



Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPACT)
February 18, 2016
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jack Burkman
Shirley Craddick
Nina DeConcini
Craig Dirksen, *Chair*
Kathryn Harrington
Tim Knapp
Neil McFarlane
Steve Novick
Roy Rogers
Jeanne Stewart
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

City of Vancouver
Metro Council
DEQ
Metro Council
Metro Council
City of Wilsonville, representing Cities of Clackamas County
TriMet
City of Portland
Washington County
Clark County
Oregon Department of Transportation

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Doug Daoust
Jef Dalin
Bart Gernhart
John Ludlow

AFFILIATION

City of Troutdale
City of Cornelius
Washington State Department of Transportation
Clackamas County

OTHERS PRESENT: Sam Haffner, Jeff Hamm, LeeAnne Fergason, Mark Gamba, Jeff Gudman, Drenda Howatt, Gerik Kransky, Stephan Lashbrook, Jaimie Lorenzini, Bob Martin, Mark Ottenad, Gary Schmidt, Joanna Valencia

STAFF: Beth Cohen, Alexandra Eldridge, Kim Ellis, Elissa Gertler, Megan Gibb, Shaina Hobbs, Jon Williams

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

JPACT Chair Craig Dirksen called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 7:33 a.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Velia Mendoza, Portland: Ms. Mendoza explained to committee members that she and her daughter do not feel safe when they walk to school because of fast-moving cars. Ms. Mendoza asked committee members to support the allocation of \$15 million to Safe Routes to School.

Rachel Kimbrow, Portland: Ms. Kimbrow showed a brief video about the unsafe walking and biking conditions in her SE Portland neighborhood, and how they affected her son, who attends Bridger

Elementary School. Ms. Kimbrow asked JPACT members to support the allocation of \$15 million to Safe Routes to School.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Dirksen, JPACT Members, and staff provided updates on the following items:

- Mr. Rian Windsheimer shared a 150% project list for Enhance Region 1 Bike/Ped/Transit allocation. He noted that the 150% list contained \$2.5 million for the I-205 Oregon City Project, yet the project would not be fully funded at that level. Mr. Windsheimer expressed that the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) was responsive to the letter submitted by the Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation. He added that the STIP Enhance program was an opportunity to organize around projects as a region. Chair Dirksen noted that he would be testifying on behalf of the Metro Council for projects such as the I-5 Rose Quarter project.
- Commissioner Novick noted that the city of Portland was sending a memo to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) to ask them to develop funding scenarios to be reviewed prior to a final decision by the OTC. Commissioner Novick noted that the memo would ask the OTC to consider a return to the previous 75% Fix-It and 25% Enhance model, since FAST Act funds have recently increased.
- Ms. Nina Deconcini informed committee members that Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) had been working with the U.S. Forest Service to study air pollution through moss samples and high levels of arsenic and cadmium were discovered in the air in SE Portland. She emphasized that DEQ is committed to transparency then went on to say that there is a gap between state and local laws which allows companies such as Bullseye Glass to release metals into the air while still being in compliance with the law. She noted that a request was sent to the federal government to secure additional funding for analysis and testing. Ms. Deconcini added that DEQ was evaluating other glass manufacturers in the state and other businesses using raw chromium. She added that it is imperative that Oregon businesses are not put at a disadvantage for keeping in compliance with emissions regulations. Ms. DeConcini informed committee members of a meeting that evening at Harriet Tubman Middle School which would include a formal discussion about air quality issues with Portland residents. Commissioner Novick expressed his gratitude that Ms. DeConcini mentioned the issue of diesel concentration in Portland and highlighted the gravity of the effects of diesel on the region's air quality.
- Chair Dirksen reminded JPACT members of a series of upcoming Regional Leadership Forums about the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan. The first will be on April 22 and others would follow later in 2016. Chair Dirksen noted that the first forum will focus on transportation trends, challenges and the region's vision for the future. The keynote speaker for the first forum will be R.T. Rybak, former three-term mayor of Minneapolis.
- Chair Dirksen informed committee members that the JPACT trip would be in collaboration with the Portland Business Alliance.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 CONSIDERATION OF THE JPACT MINUTES FOR JANUARY 21, 2016

MOTION: Mayor Tim Knapp moved and Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded, to approve the January 21, 2016 minutes as amended.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

Notes: The January 21, 2016 JPACT minutes were amended to correct Mayor Jef Dalin's affiliation to "Cities of Washington County."

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Governor's Transportation Vision Panel and Upcoming Regional Forums Presentation

Chair Dirksen introduced Mr. Sam Haffner to give a presentation on the Governor's Transportation Vision Panel.

Key elements of the update included:

- Mr. Haffner informed committee members that the Transportation Vision Panel began in November 2014 during the Kitzhaber administration. He noted that Kitzhaber's administration created the 10 year budget plan and the 10 year energy plan. Kitzhaber's administration looked 30 years into the future, which at the time was 2045. He explained the panel was responsible for evaluating the current state of Oregon's transportation system, developing a vision for the future of the system, and creating recommendations to move toward the vision.
- Mr. Haffner noted that Governor Kate Brown asked the panel to pause its work, then asked the group to reconvene to discuss seismic challenges of Oregon and to address congestion issues, as Oregon experienced the highest increase of congestion in the country.
- Mr. Haffner explained that the Vision Panel has 5 subcommittees:
 - Aviation, Marine & Freight Rail Subcommittee
 - Transportation Finance Subcommittee
 - Bike, Ped, Transit & Passenger Rail Subcommittee
 - Roadways & Bridges Subcommittee
 - Innovation & Seismic Subcommittee
- Mr. Haffner added that in December 2015, the subcommittee chairs convened, and each committee developed a report of preliminary findings. He explained that each subcommittee reported key issues and discussed which topics intersected between all subcommittees.
- Governor Brown asked the Vision Panel to get key input from across the state, and 11 regional forums across the state have been set up to fulfill this goal. The forums would share key findings and try to discover what the committee had possibly overlooked. Governor Brown has asked for a final report by April.
- He noted that a Governor's Transportation Vision Panel Regional Forum would be taking place in the Portland Metropolitan Area on March 14.

Member discussion included:

- Mr. John Ludlow asked Mr. Haffner to clarify what a large-scale project was for tolling considerations. Mr. Haffner explained that his understanding of a large-scale project would be something such as a new bridge, but was unsure of the exact funding level. Mr. Ludlow inquired where the tolling projects would be, and Mr. Haffner noted that the ideas listed were only finance concepts identified for further consideration.
- Commissioner Novick highlighted that the fuel tanks that supply the entire region are on liquefiable soil, and added that this should be an issue to engage the oil companies. He emphasized that the location of the fuel tanks was a key item to be addressed.
- Mayor Knapp inquired about the makeup of the Vision Panel's membership, and added that the MPO has been trying to find solutions for the problems identified by the vision panel for quite a bit of time. Mr. Haffner informed committee members that membership roster of 35 members was available on the Vision Panel's website. Mr. Haffner expressed interest in incorporating some of the MPO's work into the panel's work.
- Mr. McFarlane explained that the governor's goals will not be achieved unless funding levels are increased. He noted that the region must collaborate in order to come up with an effective transportation package, and conceded that there will not be a project that everyone in the region will agree upon completely.
- Mayor Knapp noted the possibility of a mileage-based fee will becoming more plausible as gas becomes cheaper. Mr. Haffner noted that the Vision Panel Finance Subcommittee was very supportive of the idea of a mileage based fee and noted that an incremental approach would be considered. Chair Dirksen noted that he sits on the Oregon Road User Fee Task Force and would be happy to share findings with committee members.
- Mayor Dalin informed JPACT members that he had received feedback that enrollment in OReGO, a pilot Vehicle-Miles Traveled (VMT) fee program, was extremely low. Mr. Haffner noted that there was a 98% retention rate and Chair Dirksen added that the state legislature placed a cap on the number of program participants. Mayor Dalin noted that he has shared the program with others and encouraged them to sign up, although it is difficult to get constituents interested in participation of a voluntary tax program.
- Chair Dirksen noted that JPACT should draft a letter to the Governor on the findings of the visionary panel's forum. Mayor Dalin noted that any kind of letter should show all of the work that has already been done on the list of transportation projects in the region that need funding. Councilor Jeanne Stewart asked what the letter to the Governor would be advocating and Chair Dirksen noted that JPACT should have a conversation about what the letter should include, and a draft would come out of that conversation.

5.2 Transit Oriented Development Program Update

Elissa Gertler introduced the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Program Update by informing the committee that it was a regional program that had undergone some significant changes were made in the past year, largely due to the changing real estate market. Ms. Gertler explained that the purpose was to work toward the 2040 Growth Concept by investing in mixed-use projects. Ms. Gertler introduced Mr. Jon Williams and Ms. Megan Gibb.

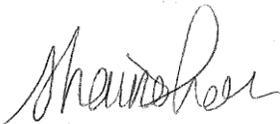
Key elements of the updated included:

- Mr. Williams explained the TOD Program was oriented toward achieving Metro's 2040 goals. He noted that since 1998, over 330 housing units have been constructed through the program, with several units being regulated affordable housing units. He noted that there have been 35 projects to date, which have induced over 800,000 transit trips. He added that investments were only made where additional density was achieved with a high return.
- Mr. Williams explained that the project is funded through regional flexible funds. He added that the approach included land acquisition, disposition and development of key sites. He noted that the typical contribution ranged from \$200,000 to \$500,000. He noted that eligible areas had key constraints, such as being ½ mile from MAX station or ¼ mile from bus station. Mr. Williams added that Metro recently invested in the Radiator Building on North Williams Avenue.
- He noted that the expansion of TriMet frequent service contributed to the update of the 2016 Strategic Plan, because of increased market strength further east. He explained that the work plan called upon the TOD team to increase equity and to build more market-rate projects. Mr. Williams explained that there was new data showing that lower income households are 18% more likely to use MAX lines and 45% more likely to use frequent bus lines.
- Mr. Williams explained that a major goal was to give affordable projects a fair chance and to help partners consider sites that are more centrally located in the region. Ms. Gibb noted that a developer is currently being selected for the former furniture store site on 82nd and Division.

ADJOURN

JPACT Chair Craig Dirksen adjourned the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shaina Hobbs
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2016

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
N/A	Letter	N/A	Safe Routes to School Letter	021816-01
N/A	Handout	02/11/16	Handouts Re: Region 1 Enhance Projects	021816-02
N/A	Memo	02/18/16	Memo from Commissioner Novick Re: FAST Act	021816m-03