street
 - Butler Drive lane widening
 - Brookwood Parkway lane widening
 - Cornelius Pass Road lane widening

- US 26/Cornelius Pass Road off-ramp widening
- East Metro Connections Plan
 - 238th Avenue multimodal improvements
 - Move regional designations from 242nd ROW to existing 238th/242nd
 - Designate North/South arterials to be equally significant for freight and vehicle movement
- Oregon Department of Transportation
 - Extend I – 205 Southbound auxiliary lane from I-84 to Stark/Washington
 - Extend acceleration lane on I-205 Northbound in vicinity of Powell and widen exit ramp at Stark/Washington
 - Extend I-5 Southbound auxiliary lane in vicinity of Lower Boones Ferry exit/entrance ramps
- Portland – North Williams Avenue bike/pedestrian safety project

Next steps include action being taken by MPAC, JPACT, and Metro Council. MPAC will make a recommendation on April 24th.

Member discussion included:

- Members noted the significance of the 238th Ave project;
- Members inquired about the accommodations being made for pedestrians on the Brookwood Pkwy and Cornelius Pass projects. Mr. Mermin stated that local staff are exploring the best possible options for keeping pedestrians safe; Chair Smith inquired about the Williams Street Extension project and asked whether any concerns had been received regarding it. Mr. Mermin explained that three comments had been received during the recent public comment period, one in support and two in opposition - one disagreed with a design decision (left-side bike lane), and one preferred that spending occur in outer SE Portland rather than in inner N. Portland.
- Mayor Pete Truax distributed a letter from Washington County elected officials in support of the I-5 auxiliary lane project.

6.4 **Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project: MPAC input on evaluation criteria**

Ms. Kim Ellis sought feedback on the evaluation criteria and questions to be addressed in the evaluation. The CSC Scenarios project is currently in phase 2, in which, at this point, they are looking at 7 evaluation criteria including:

- Jobs and Housing;
- Economy;
- Travel;
- Energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions;
- Natural resources ;
- Public health;
- Feasibility.

Member discussion included:

- Members inquired about access to transit for disadvantaged people groups. Ms. Ellis stated that this will be added into the evaluation criteria.

- Members asked who would pay for those costs. Ms. Ellis stated that costs are determined by households and income groups, but that is about the level of info they can provide.
- Mr. Bob Grover stated his thoughts on the CSC, noting that instead of focusing strictly on GHG reduction, the CSC has tried to incorporate so many different things and that the goal of the programs has strayed from its intended purpose. Ms. Ellis stated that the goal is to reduce GHG emissions, but while also meeting Metro's 6 regional outcomes.
- Councilor Gretchen Beuhner stated that she feels that state's revenue sharing is soon to be at risk. She also stated focus should be placed on changing the financial restraints before any focus gets placed on CSC. She urged taking a larger look project funding.
- Members asked if there was even a way to make funding a separate issue. Ms. Ellis stated that she will look to see what it will take for funding in each scenario and noted that there are various funding mechanisms that can be implemented.
- Members asked who will pay the bill for this project. Mr. John Williams stated that the payment piece is the political issue in this project. He stated that the funding decisions is for the policy makers, but if more needs to be done, there is a willingness to make that decision together.
- Mayor Doug Neeley stated that he does not feel separating funding would be beneficial.
- Members asked as to what the overall goal of the CSC was. Ms. Ellis stated that simply, it is to reduce GHG emission in the state by 20%, by the year 2035.
- Marc San Soucie stated that he has not seen any significant conflict between the CSC work to date and the work being done in Beaverton on community improvement.
- Members asked about elaborating on flexibility in the region. Ms. Ellis stated that a one size fits all approach will not work, but rather we need to make this community specific.
- Members stated that this project is not about the environment or the economy, it is about both.

7. MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Mayor Pete Truax shared his thoughts on the coming effects of sequestration. He stated that the timber industry is in dire straits. He also stated that Community Development Block Grants and Head Start funding are crucial to the vitality of our communities. He also noted that we should be making veterans a priority.

Mayor Doug Neeley expressed is appreciation for all of the support of the Willamette Falls facility.

8. ADJOURN

Chair Loretta Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe Montanez
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR APRIL 10, 2013

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>Doc. Type</u>	<u>Doc. Date</u>	<u>Doc. Description</u>	<u>Doc. Number</u>
6.3	Power Point	N/A	2035 TRP Amendmets	41013m-01
6.3	Handout	4/8/13	Washington Co. Letter	41013m-02
6.4	PowerPoint	N/A	CSC Investment Choices	41013m-03
6.4	Link	N/A	CSC HIA: Full Report	41013m-04
6.4	Handout	4/4/13	CSC Environmental Workshop Summary	41013m-05
6.4	Handout	4/3/13	CSC Equity & Environmental Justice Workshop Summary	41013m-06
6.4	Handout	4/4/13	CSC Business Focus Groups	41013m-07