



TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE
June 24, 2016
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Williams
Nancy Kraushaar
Katherine Kelly
Chris Deffebach
Karen Buehrig
Don Odermott
Cora Potter
Adrian Esteban
Charity Fain
Patricia Kepler
Kelly Brooks
Eric Hesse
Judith Gray
Jared Franz

AFFILIATION

Metro
City of Wilsonville, representing Cities of Clackamas County
City of Gresham, representing Cities
Washington County
Clackamas County
City of Hillsboro, representing Cities of Washington County
Community Representative
Community Representative
Community Representative
Community Representative
ODOT
TriMet
City of Portland
Community Representative

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Nick Fortey
Heidi Guenin

AFFILIATION

Federal Highway Administration
Community Representative

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Phil Healy
Todd Juhasz
Jessica Berry
Jason Gibben
Bob Hart

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland
City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County
Multnomah County
WSDOT
Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council

STAFF and GUESTS: Tom Kloster, Lake McTighe, Caleb Winter, Jodi Kotrlick, Caleb Winter, Tyler Frisbee, Ted Leybold

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair John Williams declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

RTP Update – Chair Williams notes that there is status report provided in the packet which outlines updates on the committees and progress towards milestones.

RFFA Update Mr. Dan Kaempff provided a reminder of flexible funds process and timeline:

- The schedule is very firm. It's an aggressive timeline, but must be so in order to meet deadlines in January.
- There will be two work groups formed to conduct the evaluations. One workgroup will be comprised of Metro and ODOT project staff to ensure completeness and readiness and that work can be obligated during the 2019-2021 time frame. The second workgroup will be comprised of regional agency staff that are not applying for project funding, along with two TPAC citizen representatives. This group will conduct a technical evaluation of the projects against the selection criteria.
- The coordinating committee may provide comments and priorities to JPACT if they so choose. Comments may be helpful when the balancing the projects' goals with the regional flexible fund policy objectives that may not be readily apparent during the application process.
- All projects will be put forward for public comment. JPACT will select a 100% list from all information received, including technical evaluation information and public feedback.
- More staff work is ongoing to complete the Step 1 process and how investments will be selected.
- Committee members noted that some follow up with the applicants would be helpful prior to public comment and broad distribution, and also remarked on the importance of ensuring that technical committee members are familiar with entire region.

Smart Cities Application. Ms. Judith Gray noted that the City of Portland was not selected as the winner of the Smart Cities grant. Columbus, Ohio was selected. The work that was invested in creating the application will provide future opportunities.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS.

There were none.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE TPAC MINUTES FOR MAY 27, 2016.

MOTION: Ms. Nancy Kraushaar moved and Ms. Charity Fain seconded the motion to approve the TPAC minutes for May 27, 2016.

ACTION: The motion passed, with Mr. Hesse and Mr. Gibben abstaining from the vote.

5. SW CORRIDOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PACKAGE

Mr. Matt Bihn and Ms. Noelle Dobson (Metro) provided an update on the SW Corridor project and Ms. Noelle Dobson provided an overview of the public engagement process and the resolution being considered. Mr. Bihn reminded the committee that in April, TPAC was updated on the steering committee's mode recommendations (light rail was preferred over bus rapid transit (BRT), the tunnels would be removed from consideration for PCC Sylvania, and alternative connections to campus would be studied). More recently, the steering committee approved staff recommendations for technical modifications of alignments in Tigard, adopted an updated Purpose & Need statement, and endorsed the Preferred Range of Alternatives for environmental review.

The recently completed Proposed Range of Alternatives document defines the set of capital projects proposed for study under NEPA, including light rail alignments and terminus, associated roadway, bike, and pedestrian projects that provide connections to stations, are adjacent to the alignment, and provide critical access to PCC-Sylvania and Marquam Hill. The schedule now through the end of 2017

is the environmental review phase, including the work on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, advance project design, FTA Project Development, and corridor-wide planning strategy development for land use and development, housing, and financing. The steering committee will adopt the final Purpose & Need statement in Fall 2016.

Ms. Dobson discussed the public engagement process and focused the committee's attention on the summary provided in the packet and the major themes that developed from discussions with the public during the project. She noted that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and project design, and FTA project development were the concurrent activities that would be occurring in the coming months.

MOTION: Ms. Chris Deffebach moved and Ms. Judith Gray seconded the motion to endorse the Proposed Range of SW Corridor HCT Alternatives for Environmental Review, and the Updated Project Purpose & Need Statement.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

6. 2018 RTP: REVENUE FORECAST APPROACH

Mr. Ken Lobeck and Mr. Ted Leybold provided an update on the development of the finance plan component of the RTP with a focus on the constrained revenue forecast. Mr. Lobeck noted that the revenue forecast is updated every four years, based on the "reasonable availability of funds." The Metropolitan Transportation Plan must demonstrate that there is a balance between the expected revenue sources for transportation investments and the estimated costs of the projects and programs described in the plan. A Metropolitan Transportation Plan must be fiscally (or financially) constrained to satisfy the regulatory requirements (23 CFR §450.322), Development and Content of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

The 2018 RTP Finance Plan will consist of four core elements: (1) An economic outlook that helps provide the justification for the revenue forecast, (2) a Financially Constrained Revenue Forecast, (3) an Unconstrained Strategic component, and (4) methodologies and glossary.

Committee members appreciated the update and expressed that political leadership will be important as the project moves forward and the discussion must be well framed so that leaders are inspired and that those individuals understand the timeline and the cost of not investing. Other comments included questions regarding the gas tax, how additional future capacity may be accommodated, how Climate Smart goals and other policy commitments might be met and how that might resonate with the recent cost of congestion study.

7. MAP 21 RULEMAKING DRAFT COMMENTS

Ms. Kim Ellis and Ms. Tyler Frisbee (Metro) discussed the memo provided in the packet and gave an overview of the MAP 21 rulemaking updates. The committee was requested to provide TPAC input on the draft comment letter on the draft System Performance Rule.

Members appreciated the update and agreed to stay connected as comments are developed. Metro staff will prepare a draft cover letter from JPACT that would introduce technical comments that will be provided in a separate letter. Individual agencies are encouraged to submit letters of comment as well.

Staff will return with a revised letter based on committee's comments at the July TPAC meeting.

8. CMAQ FUNDING

Mr. Leybold and Ms. Grace Cho discussed the memo provided in the packet regarding potential revisions to the allocation of CMAQ funds. Recently, the Portland region metropolitan planning organization (MPO) learned that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will reconsider the

statewide distribution of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. The discussion has been prompted by the addition of Salem and Eugene as areas where projects are eligible for CMAQ funds. At the June JPACT meeting, JPACT members were briefed on the issue, and JPACT requested that Metro staff submit a comment letter to ODOT requesting adequate opportunities for the affected stakeholders to provide input to the different distribution formula options. Metro staff will continue to gather input on technical factors that should be considered and will provide regular updates to JPACT, TPAC, and other interested parties, and facilitate communication between ODOT and JPACT about the CMAQ funding distribution process. This will include talking points for elected officials and policy makers that effectively communicate key policy themes.

9. ADIURN

Chair Williams noted that the next TPAC meeting would be convened on July 29, 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Lisa Hunrichs, Planning and Development

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 27, 2016

ITEM	TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
1	Agenda	6/24/16	6/24/16 TPAC Agenda	062416T-01
2	Work Program	6/17/16	2016 TPAC Work Program	062416T-02
3	Work Program	6/17/16	2016 JPACT Work Program	062416T-03
4	Meeting Summary	05/27/16	5/27/16 TPAC meeting summary	062416T-04
5	Status Report	6/17/16	2018 RTP Update - Status Report for May-June 2016	062416T-05
6	Report	June 2016	SW Corridor – October 2014-May 2016 Public Engagement Summary	062416T-06
7	Report	6/16/16	SW Corridor – Proposed Range of Alternatives for Environmental Review	062416T-07
8	Memo	6/16/16	To: TPAC and Interested parties From: Ken Lobeck Re: 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Finance Plan Revenue Forecast Approach and Update	062416T-08
9	Memo	6/16/16	To: TPAC and Interested parties From: Tyler Frisbee, Tom Kloster, Kim Ellis Re: MAP-21 FHWA National Performance Measures Rulemaking	062416T-09
10	Memo	6/16/16	To: TPAC and Interested parties From: Tom Kloster, Kim Ellis Re: MAP-21 and FAST Act Rulemaking – Update and Comments on Draft System Performance Rule	062416T-10
11	Memo	6/17/16	To: TPAC and Interested parties From: Grace Cho, Ted Leybold Re: Statewide Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Funding Allocation – Technical Considerations	062416T-11
12	e-Mail	6/23/16	To: John Williams, Ted Leybold, Daniel Kaempff From: Katherine Kelly Re: RFFA questions	062416T-12
13	Resolution	n/a	DRAFT Resolution 16-4713	062416T-13
14	Presentation	6/24/16	SW Corridor Plan Update	062416T-14

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15	Presentation	6/24/16	2018 RTP Revenue Forecast Approach Update	062416T-15
16	Presentation	6/24/16	Top Things to Know about the MAP-21 Rulemaking	062416T-16