



METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

Meeting Minutes

March 09, 2016

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sam Chase
Tim Clark
Betty Dominguez
Mark Gamba, 1st Vice Chair
Jeff Gudman
John Hayes
Jerry Hinton
Dick Jones
Ty Stober
Gordon Hovies
Loretta Smith
Tootie Smith
Bob Stacey

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
City of Wood Village, Multnomah Co. Other Cities
Citizen of Clackamas County
City of Milwaukie, Clackamas Co. Other Cities
City of Lake Oswego, Clackamas Co. Largest City
Forest Grove School District
City of Gresham, Multnomah Co. 2nd Largest City
Oak Lodge Water District, Clackamas Co. Special Districts
City of Vancouver
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Washington Co. Special Districts
Multnomah County
Clackamas County
Metro Council

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Denny Doyle

AFFILIATION

City of Beaverton, Washington Co. 2nd Largest City

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Emerald Bogue
Jennifer Donnelly
Craig Prosser
Marc San Soucie

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland
Department of Land Conservation and Development
TriMet
City of Beaverton, Washington Co. 2nd Largest City

OTHERS PRESENT: Adam Barber, Dan Chandler, Eric Hesse, Jon Kloor, Chris Merz, Zoe Monahan,

STAFF: Roger Alfred, Alexandra Eldridge, Martha Fritze, Megan Gibb, Shaina Hobbs, Ramona Perrault, John Williams, Jon Williams, Ina Zucker

1. CALL TO ORDER, SELF INTRODUCTIONS, CHAIR COMMUNICATIONS

MPAC Chair Tim Clark called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. and noted that there were not yet enough MPAC members to call a quorum. All attendees introduced themselves.

Chair Clark introduced Mr. John Williams, who then gave a summary of the 2015 Compliance Report. He informed committee members that the Chief Operating Officer of Metro is required to inform the Metro Council, JPACT, and MPAC of the status of regional city and county compliance

with regional requirements as outlined in the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan and the Regional Transportation Functional Plan. Mr. Williams informed MPAC members that all jurisdictions, aside from the City of Damascus, were in compliance.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. COUNCIL UPDATE

- Councilor Bob Stacey encouraged MPAC members to read Metro's Draft Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and to complete the corresponding feedback survey. He added that the plan was a result of participation from multiple partners in the region, including communities of color. Councilor Stacey noted that Metro was proposing to accomplish a set of actions, objectives, and goals to remove existing barriers for communities of color in the region.
- Councilor Stacey informed MPAC members that the next round of Nature in Neighborhoods grants was open for applications. He added that letters of interest for capital grants would be accepted through April.
- Councilor Stacey noted that the Metro Council adopted revised findings for the Urban and Rural Reserves in February, which put Metro in compliance with the remand of the original reserves plan. He added that the revised findings were transmitted to Multnomah County and Clackamas County for their approval in order to move forward.

4. MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATION

- Mayor Gamba informed MPAC members that there would be an upcoming E-Bike expo in Portland and added that an E-Bike tour would be an informative trip for MPAC and JPACT members. Mayor Gamba explained that electric bikes may be a possible transportation solution in some jurisdictions.
- Chair Clark informed committee members that MPAC had been invited to the Port of Portland for a tour that would take the place of MPAC's May 25th meeting. Ms. Emerald Bogue explained that the tour would discuss the future of PDX International Airport and would give MPAC members a behind-the-scenes look at the port's operations.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Consideration of January 13, 2016 Minutes

At 5:28pm, Chair Clark announced that a quorum was present and that the committee would vote to adopt the consent agenda.

MOTION: Councilor Jeff Gudman moved and Commissioner Tootie Smith seconded, to adopt the January 13, 2016 minutes.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed. Mr. Craig Prosser abstained.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Transit Oriented Development Program Update

Chair Clark informed committee members that Mr. Jon Williams and Ms. Megan Gibb would be giving a presentation on Metro's Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Program and its changes to advance equitable housing goals in the region.

Mr. Jon Williams informed MPAC members that the TOD Program, which is aligned with Metro's 2040 Growth Plan, has supported approximately 3,300 units of housing, and has induced over 800,000 additional TriMet trips per year. He informed committee members that the TOD Program is funded by Regional Flexible Funds and that the majority of TOD's projects were in collaboration with developers who desired higher density.

Mr. Williams noted that there have been improvements in TriMet service further east, which has resulted in higher market strength. He and added that the most dramatic changes are in North Portland and between Cesar E. Chavez Blvd. and the I-205. Mr. Williams explained that land costs were too high for affordable developers, which reduced the amount of applications for TOD projects by developers. In order to address these constraints, the program's updated work plan will recognize land cost premiums associated with building affordable housing in a high-cost area and utilize newer data that lower income households ride transit more in order to expand funding eligibility.

Ms. Megan Gibb informed MPAC members that the TOD Program was looking for a developer for a TOD site located at SE 82nd and Division. Ms. Gibb noted that the TOD project team was working on an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Milwaukie on a downtown site, as well as with the City of Beaverton on a Westgate location. Ms. Gibb added that the TOD team was also looking toward more land acquisition.

Member discussion included:

- Ms. Loretta Smith inquired about the average award for the program's grants. Mr. Williams answered that typical grants were between \$200,000 and \$500,000.
- Ms. Emerald Bogue asked how inclusionary zoning is expected to affect the TOD Program. Mr. Williams explained that they have been looking into collaboration with City of Portland's Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption (MULTE) Program, and the results ultimately depend on the financial incentives offered by the City of Portland.
- Ms. Dominguez noted her concern over the "10 year cliff" of the MULTE Program, and recommended a discussion about strategies to extend that period. Ms. Dominguez also recommended collaboration with other jurisdictions about creating similar projects for existing buildings, rather than focusing solely on new construction. She asked whether the TOD Program formula could be altered to be more inclusive, given the housing crisis the region is experiencing. Mr. Williams noted that the TOD work program's new formula was anticipated to increase affordability.

Note: Chair Clark requested that MPAC move to agenda item 6.3 before agenda item 6.2.

6.2 Urban Growth Management Program Update

Chair Clark introduced Councilor Sam Chase, Mr. John Williams, and Mr. Ted Reid to give an update on the Urban Growth Management Program.

Key elements of the update included:

Councilor Chase informed MPAC members that Metro would be looking to improve its urban growth management processes in order to utilize the best information and to continue to support ongoing dialogue. He noted that Metro staff plans to have a draft report for the Urban Growth Management Program by July of 2018, which would leave sufficient time to look at possible changes before the next UGM decision.

Councilor Chase explained the Council President Hughes would be appointing members to a taskforce, which would include mayors, Metro councilors, and key stakeholders. He added that President Hughes and Councilor Collette would be representing the Metro Council on that taskforce.

Councilor Chase discussed several guiding principles in Metro's UGM process, and added that it would be a possibility to request more authority from the state legislature to work in line with the principles, but that would be discussed in the convened taskforce.

Mr. Ted Reid explained that this is building on work that the region has done on urban reserves and this can lead to a more practical discussion about when it is appropriate to bring in the urban and rural reserves. He noted that representation from the Homebuilders Association and 1000 Friends of Oregon would be included in the taskforce discussions. Mr. Reid added that as the taskforce agreed upon recommendations, they would be shared with MPAC.

Member discussion included:

- Ms. Jennifer Donnelly noted that the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) intends to be involved in the process. She recommended considering making changes to Goal 14 and other rulemaking before Metro seeks a change in authority from the Oregon State Legislature.
- Commissioner Tootie Smith asked if the UGM Program problem statement was open to changes, and emphasized that the focus on land for housing did not adequately address Clackamas County's need for employment lands. She added that Clackamas County staff would write some additions for the UGM Program problem statement.
- Councilor Stacey added that there was a provision in Metro Code which allows an applicant to come forward and make the case there is a need for industrial land in order to amend the existing UGB.
- Mayor Gamba asked about the makeup of the taskforce. Mr. Williams added that the taskforce would be made of approximately 8 mayors, representatives from each county in the metro region, as well as representatives from DLCD and other key stakeholders.

6.3 2018 RTP Update: 2016 Activities and Regional Leadership Forum #1

Key elements of the presentation included:

Councilor Bob Stacey informed MPAC members that the region is currently preparing for the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. He explained that the Regional Leadership Forum on April 22nd would be an effort between committees such as MPAC, TPAC, JPACT and MTAC. Councilor

Stacey explained that the work would be similar to what was done for Climate Smart, but this time, a group of community and business leaders would be invited to participate in the forum discussions with committee members.

Councilor Stacey informed committee members that a lot of background work was underway for the RTP update, and that related activities would include a speaker series, best practices tours, and discussions about safety, design, driverless vehicles, and other topics.

Councilor Stacey explained that the keynote speaker of the first RTP Leadership Forum would be The Honorable R.T. Rybak, former three-term mayor of Minneapolis. He added that Councilor Craig Dirksen would be one of the conveners of the discussion, along with one of the invited community leaders. Councilor Stacey explained that members would receive an invitation and agenda in early April, and the event would take place on Friday, April 22nd, at the Oregon Convention Center.

Mr. John Williams explained that several staff members were working on technical aspects of the RTP, then highlighted that the leadership forums are an important opportunity for regional policymakers to “steer the ship,” and added that he hopes to have 5 forums over the next 3 years. He added that staff will work with MPAC officers to design presentations which are of interest to the committee members.

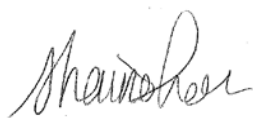
Member discussion included:

- Chair Clark recommended that MPAC members stay informed by subscribing to a quarterly electronic news update through Metro’s RTP web page.
- Councilor Jeff Gudman asked what assumptions are being made, if any, about driverless cars. Councilor Sam Chase explained that a lot of work is being done to become more informed about the issue and there has been work done to organize a speaker to discuss the topic of driverless cars. Councilor Gudman explained that the automobile system would be autonomous by 2050, and the region should contemplate what it could mean for the region’s transportation system, as whatever assumption is made about driverless cars may influence which investments are made by the region.
- Councilor Stacey explained that congestion pricing is a tool that may be considered as a way to control congestion, and added that the Portland metropolitan area would require a different congestion pricing scheme than those in other cities around the world.
- Councilor Marc San Soucie informed MPAC members that certain studies being conducted in Washington County have shown a possibility of achieving better congestion control outcomes through investment in technology, rather than increasing physical capacity.

ADJOURN

MPAC Chair Tim Clark adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shaina Hobbs
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 09, 2016

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Report	March 2016	2015 Compliance Report (distributed online only)	030916m-01
N/A	Handout	March 2016	March 2016 Metro Hotsheet	030916m-02