



Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPACT)  
March 17, 2016  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jack Burkman  
Shirley Craddick, *Vice Chair*  
Nina DeConcini  
Craig Dirksen, *Chair*  
Denny Doyle  
Kathryn Harrington  
Tim Knapp  
Neil McFarlane  
Diane McKeel  
Steve Novick  
Roy Rogers  
Paul Savas  
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

City of Vancouver  
Metro Council  
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality  
Metro Council  
City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County  
Metro Council  
City of Wilsonville, representing Cities of Clackamas County  
TriMet  
Multnomah County  
City of Portland  
Washington County  
Clackamas County  
Oregon Department of Transportation

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Jef Dalin  
Doug Daoust  
Bart Gernhart  
Susie Lahsene

AFFILIATION

City of Cornelius, representing Cities of Washington County  
City of Troutdale, representing Cities of Multnomah County  
Washington State Department of Transportation  
Port of Portland

OTHERS PRESENT: Jessica Berry, Chris Deffebach, Lisa Frank, Mark Graf, Doug Kelsey, Stephan Lashbrook, Mark Lear, Bob Martin, Jonathan Maus, Mark Ottenad

STAFF: Colin Deverell, Kim Ellis, Shaina Hobbs, Elissa Gertler, Dan Kaempff, Ted Leybold, Ina Zucker

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

JPACT Chair Craig Dirksen called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 7:34 a.m. All attendees introduced themselves.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Sarah Higginbotham, City of Portland - Ms. Higginbotham explained that over 60% of activity needs are met when kids are able to safely walk and bike to school. She expressed her support for continued prioritization of projects serving underserved schools through the allocation of at least \$15 million to Safe Routes to School.

Vivian Satterfield, City of Portland - Ms. Satterfield acknowledged those who had supported the For Every Kid and Safe Routes to School initiatives. She emphasized regional support of the program by listing partners and individuals who had expressed support and requested the allocation of at least \$15 million for Safe Routes to School.

### **3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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

- Chair Dirksen informed committee members about the 2015 Compliance Report submitted by the Chief Operating Officer of Metro. He noted that there were no deadline compliance extension requests in 2015, and that all jurisdictions were in compliance with the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan and the Regional Transportation Functional Plan. Chair Dirksen added that the City of Damascus would be voting on disincorporation during its election on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Chair Dirksen informed JPACT members that several members expressed interest in the JPACT trip that will be planned with the Portland Business Alliance. He added that the trip would include meetings with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and the Federal Transit Authority.
- Mr. Neil McFarlane introduced Mr. Doug Kelsey, the new Chief Operating Officer at TriMet.
- Mr. Rian Windshiemer informed JPACT members that the Governor's Transportation Vision Panel was held, and then distributed a letter including projects from the Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) for the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC). He expressed the need for the OTC to assist in the identification of funds and the consideration of changing 2018-2021 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) allocations to include more Enhance funds.
- Ms. Susie Lahsene informed JPACT members that Governor's Trade & Logistics Initiative had concluded and could distribute the group's recommendations to JPACT members upon request. Ms. Lahsene explained that group's findings concluded that the loss of container service contributed to a substantial increase in transportation costs for businesses.

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **4.1 CONSIDERATION OF THE JPACT MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2016**

MOTION: Mayor Denny Doyle moved and Councilor Harrington seconded, to approve the February 18, 2016 meeting minutes.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

### **5. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **5.1 JPACT Letter to the Governor's Transportation Vision Panel**

Chair Dirksen informed committee members that the Governor's Transportation Vision Panel had conducted a forum at the Portland Airport to present its findings. Chair Dirksen noted that at the previous JPACT meeting, the committee had discussed the submission of a letter to the panel to highlight the region's transportation priorities and to share its feedback on the panel's findings.

- Mr. Neil McFarlane recommended that the letter’s language not limit funding sources to gas taxes, but should be open to funding sources such as vehicle registration fees or multi-modal funding.
- Ms. Susie Lahsene explained that the letter should emphasize that the economic activity of this region directly affects the rest of the state in order to emphasize the request of funds. Ms. Lahsene added that multi-modal freight should be addressed, or else the traffic from moving products will fall on the roads.
- Councilor Jack Burkman noted that the omission of Marine Drive Interchange and River Crossing made it appear as though the projects were no longer a regional priority. Chair Dirksen noted that including too many projects in the letter may dilute the message sent to the panel.
- Mayor Knapp noted that letter should be redrafted to use the active voice to be more effective. He added that the region has spent significant time agreeing on a Climate Smart strategy and has committed to spending 12.8 billion dollars and it is not reflected in the letter.
- Commissioner Novick added that he didn’t see support for jurisdictional transfers in the letter. Chair Dirksen noted that this point should be added to the letter.

MOTION: Councilor Harrington moved and Councilor Craddick seconded, to approve the JPACT letter to the Governor’s Transportation Vision Panel.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

## **6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) & Regional Flexible Fund Allocation (RFFA): Public Comment Results and Draft Policy Discussion**

Chair Dirksen explained that Metro had received input from stakeholders and the general public on the MTIP and RFFA, and had created a framework for how the region will consider Regional Flexible Fund investment.

*Key elements of the update included:*

Mr. Dan Kaempff informed committee members that a series of public workshops was held, in addition to meetings with stakeholder groups, which resulted in conversations leading to the five following priorities:

- Affirmation of Climate Smart strategies
- Implementation of Safe Routes to School
- Continued investment in high capacity transit
- Leveraging of other funding opportunities
- Revision of the Step 2 funding split

Mr. Kaempff explained that the 30 day public comment opportunity asked respondents about their priorities, and over 6,155 answered the RFFA question. Mr. Kaempff explained that a package of

policy proposals had been developed. He explained that increasing funding for transit projects by leveraging RFFA funds was a priority, in addition to improvement of the existing roadway network. Mr. Kaempff explained that new investment opportunities such as the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and other potential funding sources would allow for more project development, and added that a portion of Step 2 Freight allocation could be used for this purpose.

Mr. Ted Leybold explained that the spreadsheet provided to committee members was a forecast of the funding and bond commitments. He informed that this funding schedule would generate \$80 million for the Southwest Corridor Project, and \$25 million for Powell-Division Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).

Mr. Kaempff informed JPACT members that the package would cover both short term and longer term projects. He added that at the April JPACT meeting, a specific draft policy would be presented, after TPAC discussion in March.

*Member discussion included:*

- Commissioner Savas noted that the word "congestion" was rarely brought up in the presentation and only 7-8% of the funds were slated to be allocated for congestion, although it is one of the main problems in the region. Mayor Doyle noted that congestion is one of the main problems, but wondered what others in the room thought about bonding money in order to get more funding to relieve congestion.
- Councilor Craddick emphasized the importance of setting aside funding that includes both programmatic and infrastructure priorities. She also added that school districts should be included in the conversations about the Safe Routes to School funding, because they have not always been part of the discussion in the past.
- Mr. MacFarlane explained that in order to take advantage of the opportunities present, more project development money should be committed.
- Ms. Lahsene noted that with the FAST Act, there is now a responsibility for the MPO to designate freight corridors. She noted that if you're not making investments in the multi-modal portion of the freight network, it will be defaulted to the highways.
- Mr. Windsheimer emphasized that the region should identify projects and commit to them because the rest of the state looks at the region for identification of priorities.
- Commissioner Diane McKeel expressed support for project development and added that there should be a bigger discussion over seismic issues in the region.

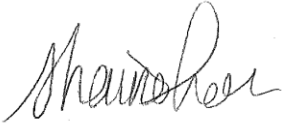
## **6.2 2018 RTP Update: 2016 Activities and Regional Leadership Forum #1**

Chair Dirksen reminded JPACT members that on April 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be a Regional Leadership Forum for the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Update. He explained that both MPAC and JPACT members would be present, as well as 8 to 10 community and business leaders.

**ADJOURN**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shaina Hobbs".

Shaina Hobbs  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2016**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>
<b>3.</b>	Flyer	March 2016	2015 Compliance Report	031716m-01
<b>5.1</b>	Letter	N/A	Draft JPACT Letter to Governor's Transportation Vision Panel	031716m-02
<b>6.1</b>	Handout	N/A	2019-2012 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation: Public Input and Process	031716m-03
<b>N/A</b>	Letter	N/A	Safe Routes to School Letter to JPACT	031716m-04
<b>N/A</b>	Handout	N/A	Safe Routes to School Info Sheet	031716m-05