



**METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)**

Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2016

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sam Chase  
Tim Clark, *Chair*  
Carlotta Collette  
Betty Dominguez  
Denny Doyle  
Andy Duyck  
Mark Gamba, *1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair*  
Jeff Gudman  
John Hayes  
Jerry Hinton  
Gordon Hovies  
Dick Jones  
Keith Mays, *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair*  
Bob Stacey

AFFILIATION

Metro Council  
City of Wood Village, Other Cities in Multnomah Co.  
Metro Council  
Citizen of Clackamas County  
City of Beaverton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City in Washington Co.  
Washington County  
City of Milwaukie, Other Cities in Clackamas Co.  
City of Lake Oswego, Largest City in Clackamas Co.  
Forest Grove School District, Governing Body of a School District  
City of Gresham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City in Multnomah Co.  
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Special Districts in Washington Co.  
Oak Lodge Water District, Special Districts in Clackamas Co.  
Citizen of Washington County  
Metro Council

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Emerald Bogue  
Craig Prosser  
Carrie MacLaren  
Steve Callaway

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland  
TriMet  
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development  
City of Hillsboro, Largest City in Washington Co.

OTHERS PRESENT: Adam Barber, Chris Deffebach, Martin Glastra Van Loon, Kirstin Greene, Eric Hesse, Stacy Humphrey, Brad Kilby, Zoe Monahan, Jeff Murray, Paul Woods

STAFF: Roger Alfred, Alexandra Eldridge, Jennifer Erickson, Jeff Frkonja, Rebecca Hamilton, Shaina Hobbs, Matt Korot, Ramona Perrault, John Williams

**1. CALL TO ORDER, SELF INTRODUCTIONS, CHAIR COMMUNICATIONS**

MPAC Chair Tim Clark called the meeting to order at 5:06p.m. All attendees introduced themselves.

Chair Clark reminded MPAC members that on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the first in a series of five regional leadership forums will be held at the Oregon Convention Center to discuss the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Update. He noted that MPAC members, JPACT members, and community and

business leaders will be in attendance. Chair Clark explained that the forum would provide an opportunity to discuss the region's transportation priorities.

## **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

## **3. COUNCIL UPDATE**

- Councilor Sam Chase informed MPAC members that the SW Corridor project had a well-attended meeting earlier in the month. He noted that on May 9<sup>th</sup>, the steering committee will vote on recommendations to build a light rail connection to PCC-Sylvania.
- Councilor Chase informed the committee that the Powell-Division project also had a well-attended meeting at the end of March. He added that the steering committee is continuing work on studying faster, better bus service to the corridor, and will be presented with refined concepts in June.
- Councilor Chase explained that public hearing on the North Tualatin Mountains proposed access master plan was scheduled for the April 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. He added that the proposed plan recommends allowing two of Metro's four sites in the North Tualatin Mountains be opened for official public access, including hiking and off-road cycling trails.
- Councilor Chase recognized Mayor Denny Doyle for his receiving the Heart of Washington County Award from the Washington County Museum.

## **4. MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATION**

- Mayor Gamba strongly encouraged MPAC members to sign up for an E-Bike tour. Councilor Jeff Gudman added that riding E-bikes was an incredible experience that MPAC members should try.
- Chair Clark informed MPAC members that on May 25<sup>th</sup>, the MPAC meeting would take place at the Port of Portland. Ms. Emerald Bogue noted that MPAC would meet at PDX short-term parking. She explained that MPAC members would receive a tour of the airfield and take a look at the maintenance operations. She noted that there would be a wildlife demonstration and a briefing of the Terminal Balancing Project, which will include an expansion of Concourse E.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Consideration of March 09, 2016 Meeting Minutes and Appointment of 2016 MTAC Members**

MOTION: Mayor Jerry Hinton moved, and Councilor Jeff Gudman seconded, to adopt the Consent Agenda.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

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

### **6.1 Sherwood West Preliminary Concept Plan**

*Key elements of the presentation included:*

Chair Clark introduced Brad Kilby. Mr. Kilby explained that Sherwood West was adjacent to two areas annexed into the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) in the early 2000s. Mr. Kilby noted that Sherwood has experienced an annual growth rate between 3-8%, and added that the Housing Growth Forecast predicts that the housing supply in Sherwood will be exhausted in the next 2-5 years.

Ms. Kirstin Greene explained that the planning process was highly participatory, and added that it was extremely competitive to become a part of the advisory committee. She informed MPAC members that over 80 property owners were met with to discuss the planning process. She added that the Sherwood Preliminary Concept Plan was based upon maintaining on the character of the community, and that the plan concepts promote health and increases access to transportation choice.

Mr. Martin Glastra Van Loon explained that Sherwood was nervous about growth, and hesitant that it might affect the city's sense of identity. He emphasized the importance of making the community feel comfortable before developing a plan for Sherwood West. Mr. Glastra Van Loon noted that the existing town was compact, and added that the annexation of Sherwood West could easily add five walkable neighborhoods.

Mr. Kilby explained that parts of Sherwood West are located on steep slopes, and would require heavy investment for increased transit service. He informed committee members that the City of Sherwood will move into a comprehensive planning phase although there are other urban reserve areas around Sherwood which may be annexed before Sherwood West.

*Member discussion included:*

- Councilor Gudman asked how the Council of Sherwood is going to move toward annexing Sherwood West unless the Oregon State Legislature changes the process of annexation. Mr. Kilby explained that the annexation process has been under discussion in Sherwood, and noted that there is very low voter turnout in the City, and annexations are often voted down. Councilor Gudman suggested targeting attention toward the group who is opposed to annexation. Mr. Kilby noted that the group
- Mr. Keith Mays asked how this phase of planning was funded, and Mr. Kilby explained that the project was funded by construction excise tax from Metro, which was matched by \$25,000 of funds from the City of Sherwood.
- Ms. Betty Dominguez asked about types of housing that would be provided in the concept plan, and Mr. Kilby noted that the units projected in the concept plan were combined types of dwelling units. Ms. Dominguez explained that the transportation options in that area were not necessarily the best, and explained that many of the people who worked at the retail centers in Sherwood may not be able to afford the housing in the area. Mr. Kilby replied that the high costs of transportation are difficult to sell in lower density areas, such as Sherwood.

- Mr. John Williams noted that the City of Sherwood is setting a good example and added that this new system of planning for urban reserve areas should be followed. Ms. Carrie MacLaren explained her appreciation for work done that benefits other areas in the states. She noticed that the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) has lost a lot of grant money, and is looking to restore funds in the future in order to support projects such as the City of Sherwood's Preliminary Concept Plan.
- Mr. Craig Prosser explained that new service would be put out to serve the City of Sherwood, and a recent payroll tax increase is providing funds for this new line and other service improvements.

## **6.2 Ordinance No. 16-1371 Growth Distribution Update**

### *Key elements of the update included:*

Ms. Rebecca Hamilton noted that MPAC would be asked to recommend an adoption of the growth distribution update to the Metro Council at the April 27<sup>th</sup> MPAC meeting. She informed committee members that a new forecast was needed for adoption due to unexpected economic outcomes since the last forecast. Ms. Hamilton explained that Metro had worked with planning staff in local jurisdictions to update the resultant data products from the modeling.

Ms. Hamilton noted that the county and city jurisdictions have approved the final forecast distribution. She noted that Metro followed up to ask jurisdictions how they felt that their input was included in the process. She noted that about 60% of survey respondents felt that Metro was very responsive to questions.

Mr. Frkonja thanked county leads for their assistance. He noted that Metro's Research Center staff created a forecast for jobs and lands in the entire region, and added that after approval of the TAZ Forecast Distribution, more specific data products will be created and can be used for projects such as the 2018 RTP Update and Urban Growth Boundary decisions.

### *Member discussion included:*

- Mayor Gamba asked about the numbers for the City of Damascus, and noted that the forecast predicts a tripling in size, despite plans for the city to disincorporate. Mr. Frkonja noted that Traffic Analysis Zones did not correspond directly to city boundaries, and explained that some of the growth predicted for Damascus would shift to nearby areas such as Happy Valley and unincorporated Clackamas County.
- Mr. Mays asked for a revised report to include areas surrounding the City of Sherwood, such as Sherwood West, in order to portray a more accurate picture of growth. Mr. Frkonja noted that the TAZ zones are not aligned with exact city boundaries.
- Mayor Doyle noted that the City of Beaverton has shown its support of the TAZ distribution.

## **6.3 Solid Waste Roadmap: Food Scraps Project**

### *Key elements of the update included:*

Mr. Matt Korot noted that in October 2015, an overview was given to MPAC on the Solid Waste Roadmap. He noted that many members oversee jurisdictions which control collection of waste, and many have businesses which create food waste. He then explained that almost 20% of the waste the region sends to landfills is food waste, and the region should try and recover more of

these materials. He noted that approximately 40% of food is wasted, and it is the largest producer of methane in landfills. He explained that the region has an opportunity to put food waste to better use by creating high quality compost, which is in high demand by Oregon agriculture.

Ms. Jennifer Erickson highlighted the importance of source reduction in reducing the amount of food that is sent to landfills. She informed MPAC members of efforts by Intel to change the way they prepare food, which resulted in reducing food waste by over 50% and reducing a per meal food cost by 13%.

Ms. Erickson noted that Oregon suffers from food insecurity despite the many organizations working to connect surplus food with those in need, and added that Metro has provided funds to food recovery agencies to ensure the safe transfer of surplus food to people. She explained that many businesses in the region are seeing benefits of separating their food scraps, and highlighted Concordia University's efforts, which are effectively cost-neutral due to a reduction in garbage collection costs.

Ms. Erickson explained that Metro is working with organizations and businesses to find out the best ways to implement a food scrap recovery programs program. She explained that one barrier to the program is a lack of reliable supply, and gave examples of ways to guarantee adequate supply, such as financial incentives, and laws requiring certain businesses to separate food scraps. Ms. Erickson explained that staff will meet with the Metro Council in summer or early fall to provide them with a set of options to consider moving forward.

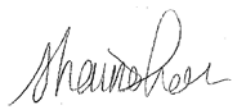
*Member discussion included:*

- Commissioner Duyck asked whether Metro is leaning toward generation of energy or composting, and noted that each option has a set of costs and benefits to consider, such as odors, and restrictions on composting facility locations.
- Mr. Mays asked about using food scraps as animal feed, and Ms. Erickson replied that recent changes in federal regulations essentially set the same standards for feeding animals for feeding people.
- Councilor Gudman noted that the City of Lake Oswego has already adopted a food waste program. He explained his concern that the energy used to truck food away might negate any energy produced in an anaerobic digestion facility.
- Mr. John Hayes asked about conversations regarding a waste-to-energy plant in the Metro Region. Mr. Korot noted that staff would return to Council in early 2017 with more information regarding advanced material recovery or waste-to-energy facilities.

**ADJOURN**

MPAC Chair Tim Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shaina Hobbs  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2016**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>
<b>6.1</b>	PowerPoint	04/13/16	Sherwood West Preliminary Concept Plan	041316m-01
<b>6.2</b>	PowerPoint	04/13/16	Growth Distribution Update (2015 to 2040)	041316m-02
<b>6.3</b>	PowerPoint	04/13/16	Solid Waste Roadmap: Food Scraps Recovery Project	041316m-03
<b>N/A</b>	Handout	Spring 2016	Our Big Backyard	041316m-04
<b>N/A</b>	Handout	April 2016	April 2016 Metro Hotsheet	041316m-05