



METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

December 10, 2014

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ruth Adkins
Jody Carson, *Chair*
Sam Chase
Tim Clark, *2nd Vice Chair*
Denny Doyle
Kathryn Harrington
Jerry Hinton
Lise Glancy
Dick Jones
Keith Mays
Carrie MacLaren
Marilyn McWilliams
Wilda Parks
Craig Prosser
Martha Schrader
Loretta Smith
Bob Stacey
Peter Truax, *1st Vice Chair*
Jerry Willey

AFFILIATION

PPS, Governing Body of School Districts
City of West Linn, Clackamas County Other Cities
Metro Council
City of Wood Village, Multnomah County Other Cities
City of Beaverton, Washington County 2nd Largest City
Metro Council
City of Gresham, Multnomah County 2nd Largest City
Port of Portland
Oak Lodge Water District
Washington County Citizen
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
Washington County Special Districts
Clackamas County Citizen
TriMet Board of Directors
Clackamas County
Multnomah County
Metro Council
City of Forest Grove, Washington County Other Cities
City of Hillsboro, Washington County Largest City

MEMBERS EXCUSED

AFFILIATION

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Jackie Dingfelder
Luis Nava
Kent Studebaker

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
Washington County Citizen
City of Lake Oswego

STAFF:

Roger Alfred, Nick Christensen, Alexandra Eldridge, Kim Ellis, Alison Kean, Tom Kloster, Peggy Morell, Nellie Papsdorf, Ramona Perrault, Jessica Rojas, Nikolai Ursin and John Williams.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

MPAC Chair Jody Carson called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 5:08 p.m.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

All attendees introduced themselves.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

4. COUNCIL UPDATE

In preparation for the next cycle of Community Planning and Development Grants, funded by the Construction Excise Tax and used to support local jurisdiction planning and development projects, Councilor Stacey provided the following updates:

- Metro Technical Advisory Committee made recommendations to Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett and the Metro Council on administrative rule changes, including rules of procedures and criteria for the grant process. MTAC's recommendations will come to MPAC in January 2015 for members' comments and then go before the Metro Council.
- COO Martha Bennett will appoint a grant applications screening committee that will involve professionals and community leaders. A pre-application meeting with prospective applicants will take place by the end of January, with grant applications due by the end of April and awards following shortly after.

Councilor Stacey alerted members to the following upcoming events at Metro:

- ZooLights at the Oregon Zoo runs through Jan. 4.
- The Oregon Ballet Theatre's performance of the Nutcracker runs through Dec. 27 at Keller Auditorium.
- Portland artist Esperanza Spalding will be performing at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall Dec. 30 and 31.
- Metro Council inauguration will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 6 at the Oregon Convention Center. All members were invited to join.

Members expressed their thanks to departing MPAC members and expressed appreciation for their work as part of the committee. Outgoing members will receive certificates of appreciation for their service. Members also expressed their appreciation for outgoing Chair Jody Carson, recognizing her significant achievements in public service.

Hillsboro Mayor Jerry Willey expressed concerns about Metro's acceptance of the Urban Growth Report (UGR) the previous week. Mayor Willey expressed an interest in talking further with Metro President Tom Hughes, but also emphasized the need for good communication among Metro Council and regional mayors.

Councilor Stacey agreed that there needs to be a clear path of communication among local groups. He expressed the need for a timeline to talk about these concerns since the Metro Council wants to continue to communicate effectively. He pointed out that the UGR is very careful to only provide information and that the Metro Council has not made any decisions about Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) expansion.

Mayor Willey noted that from his perspective, relationships between regional mayors, Metro and MPAC have been improving over the six years that he has been a member of the committee.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Consideration of the Minutes for Nov. 12, 2014

Notes: 1st Vice Chair Peter Truax motioned to accept the minutes with an amendment that adds language indicating the creation of the nominating committee made up of members Commissioner Marilyn McWilliams, Councilor Tim Clark and Mayor Doug Neeley, charged with the responsibility of nominating new officers for the 2015 MPAC. This was missing from the record due to technical difficulties.

MOTION: 1st Vice Chair Peter Truax moved and Wilda Parks seconded, to approve adoption of the Nov. 12, 2014 minutes as amended.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

6. **CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES SCENARIOS PROJECT: FINAL RECOMMENDATION TO THE METRO COUNCIL ON ORDINANCE NO. 14-1346B**

Member discussion included:

Members expressed gratitude for the work that Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC), TPAC (Transportation Policy Advisory Committee), Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPACT) and Metro staff have done over the course of this project and thanked staff for the thoroughness of their responses to concerns during the project's development.

Chair Jody Carson explained that this was the last opportunity for MPAC to make a final recommendation to the Metro Council concerning the adoption of the CSC strategy. She noted that TPAC and MTAC have unanimously recommended that JPACT and MPAC recommend that the Metro Council adopt the strategy. Chair Carson also noted that adopting the strategy with broad support constitutes an enormous accomplishment.

Councilor Bob Stacey acknowledged the need for additional funding and resources to implement adopted land use plans. He expressed interest in working with public and private partners at the local and state levels to develop strategies dedicated to finding adequate revenue streams for all of the investments recommended in the Climate Smart Strategy.

Deputy Director John Williams, Metro Planning and Development, recognized the significant amount of time and effort that TPAC, MTAC, and Metro staff put into delivering this recommendation following the direction MPAC and JPACT identified at the joint meeting on November 7. He noted that the recommendations from the December 10 MPAC meeting and the December 11 JPACT meeting will go before the Metro Council for consideration on December 18.

Kim Ellis, Metro Planning and Development, highlighted recent changes to Ordinance No. 14-1346B including:

- Following significant discussion around the toolbox of actions and the clarity of its intent, there has been language added throughout the legislative packet to ensure consistency and clarity in regards to the toolbox, and to make it clear that the document is voluntary and that there will be further opportunities to review and update it.
- Following discussion at the joint JPACT/MPAC meeting on November 7, 2014, the description of the climate benefits rating on page 12, as part of Exhibit A, was expanded to clarify that the ratings were used in combination with other fiscal, economic, equity, public

health, transportation and environmental criteria and public input to inform development of the Climate Smart Strategy and that all of these factors will inform further implementation and investment decisions.

- Other amendments made to the ordinance were clarifying refinements. A memo with the full summary of these changes is available as part of the final December 10 MPAC meeting packet.

Councilor Jerry Hinton inquired about some aspects of project funding including:

- Mr. Hinton asked about the investments needed for upcoming implementation. Ms. Ellis responded that the Climate Smart Strategy represents investments that have been adopted in the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan, which reflects local, regional and state investment priorities for the region's transportation system. She noted that the objective is to move forward with updating that plan starting next year and developing a work plan with input from MPAC, JPACT and others. She explained that the work plan will include tasks to review and update the plan's financial assumptions and to assess existing and future expected revenue sources.
- Mr. Hinton pointed out that many elements of local transportation system plans do not have clearly specified funding sources and expressed concern about unfunded mandates from the state. Ms. Ellis explained that the Climate Smart Strategy investments have already been identified as local investment priorities, as they are projects that have been adopted in local transportation plans, whether at the city or county level. She noted that TriMet and ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) have also identified investment priorities that fit within the overall revenue forecast for the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan.
- Mr. Hinton asked what to anticipate in terms of taxes and fees. Ms. Ellis explained that taxes and fees are defined locally, depending on how local transportation system plans are funded. She noted that the Regional Transportation Plan acts as a vehicle that maintains eligibility for projects in the region to receive federal and state transportation dollars. She noted that the funding strategy is developed and adopted by JPACT and Metro Council after extensive review and consultation. Mr. Williams emphasized that a keystone of the strategy is that it is a multimodal system. The strategy states that Metro and its partners want to continue to work together to raise funding needed to implement locally adopted plans. To that end, the plan calls for a funding approach that involves a mix of federal, state, local, and regional revenue sources.

Member discussion included:

Members commended the significant amount of work that has gone into the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project.

Mayor Denny Doyle expressed his support for the CSC Scenarios Project by commending the thorough project process. He noted that Metro used a three year process of extensive public outreach, diligent research and discussion with community leaders to develop a final strategy that incorporates constructive suggestions. He acknowledged that by investing in these plans, Metro and others can provide more transportation options to create healthier and more equitable communities and support a strong economy. He emphasized that the plan will create a brighter future for the region and set a positive example for the rest of the country.

Commissioner Martha Schrader expressed with regrets that the majority of her commission voted no on going forward with the yes nomination. She noted that the vote does not reflect her understanding of carbon emissions and impacts but that she is carrying a message from the rest of

the Clackamas County Commission. She thanked the committee for their work and acknowledged that it was a privilege to serve with them.

Hillsboro Mayor Jerry Willey recommended the following amendment to Exhibit E to Metro Ordinance No. 14-1346B: to add the following toolbox action to the bulleted list of actions identified in Action 3 in Exhibit E (Short List of Climate Smart Actions for 2015 and 2016):

“optimize built road capacity through improved geometric design and other operational improvements to address bottlenecks and improve traffic flow on existing multi-modal arterials”

He expressed belief that reducing delay at intersections and roads are a critical part of addressing climate change. As such, Mayor Willey pointed out that he would like to add this toolbox action to the bulleted list of short term actions identified in Action 3 in Exhibit E in order to assure that MPAC takes action in this capacity within the lists two year timeline.

John Williams noted that these recommendations are used to inform the Metro Council about the region’s decisions concerning implementation of the Climate Smart Strategy. He commented that policy makers along with the Metro Council will discuss these recommendations and use them to decide how to move forward and how to state priorities.

MOTION: Mayor Jerry Willey moved, Keith Mays seconded, to recommend the amendment to Exhibit E to Ordinance No. 14-1346B.

ACTION: With eighteen in favor and one opposed (Ruth Adkins), the motion passed.

MOTION: Mayor Denny Doyle moved, Ruth Adkins seconded, to recommend that the Metro Council adopt Ordinance No. 14-1346B, as amended.

ACTION: With sixteen in favor and three opposed (Commissioner Martha Schrader, Mayor Kent Studebaker, Chair Dick Jones) the motion passed.

7. MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATION

- Keith Mays commented that there was nothing on the agenda for the January 14 and February 12 MPAC meetings. He expressed hope that MPAC will meet on those dates to discuss policy considerations related to the UGR.
- John Williams reminded members that the Metro Council considered and adopted the UGR, so its recommendations will be central to MPACs work in 2015. He expressed interest in working with various Metro staff to develop a work program for MPAC in January to plan for the next year.
- 1st Vice Chair Peter Truax gave remarks about the celebration of life service he attended recently for the wife of Mayor George Endicott of Redmond, Oregon. He asked members to keep Mayor Endicott in their thoughts.
- Mr. Craig Prosser from TriMet noted that TriMet’s Board of Directors voted to expand the transfer time from the existing two hours to two and a half hours starting March 15, 2015. He also provided a handout outlining TriMet’s accomplishments for 2014 as well as information about TriMet’s upcoming E-Fare Project.

- Chair Jody Carson announced that the application for the state's first designated heritage area will be going before the Oregon Heritage Commission in February. She expressed hope that the Willamette Falls Heritage Area would be approved as Oregon's first heritage site.

8. ADJOURN

Chair Carson adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nellie Papsdorf
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF DEC. 10, 2014

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
6.0	Memo	12/04/14	CSC Summary of Technical Advisory Committee Amendments	121014m-01
6.0	Handout	11/13/14	Columbia Corridor Association Letter	121014m-02
7.0	Handout	12/10/14	Innovative E-Fare System for TriMet in Portland	121014m-03
7.0	Handout	12/10/14	TriMet 2014: A Year of Accomplishments	121014m-04