



**TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE**  
**January 29, 2016**  
**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber**

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Williams  
Eric Hesse  
Chris Deffebach  
Karen Buehrig  
Don Odermott  
Cora Potter  
Patricia Kepler  
Heidi Guenin  
Charity Fain  
Jared Franz  
Nick Fortey  
Lynda David  
Dave Nordberg

AFFILIATION

Metro  
TriMet  
Washington County  
Clackamas County  
City of Hillsboro, representing Cities of Washington Co.  
Community Representative  
Community Representative  
Community Representative  
Community Representative  
Community Representative  
Federal Highway Administration  
Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council  
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Adrian Esteban  
Katherine Kelly

AFFILIATION

Community Representative  
City of Gresham

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Phil Healy  
Amanda Ownings  
Jon Makler  
Ken Burgstahler  
Mark Lear  
Jessica Berry

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland  
City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas County  
ODOT  
WSDOT  
City of Portland  
Multnomah County

STAFF: Ted Leybold, Dan Kaempff, Kim Ellis, Grace Cho, Ken Lobeck, Lisa Hunrichs, Tom Kloster, Chris Ford

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

Chair John Williams declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

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

There were no comments from the chair or committee members.

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

There were no citizen communications.

### **4. CONSIDERATION OF THE TPAC MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 18, 2015**

MOTION: Mr. Don Odermott moved and Amanda Ownings seconded the motion to adopt the TPAC minutes from December 18, 2015.

ACTION: The motion passed with Mr. Hesse, Mr. Makler, Ms. Fain, Ms. Guenin, Ms. Kepler, and Ms. David abstaining from the vote.

### **5. 2018 MTIP QUARTERLY AMENDMENT SUMMARY REPORT (10/1 TO 12/31/2015)**

Mr. Ted Leybold and Mr. Ken Lobeck provided the quarterly amendment summary report for the committee's review.

### **6. MTIP OBLIGATION & PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Mr. Ted Leybold and Mr. Ken Lobeck provided a summary of local project obligations during the past fiscal year. Mr. Leybold clarified the obligation process and noted that once funds have been allocated, the lead agency for each project enters into a contract with FTA or FHWA that regulates eligibility for reimbursement. Obligation is a recognition by the federal agency that a project is ready and can be reimbursed. Mr. Lobeck noted that out of 160 projects, 44 percent of projects were shifted from 2015 into 2016 for various delays that included project scoping issues, cost methodology issues, and other readiness issues that delayed the programmed phase obligations. Delays such as these can affect other projects and funding, state-wide. Members were asked to consider whether a work group that convenes quarterly might be helpful for discussion of delivery issues and policy guidance.

Members provided feedback on the suggestion of a work group, and requested further clarification about abbreviated descriptions in the summary reports. Discussion also included issues regarding scoping, best use of resources, and impacts of funding delays. Members agreed that the process could be improved by forming a work group. Staff will further refine the concept and return to the committee for consideration.

### **7. RTO STRATEGIC PLAN AND 2017-19 GRANT PROGRAM**

Mr. Dan Kaempff provided an update on next steps for updating the RTO Strategic Plan. He gave an overview of the program's activities, history, and outcomes. The existing plan extends to 2017. Due to various policy discussions underway that will affect funding and strategy, staff recommends delaying updating the plan until early 2017. Since this affects the grant program, the staff recommendation includes administering the 2017-19 grant program using the current strategic plan direction.

Committee members agreed that it would be helpful to postpone the update in order to most accurately reflect policy direction that comes out of other regional conversations. Mr. Kaempff will return to the committee in April 2016 to discuss grantmaking and potential process improvements with the committee.

### **8. 2018 RTP UPDATE: 2016 ACTIVITIES AND MILESTONES**

Ms. Kim Ellis provided a status report on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. She reminded the committee about the Regional Leadership Forum event on April 22, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The event will provide an opportunity for the Metro Council and regional leaders from the

Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), and invited business and community leaders to discuss important issues impacting future travel in the Portland metropolitan region. This is the first of three Regional Leadership Forums that will be held in the coming year.

Significant activities planned for 2016 include:

- Online engagement through surveys and quick polls
- Regional Leadership Forums
- Community discussion group
- Regional speakers series, video clips and news stories
- Equity panel on challenges and performance measures for transportation equity analysis
- Livable Streets Safety and Design Discussion Panels and Best Practices Tours
- E-Blasts, social media and newsfeeds with project updates, public comment opportunities and notice of related events
- Topical workshops and events in partnership with other agencies and organizations
- Project briefings and presentations
- Technical work group meetings
- In addition, staff are conducting research to document transportation system conditions and support development of a Regional Snapshot, a collection of data, expert commentary, personal profiles and events that tells the story of transportation trends and challenges in the region. Staff also began modeling the performance of current RTP investments and compiling revenue data to document local, state and federal transportation funding sources.

Members appreciated the update and recommended that summaries of work group meetings be provided

#### **9. TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UPDATE**

Ms. Megan Gibb and Mr. Jonathan Williams provided an overview on Metro's Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) program. Metro's TOD Program implements the 2040 Growth Concept by stimulating private investment in compact mixed-use projects near light rail stations, along frequent service bus corridors and in town and regional centers. To best capture existing and future development opportunities with limited resources, the TOD program must be highly strategic when targeting and investing in station areas and corridors. Over the seventeen years since the TOD program's inception in 1998, program financing has totaled more than \$43 million cumulatively. Regional partners have allocated federal transportation funds to support the TOD program as part of the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) planning process. MTIP funds, currently \$3 million annually, are then exchanged to provide local funding for project investments and program operations. Historically, other funding sources have included direct federal transportation grants, income from property transactions, interest earnings and Metro general funds.

Members expressed interest in guidelines for how projects are selected, affordability targets, market strength, and challenges due to zoning constraints.

#### **10. SW CORRIDOR DRAFT MODE RECOMMENDATION / UPDATE ON PROJECT**

Mr. Chris Ford provided an update on the SW Corridor and summary of decisions made and what is ahead. The Southwest Corridor Plan is a collaborative effort between project partners Portland, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin, Beaverton, Durham, King City, Washington County, ODOT, TriMet and Metro. It is a comprehensive approach to achieving community visions through integrated land use and transportation planning. The Plan is rooted in the adopted local land use plans of the corridor

communities, including the Barbur Concept Plan, the Tigard High Capacity Transit Land Use Plan, Linking Tualatin and the Sherwood Town Center Plan. In support of these community visions, the Southwest Corridor Plan Steering Committee has recommended a Shared Investment Strategy that includes key investments in transit, roadways, active transportation, parks, trails and natural areas.

The project team is currently performing analysis of the PCC Sylvania connection options. During spring 2016 the steering committee will decide whether to continue study of direct light rail tunnel to PCC Sylvania. In May, the steering committee will be making a recommendation on the best mode for the corridor, light rail or BRT. In summer 2016, DEIS scoping will be underway. Mr. Ford will return to TPAC in March 2016 with further developments in the project.

**11. ADJOURN** Chair Williams noted that the next meeting be held on February 26, 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58. a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Hunrichs, Planning and Development

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 29, 2015**

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1	Agenda	1/22/16	01/29/16 TPAC Agenda	012916T-01
2	Work Program	1/22/16	2016 TPAC Work Program	012916T-02
3	Meeting Summary	12/18/15	12/18/15 TPAC meeting summary	012916T-03
4	Memo	1/19/16	To: TPAC and Interested parties From: Ken Lobeck, Senior Transportation Planner and Pamela Blackhorse, Program Assistant Re: TIP Adjustments for October - December 2015	012916T-04
5	Handout	December 2015	Metro 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter FFY 2016 (October 1 - December 31, 2015) MTIP Amendment Summary Report	012916T-05
6	Handout	12/29/2015	MTIP Annual listing of federally obligated projects	012916T-06

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7	Memo	1/20/2016	To: TPAC and Interested parties From: Ken Lobeck, Senior Transportation Planner Re: MTIP Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Obligation and Performance Report	012916T-07
8	Memo	1/25/2016	To: TPAC and Interested parties From: Dan Kaempff, Principal Transportation Planner Re: RTO Strategic Plan and 2017-19 Grant program update	012916T-08
9	Memo	1/28/2016	To: TPAC and Interested parties From: Kim Ellis, Principal Transportation Planner Re: Regional Transportation Plan update – 2016 activities	012916T-09
10	Handout	1/27/2016	2018 RTP Update Technical Work Groups (Member Rosters)	012916T-10
11	Handout	July 2014- June 2015	Transit-Oriented Development Annual Report	012916T-11
12	Handout	January 2016	TOD Updated map	012916T-12
13	Handout	1/7/2016	Southwest Corridor Plan Summary of options to improve transit access to PCC Sylvania	012916T-13
14	Handout	12/31/2015	Southwest Corridor High Capacity Transit Mode Comparison	012916T-14
15	Handout	December 2015	What would bus rapid transit look like in the Southwest Corridor	012916T-13