



Metro Policy Advisory Committee
September 25, 2013
Metro Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andy Duyck
Bob Grover
Bob Stacey
Craig Dirksen
Craig Prosser
Doug Neeley
Jeff Gudman
Josh Fuhrer
Lise Glancy
Marilyn McWilliams
Peter Truax, *2nd Vice Chair*
Sam Chase
Tim Clark
William Wild

AFFILIATION

Washington County
Citizen, Washington Co. Citizen
Metro Council
Metro Council
TriMet
City of Oregon City, Clackamas Co. 2nd Largest City
City of Lake Oswego, Clackamas Co. Largest City
City of Gresham, Multnomah County, 2nd Largest City
Port of Portland
Tualatin Valley Water District, Washington Co. Special Districts
City of Forest Grove, Washington Co. Other Cities
Metro Council
City of Wood Village, Multnomah Co. Other Cities
Oak Lodge Sanitary District, Clackamas Co. Special Districts

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Amanda Fritz
Charlie Hales
Charlynn Newton
Jerry Willey
Jody Carson, *1st Vice Chair*
Loretta Smith, *Chair*
Martha Schrader
Maxine Fitzpatrick
Steve Stuart

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
City of Portland
City of North Plains, City in Washington Co. Outside the UGB
City of Hillsboro, Washington Co. Largest City
City of West Linn, Clackamas Co. Other Cities
Multnomah County
Clackamas County
Citizen, Representing Multnomah Co. Citizen
Clark County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Carrie MacLaren
Chad Eiken
Ed Gronke
Marc San Soucie

AFFILIATION

Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation and Development
City of Vancouver
Citizen, Representing Clackamas Co. Citizen
City of Beaverton, Washington Co. 2nd Largest City

STAFF: Kelsey Newell, Randy Tucker, Nikolai Ursin, Beth Cohen, Malu Wilkinson, Andy Cotugno, Elissa Gertler, Ken Ray, Roger Alfred, Ina Zucker, and Steve Wheeler.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Second Vice Chair, Mayor Pete Truax called the meeting to order at 5:05p.m.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

All attendees introduced themselves.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no citizen communication or non-agenda items.

4. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Craig Dirksen gave an update on the following items:

- Today, 9/25, the Portland City Council voted 4-1 to approve an agreement with Metro and Multnomah County on hotel taxes to fund a Convention Center Hotel. The next step in the process will be negotiating a development agreement for the Metro Council to consider in December;
- Next week Metro will call for first round of applications for Conservation Education and Restoration grants. These grants are funded by Metro's Natural Areas Levy that passed this May. Schools, Park Districts, Watershed Councils, and other non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. Metro will award up to \$500,000 in grants in 2014. For more information, visit www.oregonmetro.gov/grants.

As a follow up to comments made at the Sept. 11th MPAC meeting, the Metro Council liaisons expressed a willingness to work with the committee officers in creating a subcommittee for the purpose of examining membership composition and to identify ways of increasing MPAC's effectiveness as a committee. The subcommittee would discuss options for moving forward and make a formal recommendation before MPAC and the Metro Council.

5. APPROVAL OF SEPT. 11 2013 MPAC MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. William Wild moved, Ms. Marilyn McWilliams seconded, to approve the Sept. 11th minutes.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Randy Tucker, Metro Government Affairs, provided members with brief report on the 2013 legislative session and a preview of upcoming legislative activities. Mr. Tucker noted that the following legislative priorities were successful in 2013:

- Willamette Falls Legacy Project;
- Paint Stewardship Program;
- Area 93;
- Connect Oregon;
- West Side Transportation Study;
- Section 8;
- Industrial Site Readiness;

- Carbon Tax Study.

Mr. Tucker stated that the following items would most likely be discussed in the upcoming special session:

- Public Employees Retirement System;
- I-5 Replacement Bridge;
- Genetically Modified Organisms;
- Revenue;
- 2015 Transportation Package.

Member discussion included:

- Members asked if there are a limited amount of bills that can be introduced in this special session. Mr. Tucker noted that there is a limit to the number of bills that each committee can introduce during the short session in February, but there is no limit for bills during the regular session. For this special session, only bills that have already been agreed upon will be brought forth and no individual will be able to introduce any additional bill;
- Members asked if there is a willingness to fund the industrial site readiness bill that passed. Mr. Tucker stated that there may be funding through due diligence legislation. Ms. Lise Glancy, Port of Portland also stated that this legislation was written for statewide benefit, not just the Portland Metro area.
- Members expressed disappointment to see the property tax reform bills fail and asked if there was any change of reviving the issue next session. Mr. Tucker stated that polling had been done and it was indicated that voters were not likely to approve the changes and thus legislators lost interest in the issue.

7. SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Metro Councilors Craig Dirksen and Bob Stacey provided an update on the work accomplished to date with the SW Corridor Plan as well as to prepare members to make a recommendation on the plan at the next meeting.

Councilor Stacey stated that after almost two years of work, the Steering Committee unanimously approved a recommendation on the SW Corridor Plan and Shared Investment Strategy. The first phase of the SW Corridor Plan was to begin looking at potential transit investment by focusing on the community aspirations for downtowns, main streets and employment areas through the corridor. Councilor Stacey stated that the committee worked collaboratively to identify a narrowed set of investments for implementation to support the community visions.

Councilor Dirksen stated that the efforts each city put into their land use planning work has formed a strong foundation for us all to move forward collaboratively towards implementation and investing limited public dollars in a way that supports the community vision. He stated that the committee recommendation includes a package of investments and actions to support the local visions including: enhanced transit services; high capacity transit; multiple roadway and active transportation projects; habitat and parks projects; and a toolkit of development incentives and policy changes to support a consistent land use vision.

Councilor Stacey noted that the project partners are in the process of adopting the SW Corridor Plan and Shared Investment Strategy by resolution. He stated that the plans have been accepted by about half of the partners and it is expected to come before the Metro Council in October with a recommendation from MPAC after October 9th. The steering committee is still working to refine the

transit project into something the region could consider forwarding into further study under NEPA. The integrated work being done will help the region to continue to be competitive nationally as it looks for continued federal investment.

Member discussion included:

- Commissioner Andy Duyck stated that Washington County fully supports the plan and looks forward to seeing enhancement of the public transit service in the corridor;
- Councilor Marc San Soucie stated that the City of Beaverton stated that the city is in unanimous support of the plan and is excited to see a real focus on transit activity throughout the city;
- Mr. Craig Prosser noted that he has been involved with this process since the beginning and expressed appreciation for how it has evolved since that time. He stated that access to transit is so important to making livable communities in the region. He stated the important of transit service not just in the urban core, but in the fringes as well. He stated that this process will elevate the region to a whole new level;
- Members asked if new electric lines will be considered. Councilor Dirksen said that a focus will most likely be on bus rapid transit.

8. MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Mayor Doug Neeley expressed his appreciation of MPAC's support for the Willamette Falls Legacy Project. He also noted that the Willamette Falls Festival will be the first weekend in October.

Mr. Craig Prosser stated that TriMet will be working on a strategic finance plan for the agency.

Commissioner Andy Duyck stated that the Washington County Commission just voted on the approval of a draft of the ordinance that would include a \$30 fee for vehicles and a \$17 fee for motorcycles.

Councilor Jeff Gudman stated that Clackamas County now has an industrial development tool on its website that provides a list of all developable properties in the county.

9. ADJOURN

Second Vice Chair Truax adjourned the meeting at 6:04 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>
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6	Handout	N/A	2013 Metro Legislative Priorities	92513m-01
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