



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
June 12, 2014
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carlotta Collette
Craig Dirksen, Chair
Shirley Craddick 2nd Vice Chair
Denny Doyle
Diane McKeel
Steve Novick
Roy Rogers
Paul Savas
Don Wagner
Edward Barnes

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
Metro Council
Metro Council
City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County
Multnomah County
City of Portland
Washington County
Clackamas County
Washington State Department of Transportation
Clark County

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Shane Bemis
Jack Burkman
Nina DeConcini
Heath Henderson
Neil McFarlane
Donna Jordan
Jason Tell
Bill Wyatt

AFFILIATION

City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
City of Vancouver
Department of Environmental Quality
Clark County
TriMet
City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
Oregon Dept. of Transportation
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Lisa Barton Mullins
Matt Ransom
Tim Knapp
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

City of Fairview, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
City of Vancouver
Cities of Clackamas County
Oregon Dept. of Transportation

STAFF: Beth Cohen, Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Elissa Gertler, Tom Kloster, Grace Cho and Chris Meyers, Troy Rayburn, Jessica Rojas and Malu Wilkinson.

1. CALL TO ORDER, DECLARATION OF A QUORUM & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Dirksen declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON JPACT ITEMS

There were none.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Dirksen updated members on the following items:

- Results of the 2014 RTP and 2015-2018 MTIP Joint Air Quality Conformity Determination as a part of the public comment period in compliance with the Environmental Justice and Title VI Assessment. Chair Dirksen referred members to the memo in the packet which summarizes the analysis and informed members of the timeline for the public comment, taking place from May 16th through June 15, 2014. Chair Dirksen informed members that following public comment, TPAC, JPACT, and Metro Council will be asked to take action in late June/early – mid-July to approve the air quality conformity determination.
- Chair Dirksen informed members that Metro is seeking help with the qualitative portion of the assessment by asking residents about potential benefits and burdens to their respective communities when transportation investments are made. Following the public comment, TPAC, JPACT, and Metro Council will be asked to take action in late June/early – mid-July to approve the assessment.
- Chair Dirksen provided an update from the recent May 30th MPAC and JPACT joint meeting results and provided comments on the recommendations made by MTAC and TPAC in relation to the recommended levels of investment in the six policy areas. He informed member that the recommendation unanimously approved by both MPAC-JPACT members is included in member packets. Chair Dirksen reminded members that the recommendation made to the Metro Council do not serve as an endorsement of the draft approach, but as a recommendation on a set of investment levels to investigate as there will be future opportunities to recommend refinements to the draft approach in fall 2014 after the results of the evaluation and the public comment period.
- Chair Dirksen personally thanked all those who attended either the joint meetings for their considerable investment of time put into the Climate Smart Communities project.
- Andy Cotugno of Metro provided members an update on the ACT on behalf of Councilor Collette, informing them that the upcoming task force meeting on Monday, June 16th.
- Councilor Dirksen provided members with an updates related to T4 America and federal transportation funding informing them that Metro and regional partners split a membership of T 4 America. Chair Dirksen thanked TriMet, Portland, Gresham and Washington County for joining on behalf of their cities and counties. Chair Dirksen informed member that recently Metro adopted a resolution endorsing the T4 America funding proposal that JPACT endorsed at the April meeting and referred members to a letter in the packet to U.S. Representative Shuster, chair of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
- Councilor Craddick thanked Commissioner Paul Savas for the Clackamas County Transportation forum and provided comments in consideration of holding a similar forum

on a regional level to bring all the counties together to address transportation challenges and raise public awareness on this topic.

- Mr. Savas commented that there is a common shortage of funds across the region and reaching out through media opportunities to get the message out in regards to the infrastructure needs and sited Washington County outreach opportunities to deal with upcoming fees. Mr. Savas introduced Barb Cartmill from Clackamas County, as the new director of Transportation and Development.
- Councilor Collette offered comments on joint marketing to bring public awareness and financing for transportation projects.
- Chair Dirksen referred members to the Unified Planning Work Plan (UPWP) which was adopted May 1, 2014 and distributed to members.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FOR MAY 8, 2014

MOTION: Diane McKeel moved and seconded by Roy Rogers to adopt the May 8, 2014 minutes.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

5. SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO MOVE FORWARD INTO DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Chair Dirksen offered introductory remarks on the Southwest Steering Committee and informed members that the project is not entering the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) at the moment. Chair Dirksen informed members that on June 9th the Steering Committee recently narrowed down the most complementary projects and improvements to improve accessibility. The action for consideration does not include a specific project to be studied in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process although it is anticipated that proposed projects such as rapid transit in the DEIS.

Malu Wilkinson provided an informational overview of the project and distributed handouts to members that summarize the questions that will need to be answered in efforts to narrow down the options. Ms. Wilkinson sited a red line version of the draft that differs from the handout in the packet and highlighted tasks before Metro and its partners.

Member comments included:

- Rian Windsheimer thanked all staff and agencies who worked on the project. Mr. Windsheimer asked clarifying questions about the difference in the copies provided and offered comments in regards to complying with NEPA .
- Steve Novick offered comments on projects listed and mentioned Hillsdale, as he thought that it was agreed that the cost benefit analysis of any tunnel be compared with public willingness to cover such costs.

Chair Dirksen responded that the list provided outlines options to explore and is not a complete list and mirrored member concerns in regards to the costs and benefits analysis.

Malu Wilkinson responded that the intent is about serving the destinations, gauging neighborhoods and stakeholders to create the best approach, by considering those pieces together in relation to costs and impacts as well as the capacity to fund.

- Mr. Novick clarified the differences in costs in relation to size.

Chair Dirksen clarified the costs in tunneling as some costs are fixed.

- Mr. Savas asked if there will be a better opportunity to vote on this topic as this project does come near Clackamas County and expressed concern for funding capacity.

Chair Dirksen referenced members to the original timeline and the DEIS, explained that now is the time to relook at the project before the DEIS and narrow down design options that are not feasible.

- Ms. Wilkinson offered members her time to come out and give a briefing on the project to their respective jurisdictions.
- Roy Rogers commented that he supports the resolution and offered comments on the costs to each jurisdiction to conduct this study and expressed concern to make certain that there is a cap on the costs in the study.

MOTION: Mayor Denny Doyle moved and seconded by Steve Novick to accept the 2014 Southwest Corridor Steering Committee Recommendation to move forward into Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

ACTION: With all in favor and Paul Savas abstained, the motion to approve 2014 Southwest Corridor Steering Committee Recommendation to move forward into Draft Environmental Impact Statement, passed.

6. CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES SCENARIOS PROJECT – DISCUSS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Kim Ellis of Metro offered opening remarks on the results of the Joint MPAC/JPACT Climate Smart Communities Project Meeting and to give opportunity for the Oregon Health Authority to have an informational discussion with the committee about the joint meeting results in relation to public health. Ms. Ellis extended the opportunity to learn and ask questions that will assist in evaluating the draft approach and public impacts.

Andrea Hamberg of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) collaborated with Metro on a health impact assessment (HIA) of the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios planning process. The HIA modeled expected impacts on three areas: physical activity, roadway-related injuries and fatalities, and exposure to air pollution.

Takeaways included:

- 30 minutes of activity a day can add three years of quality of life and can alleviate the burden on tax payers who cover the costs of rising rates of diabetes and heart disease.
- Traffic safety and cause of death statistics were presented by county through-ways of commuting, with data showing that bicyclists and pedestrians are at higher risk of unreported injury than drivers.
- Pollution and air quality issues were discussed as thermal inversion has impacted public health and economy-impacted travel. Tips were offered as to how this was addressed

though forcing drivers to drive less and public outreach on risks from high particulate matter such as premature death and impacts to cardiovascular health resulting in elevated health costs.

- To protect and improve health throughout the region, OHA recommended that the draft approach consider efforts that maximize opportunities for active transportation for all communities.
- Prioritize the design and maintenance of non automobile facilities and maximize improvements in air quality.
- Link low income and other vulnerable households to health promoting resources.

Member comments included:

- Ed Barnes commented on the situation in SW Washington as there are currently 6,000 commuters that come to the Portland area for work and offered suggestions as to how can Clark County can be considered as a part of the region.
- Members asked questions as to opportunities that compliment commute to transit in areas where there is a concentration of housing in the corridors where there are not pedestrian friendly.
- Members commented on statistics that indicate higher health risks around higher density housing from a health standpoint.
- Members sited the past presentation at the joint meeting in relation to dollar savings, asked clarifying questions as to the amount of money saved.
- Members asked questions in regards to safety and the practice of finding statistics that have been reported.
- Members asked questions in regards to what relative improvements are possible from investing in area C from Area B. Members cited the challenged in achieving area C with funding issues.

7. 2015 STATE TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE: JPACT POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Chair Dirksen updated members on the current development in regards to the 2015 State Transportation package and the JPACT involvement process. Chair Dirksen anticipates more conversations throughout the year and has invited Craig Campbell, Chair of the Oregon Transportation Forum to present at the July 10th meeting to provide JPACT members with an update on the process. Chair Dirksen informed member of his desire to reform the JPACT Finance subcommittee this summer and fall to review what comes out of the forum's process and to assist JPACT in making a recommendation. Chair Dirksen encouraged members to contact his office if they are interested in joining the subcommittee and will provide more information as it develops.

Rian Windsheimer made an announcement about the results that came from the Connect Oregon Final Review Committee that will be available on the ODOT website.

8. ADJOURN

Chair Dirksen adjourned the meeting at 8:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jessica Rojas

Recording Secretary

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
3	Handout	June 2014	Federal Highway Trust Fund Talking Points, June 2014	61214j-01
3	Handout	06/5/2014	Resolution No. 14-4501	61214j-02
4	Minutes	06/12/2014	05814 Draft Minutes	61214j-03
6	Memo	06/03/2014	Climate Smart Communities Project: May 30 MPAC and JPACT Recommendation	61214j-04
7	Letter	May 2014	Letter to U.S. Representative William Shuster Chair, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	61214j-05