



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

May 18, 2015

Metro Regional Center, Room 370 A and B

JPACT MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Dirksen, Chair
Mayor Denny Doyle
Steve Novick
Paul Savas
Neil McFarlane
Susie Lahsene
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County
City of Portland
Clackamas County
TriMet
Port of Portland
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

METRO STAFF and COUNCILORS: Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Elissa Gertler, Dan Kaempff, Ted Leybold, Beth Cohen

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Craig Dirksen called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

2. UPDATES ON TRANSPORTATION FUNDING CONVERSATIONS AT THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL

Chair Dirksen summarized his thoughts on the recent JPACT trip and asked members to share additional thoughts about the trip beyond what was discussed at JPACT the week prior. Chair Dirksen also shared what he'd heard from legislators about the unlikelihood around passing a transportation package this session.

Chair Dirksen asked if any committee members had updates to share on local transportation funding conversations. Commissioner Paul Savas shared that in Clackamas county conversations about funding, people have expressed the most interest in capital projects. The group discussed the percent of ODOT's budget that is dedicated to maintenance and the importance of addressing maintenance needs to free up funds for capital projects.

REPORT FROM STAFF WORKSHOPS ON DEFINING A SYSTEM OF MUTUAL FUNDING INTEREST

Chair Dirksen noted that while he convened the finance subcommittee to focus on transportation funding at the federal and state levels, there's not a lot happening in those arenas. It's looking more and more like regional and local governments will be responsible for finding new money.

Chair Dirksen reminded the group that they had asked staff to develop a framework that could be used to define a transportation system of mutual interest for new regional transportation revenues. Mr. Ted Leybold and Mr. Dan Kaempff of Metro described the staff workshops that produced this framework. Mr. Leybold and Mr. Kaempff also summarized next steps that would be necessary for the region to collectively define and pursue a new transportation revenue source.

The group discussed the information presented by staff. Comments and questions included:

- The group discussed whether the maps show the system as it is or an aspirational system. Staff clarified that the maps show the system as is and are useful for pointing out gaps in the system.
- The group discussed whether additional key freight connectors should be added to the current system definition and maps. Ms. Susie Lahsene of the Port of Portland argued that the system as defined should include intermodal facilities.
- Commissioner Savas asked about focusing on congestion hot spots.
- Mr. Neil McFarlane of TriMet reminded the group that the whole point of the definition of a system of mutual funding interest is to narrow down the focus on what might be eligible for funding, so not everything can be included in the regional system definition.

3. DISCUSSION ON NEXT STEPS

The subcommittee expressed interest in continuing a discussion about regional transportation funding and discussed potential next steps. Members articulated the following considerations and principles:

- Need to wait to have additional conversations until the legislature finishes
- The following things should be identified in a future research and scenario definition process if it moves forward:
 - List of projects/packages
 - Timeline for completion of projects
 - Revenue sources
- The importance of research and scenario testing to identify projects that the public values, which might be different for different parts of the region.
- The importance of defining the vision and goals of what any proposed package of projects would be accomplishing.
- Starting with a small and discrete funding ask and articulating principles and a defined project list up front can help build public trust and win public support.
- Need to clarify the relationship between this effort and work on identifying funding for Southwest Corridor implementation.
- Engage with JPACT and coordinating committees around identifying projects to evaluate.
- Marshall Transportation for America resources to help guide this process.

Chair Dirksen mentioned that this discussion is just in the beginning stages and there's a lot of work necessary to determine next steps. In that vein, the group agreed that it would be best to wait to reconvene until the legislative session is over and more work has been done. Chair Dirksen committed to reporting out about the subcommittee discussion at a JPACT meeting this summer and asking for feedback.

4. ADJOURN

Chair Dirksen adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Cohen, Council Policy Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEB. 23 2015

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
4.0	Memo	5/18/2015	Regional System Definition Memo	051815j-01
4.0	Presentation	5/18/2015	Presentation on system of mutual funding interest	051815j-02