



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Nov. 13, 2014

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jack Burkman
Shirley Craddick
Nina DeConcini
Neil McFarlane
Steve Novick
Roy Rogers
Paul Savas

AFFILIATION

City of Vancouver
Metro Council
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
TriMet
City of Portland
Washington County
Clackamas County

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Craig Dirksen, Chair
Donna Jordan
Diane McKeel
Don Wagner

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
Multnomah County
Washington Department of Transportation

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Tim Knapp
Jeff Dalin
Rian Windsheimer
Bart Gernhart

AFFILIATION

City of Wilsonville, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
City of Cornelius, representing cities of Washington Co.
ODOT
Washington State DOT

STAFF: Alexandra Eldridge, Tom Kloster, Chris Myers, Jill Schmidt, Roger Alfred, Dan Kaempff, Grace Cho, Tim Collins, Jim Middaugh, Kim Ellis, and Nikolai Ursin.

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

Vice Chair Shirley Craddick declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON JPACT ITEMS

There were none.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vice Chair Craddick updated members on the following items:

- The JPACT Finance Subcommittee met on Oct. 16. The next subcommittee meeting will be on Nov. 24 at 7:30 a.m. at the Metro Regional Center to continue discussion on identifying potential regional priorities from Oregon Transportation Forum straw man proposal.
- The discussion focused on potential regional priorities with an emphasis on the Fix It, The Enhanced Program, Indexing, and Incentives for the Jurisdictional Transfers for the Orphan Highways, Connect Oregon, Amtrak Cascade service and the elderly and disabled transit. Members discussed the opportunities and risks of focusing on an enhanced program instead of the Fix it Program.
- Mr. Cotugno provided status updates on the Oregon Transportation Forum, with priority on Fix It Program, but also funding for Enhanced.
- Mayor Knapp noted that under “highways” the first bullet point about indexing the gas tax, effectively makes everyone that is not driving an alternative vehicle pay for everyone who is driving an alternative vehicle on road maintenance and that this is not an adequate long solution. Also that \$20 million is being put towards bus passes, but that this does not help students who do not have bus service access. Trying to understand how this is not just money for Portland? Forest Grove students do not have adequate access to bus service with a similar situation in Clackamas County.
- In response Mr. Cotugno stated this is not necessarily money for service, but money for fair subsidy. For suburban areas, service density needs to be increased. Service enhancement plans are contemplating this.

ACT Status Report

- Ms. Kelly Brooks with ODOT Region One provided updates on the ACT Status Report and that the Oregon Solutions Process is underway and has formed a task force. Membership proposal should provide equitable representation, but areas with the largest populations and greatest lane miles need to have adequate representation on the ACT.
- The task force will be a combination of 8 Multnomah Co. members, 6 Washington Co. members, 6 Clackamas Co. members, and 4 Hood Co. members. Six additional members are government members and stakeholders.
- The C4 Clackamas County coordinating committee had an active discussion and the task force will meet Monday Nov. 17. They would like to have a consensus on membership structure. In January they will have a more formal proposal.

Trimet Updates

- Neil McFarlane updated JPACT members on TriMet. There is a new labor contract with healthcare changes that provide a very generous plan and much more market based than it was previously and very pleased with the outcomes. Very cooperative with the union and approved by a large plurality of the union.
- By increasing the frequency of bus services there was a 10% increase in bus users in August and a 6% increase in September. The youth fair was also reduced from \$1.65 to a \$1.25 and Portland Public Schools is a strong partner with TriMet. There are also over 200 new buses since 2012, which are air conditioned and more fuel efficient.

Member's questions and comments included:

- Mayor Knapp wanted to know how many buses are alternative fuel.
- In response, Mr. McFarlane stated that TriMet has applied for alternative fuel zero emissions grants for electric buses.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Burkman moved and Mr. Windsheimer seconded to approve the JPACT minutes from Oct. 09, 2014.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 2013-15 Unified Planning Work Program: Regional Over-Dimensional Truck Study

- Chris Myers and Tim Collins, Metro
- Mr. Myers and Mr. Collins provided updates on the UPWP. There is a legislative amendment to the 2013-15 UPWP and needs approval because the change in the project budget is more than 20% of the total project budget. The unified work program current one for 2014-2015 regional freight allocation is currently \$500,000 with \$400,000 allocated to the regional freight passenger rail study and \$100,000 to the regional over dimensional truck route study. This is an amendment to re-allocate \$25,000 of the regional flexible fund from the regional freight passenger rail study to the regional over dimensional truck route study and was approved by TPAC on Oct 31. This last summer the city of Portland, ODOT and Metro evaluated the consultant proposal to get this work done and after consulting with the Port of Portland agreed for the need to have the additional funds re-allocated from the regional freight dollars and also reduced the deliverable needed in the scope of work.

Member's comments and questions: There were none.

ACTION: With all in favor the motion passed.

5.2 Transportation for America: Support for Job Connection Program

- Mr. Cotugno reported that there will be more shuttle kind of services.

Member's comments and questions included:

- Mr. McFarlane's comments included needing to focus on increasing the resources and funds for the Job Connection Program.
- Mayor Knapp move to Support with the modifications outlined by Mr. McFarlane and seconded by Mayor Dalin all in favor

Action would recommend to Metro Council to approve.

MOTION: Mayor Knapp moved and Mayor Dalin seconded with the modifications outlined by Mr. McFarlane.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project

- Ms. Kim Ellis described the memo and shared updates from last Friday's meeting. Updates included that there was ordinance changes to the tool box being advisory, with the Forth Ordain addressing desires to have further opportunity to revise and update the tool box, and that there is a two page summary of public comments from the last meeting.

Member's comments and questions included:

- Ms. Leah Treat, on behalf of Commissioner Steve Novick, shared the support of the City of Portland.
- Commissioner Savas' concern is over his comments not accurately listed and characterized as stated on page five. To clarify his comments we're only referencing toolbox related items and not all of the bulleted items under 11.3. The Commissioner requested this to be referenced so that his comments are more accurately reflected.

6.2 Opt In and Online Engagement Update

- Opt In is an online research tool used to engage the public in Metro's research needs assessment. Under Title XI, there are obligations to reach out to underserved communities. The membership for the 24,000 members who have signed up does not accurately represent the demographics of the region.
- Pivot shared their openness to mathematical weighting for better population representation and that their next steps regarding best practices included shared visibility, shorter surveys, and expanding mobile solutions.

Member's comments and questions included:

- Mayor Knapp suggested populations need to be more statistically represented across the region so some weighting will be necessary.
- Ms. Leah Treat had concerns because more than 15% of people in Portland do not have internet access with this demographic being skewed to the elderly and minorities and asked if Pivot was looking at options other than online surveys.
- Mayor Dalin had concerns for the City of Cornelius and people on the far west side of Washington County being poorly represented and stated there needs to be more outreach other than internet. 40% of the people in the City of Cornelius do not have internet access and 51% of the population is Latino so more bilingual surveys would be beneficial. Commissioner Savas believes that getting all the demographics accurately represented is a better option than mathematically weighing the data.

7. **ADJOURN**

Vice Chair Craddick adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Botond Kovacs". The signature is written in black ink and has a fluid, connected style.

Botond Kovacs, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF NOV. 13, 2014

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
3.0	Memo	10/06/14	Meeting Schedule	111314j-01
3.2	Handout	11/13/14	Oregon transportation Forum Adopts Recommendation For Legislative Package	111314j -02
3.2	Handout	11/13/14	Oregon Transportation Forum Draft Transportation Funding and Policy Package	111314j -03
3.3	Map	11/13/14	Option 1A ODOT Region 1 ACT	111314j -04
3.3	Handout	11/13/14	1 ACT Membership Proposal	111314j -05
3.4	Handout	11/13/14	TriMet New Labor Contract	111314j -06
6.1	Memo	11/13/14	Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project	111314j -07
6.1	Handout	11/13/14	Response to feedback from Metro's policy advisory committees	111314j -08
6.2	Presentation	11/13/14	Metro Research Needs Assessment	111314j -09