



**TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE**  
**October 30, 2015**  
**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber**

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Williams  
Judith Gray  
Nancy Kraushaar  
Katherine Kelly  
Eric Hesse  
Cora Potter  
Nick Fortey  
Michael Williams  
Karen Buehrig  
Adrian Esteban  
Joanna Valencia  
Carol Gossett  
Lynda David  
Don Odermott

AFFILIATION

Metro  
City of Portland  
City of Wilsonville, representing Cities of Clackamas County  
City of Gresham  
TriMet  
Community Representative  
Federal Highway Administration  
Washington State Department of Transportation  
Clackamas County  
Community Representative  
Multnomah County  
Community Representative  
Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council  
City of Hillsboro, representing Cities of Washington Co.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Todd Juhazs  
Dave Nordberg  
Kelly Brooks  
Susie Lahsene  
Jared Franz  
Steve White  
Chris Deffebach

AFFILIATION

City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County  
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality  
Oregon Department of Transportation  
Port of Portland  
Community Representative  
Community Representative  
Washington County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Phil Healy  
Jon Makler  
Steve Szigethy

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland  
Oregon Department of Transportation  
Washington County

STAFF: Ted Leybold, Dan Kaempff, Chris Myers, Kim Ellis, Grace Cho, Ken Lobeck, Malu Wilkinson, Jeffrey Raker, Jamie Snook, Lisa Hunrichs

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

Chair John Williams declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Steve Szigethy reminded the committee of the deadlines for applications for ODOT programs.

**3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS.**

Mr. Ron Swaren encouraged the committee to consider a potential “Western Arterial Highway” which he believes would enhance freight movement and transportation options. A suggestion was made that Mr. Swaren might provide feedback to the Washington County Transportation Futures Study.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF THE TPAC MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

MOTION: Mr. Eric Hesse moved and Mr. Jon Makler seconded the motion to adopt the TPAC minutes from September 25, 2015.

ACTION: The motion passed, with Ms. Gossett abstaining from the vote.

**5. MTIP AMENDMENT - RECOMMENDATION TO JPACT**

Mr. Ken Lobeck requested the committee’s approval to amend the 2015-2018 MTIP by adding TriMet North Hillsboro Job Connector Shuttle project. His presentation provided an overview of how each Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP) review is conducted so that projects can be added into the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). He noted that some amendments are formal and some are administrative. For formal amendments, generally this includes adding a new project. Seven review criteria are addressed.

Mr. Hesse noted that this project follows along in the model of the growth link shuttle within the Westside Service Enhancement Plan. ODOT has also helped provide funding to other capital projects in the area, and the timing of the new shuttle service is coordinating with the opening of those new facilities, including new sidewalks and bike lanes. Mr. Hesse noted that the model can be replicated and is an ongoing element of service planning work in other parts of the region. TriMet is committed to finding long-term funding for these services. The project costs will be covered through fiscal year 2018 and ridership will be measured going forward.

Ms. Buehrig appreciated the overview of the MTIP process. She expressed support for the shuttle program and noted that Clackamas County is interested in local connections like these.

MOTION: Mr. Hesse moved and Ms. Judith Gray seconded the motion to recommend JPACT approval to add the TriMet North Hillsboro Job Connector Shuttle project to the 2015-18 MTIP.

ACTION: The motion passed, with Ms. Potter abstaining from the vote.

**6. UPWP AMENDMENT – POWELL-DIVISION – RECOMMENDATION**

Mr. Chris Myers and Ms. Malu Wilkinson came before the committee to requested approval to amend the FY 2015-16 UPWP to include 2016 STP funds for use on the Powell-Division Corridor Plan. UPWP is annual, federally required document and that we produce for any planning project that will require funding in that fiscal year. A legislative amendment is required if adding \$200,000 or more or 20 percent or more of a total project budget. The total request in this case is for an additional \$507,427.

Committee comments and discussion included:

Funds became available Oct. 1, 2015.

Ms. Wilkinson clarified that this action is not related to the action taken earlier in Spring 2015 to allocate unspent funds from the Lake Oswego corridor project to project development for Powell-Division. The project is now in the project development phase, so any money spent counts for the capital investment. This money was always intended to fund this program during this fiscal year, but

due to administrative timing it could not be added to the UPWP when it was approved in May 2015. These funds are part of the Step 1 corridor planning funds.

The timing for the project is to be in operation in 2020, which is a fast and ambitious timeline. The project steering committee has determined that the best option for the corridor is a bus rapid transit (BRT) project, which is a smaller capital investment than a light rail.

**MOTION:** Ms. Kathryn Kelly moved and Ms. Judith Gray seconded the motion to recommend approval to FY 2015-16 UPWP to include 2016 STP funds for use on the Powell-Division Corridor Plan.

**ACTION:** With all in favor, the motion passed.

#### **7. 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE WORK PLAN AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PLAN - RECOMMENDATION TO JPACT**

Ms. Kim Ellis provided an overview on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Public Engagement Plan for the 2018 RTP update. As it is one of the main policy documents that implements the 2040 vision, the RTP is a key tool for shaping growth in the region and connecting the people who live and work in the region to jobs, families, school and other important destinations. The presentation included discussion of the timeline, proposed approach, and progress since TPAC discussion in September 2015.

She noted that the plan reflects a significant outreach effort and includes feedback from survey results from online polls, briefings with elected officials, presentations to standing committees, and other community groups and organizations. She reminded that this version of the RTP is different from previous RTP efforts, as the 2014 RTP was limited in scope. This update will be focused more broadly on policy and partnerships. Additional challenges will be addressed, including but not limited to Climate Smart Strategy, congestion, affordability, travel options, and finding new and better ways for people to get around. She expressed thanks to committee members who have signed up to participate and support the policy-level conversations.

Other key changes she noted included funding and finance discussions that are ongoing at local and regional levels, some of the technical background work and language changes to reflect feedback received, and fact sheet that will detail how Climate Smart Strategy might be implemented.

Ms. Ellis also noted that elected officials had requested more information about the process of information sharing, and indicated that the process will rely greatly on technical committee members staying closely connected with MPAC and JPACT members that they support. This will ensure awareness of progress and provide key opportunities for policy decisions to be made.

Committee comments and discussion included:

A review of the history of finances based on past performance will be undertaken, so that the plan reflects reasonable estimation of federal and local funds that will be available, and that private investment can be reasonably estimated.

Safety issues will be addressed throughout the work plan. Work with ODOT will help clarify performance measures targets and analyses.

Climate Smart Strategy will be informing the update.

Clarification that the RTP will include two separate funding levels (“constrained” RTP and “strategic” RTP) that would identify the resources that could be pursued, reflecting realistic strategies for securing adequate funding for investment priorities throughout the region.

**MOTION:** Mr. Eric Hesse moved and Ms Nancy Kraushaar seconded the motion to recommend approval of the RTP to JPACT.

**ACTION:** With all in favor, the motion passed.

## **8. MTIP AND RFFA POLICY OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

Mr. Dan Kaempff provided a briefing on the RFFA policy update process. This included a discussion of the outcomes from the October work group meetings and an outline of the RFFA policy options for JPACT input in November and December. His presentation included a reminder of MTIP/RFFA policy objectives, which include:

- the Region’s Six Desired Outcomes
- the Regional Transportation Plan’s performance measures
- the Regional Transportation Finance Approach, and
- the Regional Flexible Funds Objectives

Mr. Kaempff also discussed current allocation numbers, stakeholder input and how use of the regional flexible funds were implemented to achieve policy objectives in the previous funding cycle:

### Step 1

Transit Bond payments

- Leverage additional funding to build high-capacity transit system

Region-wide investments

- Focus funding on parts of system that are unique or mandatory, difficult to evaluate next to capital projects
- Provides coordination, outcomes measured at a regional level through strategic plans
- TSMO, RTO, TOD, Corridors, MPO

### Step 2

Active Transportation/Complete Streets (75%)

- Focus on projects that make it easier to walk and bicycle, improve access to transit

Freight Initiatives/Green Economy (25%)

- Focus on small capital projects aimed at improving access or removing barriers to industrial sites

Mr. Leybold clarified that this work is being done to frame the discussion prior to the public comment period. The goal is not to put a policy in place, but to discuss the options that might be provided for public comment.

At their November 12 meeting, JPACT will be asked to consider two policy questions, related to a) how they wish to consider potential increases to Step 1 investments, and b) whether or not they wish to consider eliminating the 75/25 Step 2 funding split. TPAC provided direction on how to best frame the discussion for JPACT and provided insights on potential issues or questions JPACT members could raise.

Mr. Ted Leybold with additional input from Jon Makler (ODOT) and Mr. Hesse (TriMet) provided an update on ODOT and the transit portions of TIP process.

**9. ADJOURN** Chair Williams noted that the next meeting be held on November 20, 2015. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Hunrichs", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Lisa Hunrichs, Planning and Development

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 28, 2015**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
1	Agenda	10/30/15	10/30/15 TPAC Agenda	103015T-01
2	Work Program	10/22/15	2015 TPAC Work Program	103015T-02
3	Meeting Summary	9/25/15	9/25/15 TPAC meeting summary	103015T-03
4	Resolution 15-4665	10/20/15	Draft Resolution, Exhibit A, Staff Report, Attachments 1 and 2	103015T-04
5	Resolution 15-4664	9/15/15	Draft Resolution, Exhibit A, Staff Report	103015T-05
6	Resolution 15-4662	10/21/15	Memo, Draft Resolution, Exhibits A and B, Attachments, Staff Report, Attachments 1 through 5	103015T-06
7	Memo	10/21/15	To: TPAC and Interested parties From: Dan Kaempff, Principal Transportation Planner Re: MTIP/RFFA DRAFT Policy Options for Public Comment	103015T-07
8	Handout	10/30/15	Memo to TPAC and Interested Parties From: Ted Leybold and Pamela Blackhorse RE: TIP Adjustments from July – Sept. 2015	103015T-08
9	Handout	October 2015	2019-2021 Regional Flexible Fund Allocation Policy Update and Implementation Timeline	103015T-09
10	Handout	October 2015	2019-2021 Draft RFFA Policy Report	103015T-10
11	Handout	9/8/15	Memo To TPAC Members and Alternates From: Lisa Hunrichs Re: 2016 TPAC Meeting Schedule	103015T-11