



Metro Policy Advisory Committee
August 14, 2013
Metro Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Turlay
Bob Grover
Bob Stacey
Charlie Hales
Craig Dirksen
Doug Neeley
Jerry Willey
Jody Carson, *1st Vice Chair*
Loretta Smith, *Chair*
Marilyn McWilliams
Martha Schrader
Maxine Fitzpatrick
Peter Truax, *2nd Vice Chair*
Sam Chase
Tom Imeson
Wilda Parks

AFFILIATION

City of Vancouver
Citizen, Washington Co. Citizen
Metro Council
City of Portland
Metro Council
City of Oregon City, Clackamas Co. 2nd Largest City
City of Hillsboro, Washington Co. Largest City
City of West Linn, Clackamas Co. Other Cities
Multnomah County
Tualatin Valley Water District, Washington Co. Special Districts
Clackamas County
Citizen, Representing Multnomah Co. Citizen
City of Forest Grove, Washington Co. Other Cities
Metro Council
Port of Portland
Citizen, Representing Clackamas Co. Citizen

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Amanda Fritz
Andy Duyck
Charlynn Newton
Craig Prosser
Jeff Gudman
Jim Rue
Josh Fuhrer
Steve Stuart
Tim Clark
William Wild

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
Washington County
City of North Plains, City in Washington Co. Outside the UGB
TriMet
City of Lake Oswego, Clackamas Co. Largest City
Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation and Development
City of Gresham, Multnomah County, 2nd Largest City
Clark County
City of Wood Village, Multnomah Co. Other Cities
Oak Lodge Sanitary District, Clackamas Co. Special Districts

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Marc San Soucie

AFFILIATION

City of Beaverton, Washington Co. 2nd Largest City

STAFF: Nick Christenson, Maria Ellis, Lake McTighe, John Mermin, Joel Schoening, Andy Cotugno, Roger Alfred, Ina Zucker, Ramona Perrault, Colin Deverell, Nikolai Ursin, Andy Shaw, Councilor Carlotta Collette, Councilor Kathryn Harrington

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Loretta Smith called the meeting to order at 5:10p.m.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

All attendees introduced themselves.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Don Baack, President of SW Trails PDX, addressed MPAC on the Active Transportation Plan (ATP). He began by stating that his group has been working on active transportation on an extremely low budget for the last 20 years. His group has worked on over 40 miles of trail in the region and about 8 miles will be included in the ATP. He applauded Metro for the ATP working to provide better bike/ped connectivity and stated that there are a variety of low-cost options that should be considered in continuing to build active transportation routes throughout the region.

Ms. Paige Richardson, The Coalition for Fair Budget Priorities, addressed MPAC regarding the Convention Center Hotel Project. Ms. Richardson began by stating that she, as well as many others, has concerns with the rising costs of this project. She stated that the cost of land as well as the cost of development has increased significantly without input from the public. She stated that the "if you build it they will come" model has not worked for other cities in the past and called for more transparency in Metro's decision making process. She asked the public to really think about the decisions being made.

Councilor Bob Stacey addressed Ms. Richardson stating that the Council themselves recently received documentation of this information and that Ms. Richardson was more than welcome to receive a copy. Mayor Jerry Willey then asked for a copy as well and Councilor Stacey stated that he would make it available.

4. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Craig Dirksen provided an update on the following items:

- At the Aug. 15th Council Meeting, the Metro Council will consider two items related to a potential headquarters hotel. The first item is an amendment to Visitors Facilities Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Portland and Multnomah County, dedicating the lodging tax that the hotel generates to the bonds. The second is a terms sheet that provides a framework for negotiating a Developing and Financing Agreement with Mortenson/Hyatt Development.
- The Metro Council will vote on Aug. 15th on the most recent round of Community Planning and Development Grants. The grants help support community and economic development and \$4 million is proposed to be awarded to 20 projects across the region.

5. APPROVAL OF JUNE 26, 2013 MPAC MINUTES

MOTION: Councilor Jody Carson moved, Mayor Pete Truax seconded, to amend the June 26, 2013 minutes to include Councilor Carson on the list of MPAC members present as well as to include the "City of Gresham" before listing the position of "Multnomah County 2nd Largest City."

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

MOTION: Mayor Doug Neeley moved, Mayor Jerry Willey seconded to approve the June 26, 2013 minutes as amended.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed. (McWilliams, San Soucie Abstain)

6. WILLAMETTE FALLS LEGACY PROJECT TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Mayor Doug Neeley began by thanking everyone who came on the tour, especially the mayors from Washington County. Mayor Neeley stated that this project will be challenging, but presents a tremendous opportunity for Oregon City as well as the region.

Members overwhelmingly expressed their continued support of the project, emphasizing its regional significance.

7. DRAFT REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Ms. Lake McTighe, Metro, presented on the Draft Regional Active Transportation Plan. Ms. McTighe began by stating that the purpose of the ATP is to create safe, reliable transportation network and exercise leadership on climate change. She noted that the plan has been shaped with much input, but staff is continuing to engage with external partners to refine the ATP. The next steps involved, include acknowledgment by the Metro Council in September via a resolution of the work done to date, followed by another year of further refinement, stakeholder engagement, and public comment. The final plan will be proposed for adoption as a component to the Regional Transportation Plan in July 2014. Ms. McTighe heavily emphasized that nothing in the ATP will be a mandate, rather it will offer a set of guidelines and best practices for building out the regions bike/ped networks. Ms. McTighe also covered some policies and proposed actions; possible funding strategies; and implementation strategies and projects. Ms. McTighe concluded by stating that the ATP provides information to local jurisdictions and agencies so that when they choose to invest in active transportation, they get the highest return on investment, while reducing congestion, increasing safety and efficiency, and becoming a leader in climate change. For more information on the ATP, visit www.oregonmetro.gov.

Member discussion included:

- Councilor Bob Stacey noted his hope that MPAC will share in the responses to the Draft ATP and be prepared to make a recommendation to the Metro Council at the next meeting on September 11th.
- Members referenced the ATP, noting that it will not be tied to federal funding. Members then stated that a lot of projects will most likely need federal funding for completion.
- Members expressed interest in the equity research as well as offered recommendations for how to best reach out to communities of color. Ms. McTighe stated that any recommendations in that area are more than welcome.
- Members stated that the region has been pretty successful in transportation projects thus far, without the ATP. However, members expressed that the verbiage changes to the resolution and other supporting documents show willingness for reception of regional input.
- Members stated that they will present the updated materials to their jurisdictions.

- Metro Councilor Craig Dirksen clarified the process of the ATP. Councilor Dirksen addressed MPAC's concerns of the Metro Council approving a resolution now. He stated that the Draft ATP was in fact funded by a federal grant that has now come to an end. As a stipulation of the grant, the Metro Council has to pass a resolution that accepts the work done to date to show proper use of the grant funds. After the approval of such resolution, there will be a full year of continued refining and stakeholder input.

8. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (CII) REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE ENTERPRISE (RIE)

Metro Councilor Bob Stacey introduced Mr. Dave Robertson and Mr. Tom Imeson, stating that this is an opportunity for MPAC to directly address board members of the CII for the purpose of making any recommendations they feel necessary.

Mr. Robertson provided a brief history of the CII and what has come before MPAC at this point. He stated that the RIE is the most ambitious project that CII has undertaken. Mr. Robertson stated that there are numerous challenges in meeting regional infrastructure need. One of the biggest challenges is managing the programs leverage in the form of partnerships, staff, and dollars available. Mr. Robertson stated that he survey taken earlier this year yielded about 60 projects focusing mainly on industrial site development, local auto transportation, and transit oriented development and redevelopment.

Mr. Tom Imeson spoke about the RIE, firstly stating its mission and functions. The mission of the RIE is to facilitate infrastructure investments that catalyze living-wage job creation, private investment, and economic development. This will be accomplished through and innovative and strategic focus on skills and resources to prioritize economic development projects in the region. The goal will be to focus on public/private partnerships, predevelopment technical assistance and funding mechanisms. Mr. Imeson also spoke to the proposed implementations strategy, the proposed governance structure, and the proposed funding model – stating the region must act because infrastructure is fundamental to a strong economy. Mr. Imeson stated that the deadline for feedback on the business plan will be August 31st. The CII will then finalize the RIE business plan on September 24th. The Metro Council will then seek a proposal on implementation actions in October. For more information, contact the CII at info@communityinvestmentinitiative.org.

Member discussion included:

- Members expressed concern that the language of the business plan gives the impression that there will be heavy focus on development of industrial manufacturing.
- Members also expressed concern with just how equitable decision making will be across the region - finding the nexus of who pays and who benefits.
- Members stated that Intergovernmental Agreements work best where there is a symmetry of goals that keep all parties moving in the right direction. Members asked how staff time amongst the 3 involved parties will be divided. Mr. Imeson stated that initial staffing will come from the Port and Metro. He stated that at this point, it is hard to say how much time it will require of them.
- Members expressed concerns with the demonstration projects, specifically, the definition of what exactly infrastructure means. Mr. Imeson stated that demonstration projects will have to be on a smaller scale due to the lack of resources for a large scale regional project.

- Members expressed concerns about funding and maintenance of projects for local jurisdictions. Mr. Imeson stated that once the RIE gains momentum, the hope is that jurisdictions that need assistance on a project will come to the RIE for funding and maintenance. Mr. Imeson stated that the RIE will not undertake projects that the local jurisdictions do not want, rather they will help implement projects that are found to be significant.

9. 2014 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) WORK PROGRAM

Mr. John Mermin, Metro Planning, provided the Council with an update on the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Mr. Mermin began by stating that an RTP is a long-range blueprint that guides regional and local planning while adhering to state and federal guidelines. The RTP hopes to improve the region by providing vibrant communities, equity, economic prosperity, clean water and air, better transportation choices, and regional climate change leadership. Although the current RTP update is extensive, the 2018 RTP will be an even more expansive effort, focusing heavily on the Climate Smart Communities guidelines. The current update would be adopted summer 2014, but if Metro cannot approve the plan by September 2014, it will lapse, restricting Metro from obligating federal transportation funds for projects in the RTP. To ensure maximum efficiency, the RTP will coordinate with other ongoing Metro initiatives, including Climate Smart Communities and the Equity Strategy Project. For more information, visit www.oregonmetro.gov.

Member discussion included:

- Members asked if there are any anticipated policy changes in the RTP that will increase fees for local jurisdictions. Mr. Mermin stated that the RTP does not adopt anything related to imposing fees on local jurisdictions.

10. MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Councilor Craig Dirksen reminded MPAC that the CII will have a Draft IGA for review and recommendation to the Metro Council in October.

11. ADJOURN

Chair Loretta Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe Montanez
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR AUGUST 14, 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>
7	PPT	N/A	ATP	81413m-01
7	Handout	8/13/13	Mayors ATP Letter & Proposed Resolution	81413m -02
7	Handout	8/13	Active Transportation Article	81413m -03
8	PPT	N/A	CII RIE	81413m -04
9	Handout	4/4/13	RTP	81413m -05