



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE
November 24, 2014
Metro Regional Center, Room 370 A

JPACT MEMBERS PRESENT

Jules Bailey
Kelly Brooks
Shirley Craddick
Chris Deffebach (alternate)
Craig Dirksen, Chair
Denny Doyle
Susie Lahsene
Neil McFarlane
Steve Novick
Paul Savas

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County
Oregon Department of Transportation
Metro Council
Washington County
Metro Council
City of Beaverton
Port of Portland
TriMet
City of Portland
Clackamas County

METRO COUNCILORS AND STAFF: Andy Cotugno, Shirley Craddick, Elissa Gertler, Ted Leybold, Ramona Perrault, Jill Schmidt, Bob Stacey, and Randy Tucker.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Craig Dirksen called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

Chair Dirksen summarized the Oct. 16 JPACT Finance Subcommittee meeting at which members supported both enhance and fix it programs for transportation funding with the recognition that the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) aligns more with an enhance program. Members expressed interest in what a list of regional priorities would include.

CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL REGIONAL PRIORITIES FROM OREGON TRANSPORTATION FORUM STRAW MAN PROPOSAL

Chair Dirksen introduced Mr. Andy Cotugno and Mr. Randy Tucker to continue discussion on identifying potential regional priorities from the Oregon Transportation Forum (OTF) transportation funding and policy package.

Mr. Cotugno explained that the subcommittee would need to consider whether to endorse the OTF package as presented or to identify specific priorities that differ.

Mr. Tucker provided an overview of the OTF package provided in the meeting packet. He highlighted funding elements that changed at the OTF meeting on Nov. 6 and stated that the distribution formula for the funding areas would continue to be refined. Mr. Tucker stated that OTF is committed to an all modes funding package for transportation.

Subcommittee members discussed orphan highways and indexing in regard to OTF's proposal. Members expressed general agreement with the transportation policy and funding package presented.

Mr. Cotugno introduced a draft resolution to endorse regional policy and funding priorities for the 2015 state legislative session. He provided a brief overview of specific recommendations for the 2015 regional transportation agenda [Attachment 1] and welcomed discussion on the resolution to endorse an all modes transportation funding package. He stated that staff would like to bring the discussion to JPACT on Dec. 11 and coordinate with the subcommittee to present a resolution for JPACT consideration in January 2015.

Discussion of the resolution identified the need to define "regional" and clarify funding distribution. Members considered options for indexing, including a sunset. Mr. Denny Doyle suggested adding a footnote to the resolution to capture preferred options.

Mr. Jules Bailey requested that potential seismic issues be included as fix it projects.

In regard to distribution of funds, Ms. Brooks explained that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) will serve as advisory committee to spending of enhance funds and funding to counties and cities would be combined to allow for consideration of larger scale projects. She stated that the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) has authority to select projects and allocate enhance funds.

Staff clarified that \$22.6 million requested for Amtrak Cascades would maintain current operations.

In response to member inquiry, staff explained that the proposed youth transit pass program would be a grant program that local governments could apply for.

Mr. Paul Savas expressed concern that Clackamas County's needs would not be met by the package. He also expressed concern that funding may not be distributed equitably.

Members discussed the need for a list of important regional priorities. Chair Dirksen proposed providing a representative project list as an attachment to the legislative funding proposal with examples of projects that would be funded such as the fiscally constrained Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

WRAP UP AND NEXT STEPS

Members agreed not to call a meeting in December, but to coordinate final details for the draft resolution with intent to present a resolution for JPACT consideration in January 2015.

Members requested meetings in January, February, and March to begin a discussion of regional funding.

ADJOURN

Chair Dirksen adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Schmidt

Jill Schmidt, Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF NOV. 24, 2014

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
2.0	Handout	11/6/2014	Funding Elements of Proposal Adopted by the Oregon Transportation Forum	112414j-01
2.0	Handout	N/A	To Earmark or Not to Earmark?	112414j -02
2.0	Handout	N/A	2016-2018 RFFA Project and Program Recommendations	112414j-03
2.0	Handout	N/A	Metro Urban STP, CMAQ, TA, Enhance Estimates	112414j-04
2.0	Handout	N/A	Highway Trust Fund "Enhance" Program Element	112414j-05