



METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
December 11, 2013  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ruth Adkins  
Jody Carson, *1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair*  
Sam Chase  
Craig Dirksen  
Andy Duyck  
Jeff Gudman  
Marilyn McWilliams  
Wilda Parks  
Craig Prosser  
Loretta Smith, *Chair*  
Bob Stacey  
Peter Truax, *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair*  
William Wild

AFFILIATION

PPS, Governing Body of School Districts  
City of West Linn, Clackamas Co. Other Cities  
Metro Council  
Metro Council  
Washington County  
City of Lake Oswego, Clackamas County, Largest City  
Tualatin Valley Water District, Washington Co. Special Districts  
Citizen, Clackamas Co. Citizen  
TriMet  
Multnomah County  
Metro Council  
City of Forest Grove, Washington Co. Other Cities  
Oak Lodge Sanitary District, Clackamas Co. Special Districts

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Denny Doyle  
Karylenn Echols  
Bob Grover  
Charlie Hales  
Tom Imeson  
Charlynn Newton  
Jim Rue  
Martha Schrader  
Steve Stuart

AFFILIATION

City of Beaverton, Washington Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City  
City of Gresham, Multnomah County, 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City  
Citizen, Washington Co. Citizen  
City of Portland  
Port of Portland  
City of North Plains, City in Washington Co. Outside the UGB  
Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation & Development  
Clackamas County  
Clark County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Kathy Roth

AFFILIATION

City of Oregon City, Clackamas Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City

STAFF: Roger Alfred, Nick Christensen, Beth Cohen, Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Mia Hart, Kelsey Newell, Jessica Rojas, Patty Unfred, Nikolai Ursin, Steve Wheeler, John Williams.

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

MPAC Chair Loretta Smith called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm. Quorum declared at 5:15 p.m.

**2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS**

All attendees introduced themselves.

**3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no citizen communications on non-agenda items.

#### **4. COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilor Sam Chase provided an update on the following items:

- Nature in Neighborhood Grants are due January 14<sup>th</sup>. Small grants up to \$25, 000 and large grants up to \$100,000 will support partnerships that connect communities with nature. Local governments, councils, watershed districts and nonprofits are eligible.
- Metro and partners are continuing to negotiate with Mortenson Development and Hyatt to build a 600 room Convention Center Hotel.
- The Zoo Lights are open every day now through January 5<sup>th</sup>, with the exception of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
- Beaverton School District is requesting an Urban Growth Boundary amendment out of Metro's regular cycle for consideration. Council is scheduled to consider an application from the school district on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Loretta Smith was presented with a certificate of appreciation and flowers for her service as MPAC Chair for 2013.

#### **5. APPROVAL OF NOV. 11, 2013 MPAC MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Ms. Marilyn McWilliams moved, Commissioner Jeff Gudman seconded to approve MPAC minutes from November 11, 2013.

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

#### **5. HIGHLIGHTS FROM MPAC'S RECENT TOUR OF THE OREGON ZOO**

Councilor Jody Carson shared some remarks on the Zoo tour. Councilor Carson commented on the time and resources necessary to plan such events, in consideration of next year's planned tours.

#### **6. 2014 MPAC OFFICERS**

The nominating committee nominated the following people to serve as officers for 2014: Jody Carson as Chair, Peter Truax as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair and Tim Clark as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair.

**MOTION:** William Wild moved, Wilda Parks seconded.

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

#### **7. CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES SCENARIOS PROJECT**

Councilor Craig Dirksen provided introductory comments on the Climate Smart Communities Preferred Scenarios. In 2009, the Oregon State Legislature mandated that the Portland metropolitan area reduce its greenhouse gas emissions for light occupancy vehicles by 20 percent below 2005 levels by 2035. The Climate Smart Communities Project will be a future topic throughout 2014 MPAC meetings. The project, set in three phases, is scheduled to meet the December 2014 deadline for Council adoption of a preferred scenario.

The final phase includes members input on shaping the preferred scenario from the test scenarios that have been presented in previous sessions. This portion of MPAC's agenda is a presentation of the cost analysis findings in regards to economic and social equity. Analysis revealed that existing plans would meet the emissions goals but required financing to implement all the land use and transportation plans that jurisdictions have identified. Councilor Dirksen emphasized working together to build a case for funding existed adopted plans, and to justify this need to the state and federal government.

Questions from local jurisdictions include:

- Will the Climate Smart Communities Preferred Scenarios force jurisdictions or agencies to prioritize carbon reduction efforts over projects that create jobs or address social equity?
- Is there a need for more detailed data on the most cost effective greenhouse gas reduction policies?

Councilor Dirksen confirmed that data is available to address these questions and will be following up on these topics as we continue.

Councilor Dirksen introduced Commissioner Jerry Lidz from the Land Conservation and Development Commission, liaison for the Climate Smart Communities Project. Commissioner Lidz addressed three areas (LCDC), will look for in their review of the region's adopted preferred scenario:

- (1) The region has followed the process set out in LCDC's administrative rules.
- (2) The region has confidence that the preferred scenario selected can be implemented and achieves the greenhouse gas emissions target.
- (3) Metro has received buy-in from local jurisdictions and can carry out the plans necessary to implement the preferred scenarios.

Councilor Dirksen welcomed Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro to make her presentation on this project.

Ms. Ellis discussed Metro's current status in this process, at Part 2, reporting the costs relative to economic and social outcomes. Recent actions taken include finalizing the Report on Emissions and Costs Relative to the Economic Outcomes. The timeline for shaping a preferred approach runs from January to May 2014, and will include discussing the choices and tradeoffs in shaping a draft preferred approach. Council will weigh the costs relative to health, social equity and fiscal outcomes and then recommend policy.

In May 2014 Metro Council will draft the approach. Beginning in June through August, there will be a first look at the preferred approach with staff finalizing an evaluation. In September to December 2014 there will be opportunity for public comment, followed by MPAC's final adoption of a preferred approach.

Ms. Ellis highlighted the following takeaways messages:

- Implementing the 2040 Growth Concept vision does make the goal meeting greenhouse gas target levels attainable.
- More work and input is needed to realize local and regional visions.
- Success is contingent on investment in community infrastructure.

### **Member comments include:**

- How can we be sure that the preferred approach and the actions selected to reduce emissions in this approach use an equity lens when doing so? Metro staff responded that equity is part of the input the Council will be looking for when moving forward.
- Members inquired about the assumptions of how many households will have access to transit, whether this assumption includes future construction on the edges of the Urban Growth Boundary, such as properties that are permitted versus those still in the approval process. Metro staff clarified that the project assumes growth for all households into 2035.
- Members inquired about what kind of assurances are needed so local government can adopt a plan. Commissioner Lidz confirmed that all comments were at a high level and that no formal process is required.
- Members inquired about the focus on transit planning, and whether to consider different models that can connect with the suburbs. Much of the transit is focused in the Portland area and many of the jobs are on the fringe. Concern was expressed as to whether existing transit plans can accommodate connection with surrounding communities. Metro staff replied that TriMet is looking at tailoring more services to these outlying areas like Lake Oswego and Tualatin. Staff is receptive to how they can be more creative in areas without fixed route service. Craig Prosser of TriMet mentioned this has been a priority at TriMet, to look at the snapshot in time and make it current. Knowing that there is a commitment from local jurisdiction to implement these plans is big part.
- Metro staff commented that the preferred scenario will differ from the other plans due to certain scenarios that didn't include certain issues that were addressed later on.
- Members expressed concern on how MPAC could interpret flexibility of the UGB as it relates to the transportation, moving homes and jobs in the metro area. Metro staff referred to material in scenarios A & B. Jobs and households reflect local jurisdictions zoning and that assumptions about growth in jobs, zoning and infrastructure are in consideration of that growth.

(Presentation slides are included in the meeting record)

### **8. LETTER OF SUPPORT TO CONGRESSMAN BLUMENAUER**

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro distributed two documents for MPAC's consideration. The first – in response to Mr. Wild's request at the November MPAC meeting – was a draft joint letter on behalf of MPAC, JPACT and the Metro Council to Congressman Earl Blumenauer expressing support for his proposed bill HR 3636, the Update Act. The Update Act, if approved, would increase the federal gas tax by 15 cents in the short term, index it to inflation, and then phase it out in favor of a more stable long term funding source by 2024. Given that the bill was only introduced on December 4th, Mr. Cotugno recommended that members take additional time to review the proposed bill and draft

letters of support with their local governments. He recommended that MPAC signatures wait to formally approve and send the letter until winter or spring 2014. Additionally, he noted that Metro staff is considering a possible joint MPAC/JPACT meeting in spring 2014, and stated that Congressman Blumenauer has expressed interest in addressing the committees in person on the proposed Update Act.

Secondly, Mr. Cotugno provided a copy of Resolution No. 13-4489 if approved, would endorse the region's position on federal transportation policy. The last federal transportation bill adopted, MAP-21, is set to expire in September 2014. Mr. Cotugno stated that the two-year bill is largely subsidized by the federal general fund due to the decreasing Highway Trust Fund. Given this, JPACT's position is largely focused on the importance of funding. JPACT is scheduled to consider and vote on the resolution at the December 12 meeting.

**Member Comments include:**

- Members commented on the feasibility of the gas tax being raised in our lifetime. Anything in the general fund is at risk of sequestration.

Mr. Cotugno responded that there are historical examples of the public responding to long overdue needs.

- Members expressed support for the congressman, as well as the need to dialogue with their councils.

**9. MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATION**

- Mayor Truax requested time on an upcoming MPAC agenda for a presentation on the City of Forest Grove's local transit system, Grove Link. He also invited MPAC members to tour the system in summer 2014.
- Chair Andy Duyck gave an update on the Gainshare money that Washington County has received. Of the total received, \$5 million has been allocated to schools, \$3 million to bike and pedestrian projects, and \$250,000 has been allocated to the community housing fund.

**10. ADJOURN**

Chair Loretta Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jessica Rojas  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR DECEMBER 11, 2013**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
5	Handout	11/13/13	111313 Draft MPAC Minutes	121113m-01
8	PPT	12/11/13	PPT Climate Smart Communities Scenarios	121113m-02
8	Handout	11/15/13	Letter: LCDC Jerry Lidz	121113m-03
9	Handout	12/16/13	Letter: Congressman Earl Blumenauer	121113m-04
4	Handout	N/A	Postcard: Nature in Neighborhoods Grant	121113m-05