



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)

Dec. 11, 2014

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jack Burkman
Carlotta Collette
Shirley Craddick
Nina DeConcini
Craig Dirksen
Denny Doyle
Donna Jordan
Neil McFarlane
Steve Novick
Paul Savas

AFFILIATION

City of Vancouver
Metro Council
Metro Council
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Metro Council
City of Beaverton, representing cities of Washington County
City of Lake Oswego, representing cities of Clackamas County
TriMet
City of Portland
Clackamas County

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Shane Bemis
Diane McKeel
Roy Rogers
Don Wagner

AFFILIATION

City of Gresham, representing cities of Multnomah County
Multnomah County
Washington County
Washington State Department of Transportation

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Jules Bailey
Lisa Barton-Mullins
Jef Dalin
Tim Knapp
Bart Gernhart
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County
City of Fairview, representing cities of Multnomah County
City of Cornelius, representing cities of Washington County
City of Wilsonville, representing cities of Clackamas County
Washington State Department of Transportation
Oregon Department of Transportation

STAFF: Craig Beebe, Peggy Bodner, Grace Cho, Tim Collins, Andy Cotugno, Alexandra Eldridge, Kim Ellis, Dan Kaempff, Tom Kloster, Ted Leybold, Lake McTighe, Jill Schmidt, Randy Tucker, Nikolai Ursin, and John Williams.

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

JPACT Chair Craig Dirksen declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON JPACT ITEMS

Dr. Philip Wu, Kaiser Permanente: Dr. Wu provided a definition of health by the Intertwine Alliance and related the positive impacts of Climate Smart Communities to creating healthy communities. He

stated that Climate Smart Communities not only reduces greenhouse gas emissions, but also provides people with choices to walk and bike safely, making them healthier.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Dirksen updated members on the following items:

- The JPACT trip to Washington D.C. may be moved from early March to late April, which coincides with the Portland Business Alliance trip.
- Mr. Bill Wyatt, Port of Portland, provided an update on the economic impacts of congestion and an update that this topic would come up again at the next JPACT meeting in January.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2014

MOTION: Commissioner Paul Savas moved and Mr. Neil McFarlane seconded to approve the JPACT minutes from Nov. 13, 2014 with the following amendments:

- Commissioner Savas clarified that in the summary under 6.1 Climate Smart Communities Scenario Project, he would like his comments listed to be identified as examples.
- Commissioner Steve Novick was not present at the Nov. 13 JPACT meeting. Ms. Leah Treat attended in his place to represent the City of Portland.
- Mr. Neil McFarlane clarified the summary under 5.2 Transportation for America: Support for Job Connection Program. He stated that the increased resources will be for the federal transportation program overall.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project: Final Recommendation to the Metro Council on Ordinance No. 14-1346B.

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro provided an update on the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project. 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. In June, the Metro Council directed staff to test the draft approach as unanimously recommended on May 30 by MPAC and JPACT. Staff completed the evaluation in August and prepared materials that were subject to a 45-day public comment period from Sept. 15 to Oct. 30, 2014. Ms. Ellis directed members to the memo transmitted on Dec. 4 which outlines amendments made by Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) and Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC). She also stated that the memo transmitted on Dec. 10 describes MPAC's recommendation of Ordinance No. 14-1346B to Metro Council.

MOTION: Mayor Denny Doyle moved and Councilor Carlota Collette seconded to submit to the Metro Council for adoption Ordinance No. 14-1346B.

Member comments included:

- Commissioner Savas stated that the comments denoted as verbatim on page 243 of the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios materials are not verbatim.
- Commissioner Savas stated that the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners have expressed concern that the climate benefit ratings included in the strategy will be used to determine projects to receive funding through program administered by Metro.

Ms. Ellis deferred to Commissioner Savas regarding the amendment to Ordinance No. 1346B that was made at the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting on Dec. 10 and asked if he would care to make it a motion that JPACT make the same amendment.

MOTION: Commissioner Savas moved and Councilor Donna Jordan seconded to amend Ordinance No. 1346B to add the following toolbox action to the bulleted list of actions identified in Action 3 of 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.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

ACTION: With 15 in favor and 1 opposed (Commissioner Savas) the motion passed.

- Commissioner Novick wanted to repeat the importance of the comment about giving people the opportunities to save money by making it easier for people to do something other than drive. Transportation is a huge cost for families. By giving people the options of walking, bicycling or taking transit we make it easier for people to improve their own health, and healthcare costs are a huge drag on the economy and on individual families. Another economic development is that it does seem like this next generation is less interested in spending time in cars. We should remind ourselves that we are talking about the defining challenge not just of this generation, but of the human race. We are looking at a future that has more and more severe weather events, which are disruptive for communities and extremely expensive for governments. We are talking about massive disruption of agriculture and we're talking about potentially the extinction of 20 to 50% of the Earth's species. This region can only make a small impact in that world wide picture, but we can only do what we can control. Commissioner Novick provided a quote from Robert Kennedy-“Few will have the greatness to bend history, but each of us can work to change a small portion of the events, and then the total of all these acts will be written in the history of this generation. Each time a man ‘or a metropolitan region’-(Commissioner Novick) stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others or strikes out against injustice he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, these ripples build the current, which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance. I think what we do today is to send out a ripple of hope.”
- Councilor Jordan stated that the majority of cities in Clackamas County are in favor of moving forward on the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project. She identified the Southwest

Corridor as an area that still has many concerns because it lacks alternative transportation options.

6. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Discussion of Resolution Endorsing the Draft 2015 State Transportation Legislative Package

Mr. Randy Tucker of Metro summarized the elements of the draft 2015 state transportation legislative package.

Mr. Tucker and Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro summarized discussions on whether to support indexing for inflation.

Mr. Cotugno and Mr. Tucker identified the benefits of aligning JPACT's transportation and funding package with the Oregon Transportation Forum's proposed package.

- Councilor Jordan told the committee that the majority of cities in Clackamas County are in favor of moving forward. An area that still has many concerns is the SW Corridor, which really lacks alternative transportation options

Members discussed the Resolution Endorsing the Draft 2015 State Transportation Legislative Package and identified possible amendments to the proposed legislation that would break alignments with OTF's package:

1. Indexing for inflation
2. Regional distribution of 50 percent of "Enhance" program funds
3. Local distribution of 50 percent of "Enhance" program funds

Members agreed to consider these amendments at the next JPACT meeting on Jan. 8, 2015.

6.2 Recommendation of the Taskforce on formation of the Region 1 ACT

Mr. Cotugno and Ms. Kelly Brooks of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) provided an update on the ODOT Taskforce considering formation of a Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation (ACT).

7. ADJOURN

Chair Dirksen adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Botond Kovacs, Recording Secretary

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
3.0	Handout	12/09/14	Economic Impacts of Congestion in Oregon	121114j -01
5.1	Memo	12/10/14	Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project: MPAC recommendation on Ordinance No. 14-1346B	121114j -02
5.1	Memo	12/04/14	Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project: Summary of technical advisory committee amendments	121114j -03
5.1	Handout	11/13/14	Columbia Corridor Association	121114j -04
6.1	Handout	11/06/14	Funding elements of proposal adopted by the Oregon Transportation Forum	121114j -05
6.1	Handout	12/11/14	Draft 2015 State Transportation Legislative Package Executive Summary	121114j -06
6.2	Handout	12/05/14	Proposal for the formation of a Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation (ACT)	121114j -07