



JOINT MPAC/JPACT MEETING
Meeting Minutes
Apr. 11, 2014
World Forestry Center, Cheatham Hall

JPACT MEMBERS PRESENT

Jack Burkman
Carlotta Collette 3rd Vice Chair
Shirley Craddick 2nd Vice Chair
Craig Dirksen, Chair
Denny Doyle
Donna Jordan
Steve Novick
Paul Savas

AFFILIATION

City of Vancouver
Metro Council
Metro Council
Metro Council
City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County
City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
City of Portland
Clackamas County

JPACT MEMBERS EXCUSED

Shane Bemis
Nina DeConcini
Neil McFarlane
Diane McKeel
Steve Stuart
Jason Tell
Don Wagner
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
TriMet
Multnomah County
Clark County
Oregon Department of Transportation
Washington State Department of Transportation
Port of Portland

JPACT ALTERNATES PRESENT

David Collier
Jef Dalin
Andy Duyck
Kathryn Harrington
Tim Knapp
Susie Lahsene
Alan Lehto
Matt Ransom
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

Oregon DEQ
City of Cornelius
Washington County
Metro Council
City of Wilsonville
Port of Portland
TriMet
City of Vancouver
ODOT

MPAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Ruth Adkins

AFFILIATION

PPS, Governing Body of School Districts

Jody Carson	City of West Linn, Clackamas Co. Other Cities
Sam Chase	Metro Council
Tim Clark	City of Wood Village
Denny Doyle	City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County
Andy Duyck	Washington County
Maxine Fitzpatrick	Multnomah Co. Citizen
Kathryn Harrington	Metro Council
Dick Jones	Oak Lodge Water District
Marilyn McWilliams	Tualatin Valley Water District, Washington Co. Special Districts
Keith Mays	Sherwood Chamber of Commerce
Anne McEnery-Ogle	City of Vancouver
Doug Neely	City of Oregon City, Clackamas Co. 2 nd Largest City
Wilda Parks	Citizen, Clackamas Co. Citizen
Craig Prosser	TriMet
Martha Schrader	Clackamas County
Bob Stacey	Metro Council
Peter Truax	City of Forest Grove, Washington Co. Other Cities
Jerry Willey	City of Hillsboro, Washington Co. Largest City

MPAC MEMBERS EXCUSED

Charlie Hales
Jerry Hinton
Tom Imeson
Charlynn Newton
Jim Rue
Loretta Smith
Steve Stuart
Kent Studebaker

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
City of Gresham
Port of Portland
City of North Plains
Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation and Development
Multnomah County
Clark County
City of Lake Oswego

MPAC ALTERNATES PRESENT

Gretchen Buehner
Lori DeRemer
Lise Glancy
Edward Gronke
Jeff Gudman
Susie Lahsene

AFFILIATION

City of Tigard
City of Happy Valley
Port of Portland
Clackamas Co. Citizen
City of Lake Oswego
Port of Portland

STAFF: John Williams, Troy Rayburn, Jessica Rojas, Jill Schmidt, Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Tom Kloster, Grace Cho, Randy Tucker, Beth Cohen, Ramona Perrault, Nick Christensen, Martha Bennett, Caleb Winter, Dan Kaempff, Valerie Cuevas, Lake McTighe, Peggy Morell, Patty Unfred, C.J. Doxsee, and Chris Myers.

FACILITATOR: Sam Imperati, Oregon Consensus.

The joint policy advisory committee meeting on the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project convened at 8:00 a.m.

1. MAKING THE CASE FOR INVESTING IN GREAT COMMUNITIES

MPAC Chair and West Linn Council President Jody Carson welcomed the members and alternates of the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) as well as staff and interested parties.

Chair Carson gave a brief overview of the joint committee meeting agenda and goals of the meeting:

1. Look at where we've been
2. Understand the choices
3. Take a straw poll to determine initial areas of agreement

Chair Carson reinforced that the joint discussion of the six policy areas would begin and end with adopted local and regional plans. She explained that the three scenarios start with the adopted plans cities, counties and the region have developed, recognizing that a one-size-fits-all solution for the preferred approach won't meet the needs of our communities. Chair Carson stated that the goal of the joint advisory committee meeting was to identify initial areas of consensus among JPACT and MPAC members and alternates on levels of investments reflected in the the three scenarios tested last year. She reminded members to consider the public input received since January as they work toward drafting a joint recommendation to the Metro Council on the preferred approach.

Chair Carson also provided background on the Climate Smart Communities Project. She explained that the project was initiated in response to a mandate from the 2009 Oregon Legislature to reduce per capita greenhouse gas emissions from cars and small trucks by 20 percent below 2005 levels by 2035. She encouraged members to take full advantage of today to learn more from each other and be prepared to take what they learn to the county coordinating committees and others for further input. She explained the policy +committees will be asked to make a recommendation to the Metro Council at the next joint meeting on May 30.

JPACT Chair and Metro Councilor Craig Dirksen acknowledged the presence of Jerry Lidz, a commissioner with the Land Conservation and Development Commission and liaison to the Climate Smart Communities Scenario Project. Councilor Dirksen provided historical context in relation to the work members are engaged in as a part of the 2040 Growth Concept. He directed members and alternates to a green book called, "The Nature of 2040: The region's 50-year plan for managing growth." He noted that the region is continuing the work today that was started with the development of the 2040 Growth Concept. He explained the parallels between the 2040 Growth Concept project and Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project in terms of the process and challenges facing the region.

Councilor Dirksen commented on how the Portland metropolitan region is growing and changing, and recognized the challenges that the region must address to accommodate a growing population while maintaining and providing a high quality of life for all of the region's residents. He identified one key purpose of the meeting as identifying the level of investment needed to reach the state mandated target by 2035, recognizing that limited funding is available to implement the adopted plans. He explained the preferred approach the committees recommend to the Metro Council will not replace the 2040 Growth Concept nor will it be a stand-alone plan. MPAC and JPACT will be asked to recommend policies and actions for how the region moves forward together to integrate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions with the ongoing efforts to create the desired future for the region.

Councilor Dirksen introduced Mr. Sam Imperati of Oregon Consensus, who would facilitate the joint meeting.

2. OVERVIEW OF AGENDA AND PROCESS FOR SHAPING PREFERRED APPROACH

Mr. Sam Imperati, directed committee members to the materials provided in the meeting packet and provided an overview of the process. He reminded participants that there would be no decision made that day and explained the purpose of the meeting is to delve into the six policy areas in small group discussions among members and alternates. Among materials provided were dots that each member would use to indicate their preferences for each of the six policy areas. He noted that members would take a straw poll at the end of the meeting to evaluate the group consensus on the policy areas under consideration. He indicated that the results would be made available next week to share at the coordinating committees and serve as a starting point for their recommendation on May 30..

3. OVERVIEW OF ANALYSIS RESULTS AND POLICY QUESTIONS

Mr. John Williams, Metro Deputy Planning Director, presented an overview of the results of the analysis and key policy questions remaining as presented in the discussion guide included in the meeting packet. Mr. Williams reminded members that the focus was not to recommend any one scenario but to discuss the policy areas tested. He explained the discussions are designed to help inform their recommendation to the Metro Council on what should be included in the region's preferred approach to meeting the state mandate. Mr. Williams referred members to the discussion guide and highlighted the areas in the guide to consider, including:

- Regional context and what we learned so far (pp.7-16)
- Policy questions for 2014 (pp. 18 -19)
- Overview of policy areas (pp. 21- 48)
- Supplemental information (pp. 53 - 60)

4. PRIORITIES MOVING FORWARD - WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Adam Davis of DHM Research shared key takeaways from a recent telephone poll and focus groups.

The phone survey included input from 600 residents throughout the region, including 200 each in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington. Focus groups included input from 22 residents randomly selected from Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties.

Highlights included:

- Over 90% rate the quality of life in the Portland Metropolitan region as very good or good.
- Education quality, jobs/unemployment, funding for education and road maintenance were all named as issues local officials could address to improve the region's quality of life.
- Phone poll results indicated strong public support for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Expanding public transit and making it more frequent, convenient, accessible, and affordable is preferred over widening roads and building new connections.

- Residents are most willing to pay additional taxes or fees to fund road maintenance and expand public transit.

5. PRIORITIES, OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES MOVING FORWARD – WHAT WE HEARD FROM COMMUNITY LEADERS

Ms. Jeanne Lawson and panel members Ms. Linda Moholt, Mr. Chris Hagerbaumer, Mr. Steve White, and Ms. Roberta Hunte shared key themes from recent interviews and discussion groups held with local elected officials and other community leaders representing public health, equity and environmental justice, environmental protection and businesses. Ms. Lawson then facilitated a group discussion between the panel and committee members.

Topics discussed included the importance of considering the benefits and impacts of to low-income communities, providing a mix of housing options near jobs and transit, and transit and roads to improve regional connectivity and access to family-wage jobs. Other topics discussed were funding, the importance of giving cities the flexibility to choose from a menu of options that fit their unique needs, and attitudes towards government and policies.

6. BREAK

Attendees of the joint MPAC and JPACT meeting recessed for a short break.

7. PREVIEW STRAW POLL EXERCISE AND HOW WE'LL SHARE RESULTS

Mr. Sam Imperati provided instructions on a non-binding straw poll activity where members were asked to analyze each of the six policy areas being considered for inclusion in a draft approach.

8. SHAPING THE PREFERRED APPROACH

John Williams reviewed information in the discussion guide on each of the six policy areas. Members discussed the policy areas and participated in the straw poll activity indicating their preferred levels of investment relative to the expected greenhouse gas reduction benefits and the other desired regional outcomes.

9. DISCUSSION RECAP

Each table nominated a spokesperson to report out to the audience on their small group discussion.

Representatives from each table shared highlights of the discussions and straw poll vote. Member comments included:

- agreement on making transit easier to access and being more frequent
- the importance of maintaining the region's infrastructure
- observations on the diversity of the region characterizd at discussion tables
- the need to invest heavily on technology
- aspects of transit, technology, travel options and active transportation as they relate to public safety

10. WHAT WE LEARNED TODAY

Mr. Sam Imperati summarized observations from the committee discussions and straw poll exercise and reminded members that the ratings would be used for discussion at the May 30 meeting. He summarized comments in relation to transit, technology, active transportation, planned networks and parking management and clarified the differences in the averages and means presented in the straw poll results.

Member comments included:

- observations on the complexities of transit in relation to planning and operations, and input in relation to funding each area and the different results achieved
- reminder from TriMet representatives that the agency is working hard to keep operating costs low
- acknowledgement of the value of talking about evaluating the price of carbon
- request that the upcoming modeling and analysis reflect the diverse needs and priorities of the region
- questions about how would funding allocation to areas would be determined if certain areas were considered financially constrained and if there was a fixed amount of spending
- acknowledgement that there will be different needs and priorities across the region based upon geography as well as different stages of development
- observations on the multiple tools available for every community across the region and the challenges involved with making recommendations for the entire region while providing local control and flexibility in how the recommendations can be implemented locally.

11. WORKING TOGETHER REGIONALLY – WHAT’S NEXT

MPAC Chair, West Linn Council President Jody Carson and JPACT Chair, Metro Councilor Craig Dirksen reviewed next steps for members.

Next steps and timeline included:

- Straw poll results will be provided to members
- **May 1-5** Members report April 11 discussion to county coordinating committees and other officials
- **May** TPAC and MTAC members shape recommendations for MPAC and JPACT consideration on May 30th.
- **May 30** JPACT and MPAC develop recommendation on draft approach
- **June 19** Metro Council considers joint MPAC/JPACT recommendation on the draft approach
- **June to August** Metro staff will work with the technical committees to conduct the analysis and develop implementation recommendations
- **September** Staff will report results of evaluation and implementation recommendations to the regional technical and policy committees
- **September and October** A formal public comment period on the draft approach will be held opportunity for further refinements based on public input
- **December** MPAC and JPACT will be requested to make a final recommendation to Metro Council on the preferred approach
- **December** Metro Council will consider the recommendations and public input and make a final decision on the preferred approach

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12. ADJOURN

Chair Dirksen adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jill Schmidt".

Jill Schmidt, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APR. 11, 2014

DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
Handout	N/A	Comment Form	41114-01
Handout	Spring 2014	Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project; Investing in Great Communities	41114-02
Handout	N/A	Community Climate Choices; Health Impact Assessment-Key Findings	41114-03
Handout	3/2014	Community Climate Choices Health Impact Assessment; Executive Summary	41114-04
Handbook	10/2008	Our Place in the World	41114-05
Presentation	4/11/2014	Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project; Shaping the preferred approach	41114-06
Presentation	3/2014	General Opinions and Preferences to Reduce Vehicle Emissions	41114-07
Presentation	4/11/2014	Community Choices Feedback – What Community Leaders are Saying	41114-08