



TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE August 26, 2016 Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> <u>AFFILIATION</u>

John Williams, Chair Metro

Karen Buehrig Clackamas County

Lynda David SW Washington Regional Transportation Council

Chris Deffebach Washington County

Jared FranzCommunity RepresentativeHeidi GueninCommunity Representative

Katherine Kelly Cities of Gresham and Multnomah County
Don Odermott Cities of Hillsboro and Washington County

Cora Potter Community Representative

MEMBERS EXCUSED AFFILIATION

Dave Nordberg ODEQ

Nancy Kraushaar City of Wilsonville and Cities of Clackamas County

Adrian Esteban Community Representative
Charity Fain Community Representative
Patricia Kepler Community Representative
Rachel Tupica Federal Highway Administration

ALTERNATES PRESENT
Kelly Betteridge
TriMet
Jason Gibben
WSDOT

Phil Healy Port of Portland Mark Lear City of Portland

Jon Makler ODOT

Jessica Berry Multnomah County

<u>Guests Present</u>: Riad Alharithi, Multnomah County; Zoe Monahan, City of Tualatin, Kari Scholosshauer, SRTS National Partnership, Sam Hunaidi, ODOT

<u>Metro Staff Present</u>: Kim Ellis, Clifford Higgins, Dan Kaempff, Tom Kloster, Jodie Kotrlik, Ted Leybold Ken Lobeck, Lake McTighe, Marie Miller, Chris Myers, Cindy Pederson

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Williams called the meeting to 9:35 a.m. and declared a quorum was present.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

• CMAQ Update - Chair Williams noted that conversations are ongoing with ODOT and state MPO partners about the addition of Eugene and Salem as areas eligible for CMAQ funding. The new scenario was presented to OTC August 19. OTC directed ODOT to consider statewide air quality policy goals as the decision is being considered. Further updates will be provided as the process continues. Chair Williams thanked TPAC members who have written letters and expressed

appreciation for WCCC and EMCTUC members for inviting Metro staff to provide updates on CMAQ at their most recent meetings. He requested that members planning to send letters copy Tyler Frisbee, Policy Development Manager, or Ted Leybold, Resource Development Manager. He noted the importance of communication to ODOT by TPAC members regarding the significance of CMAQ funding to the region. Mr. Leybold indicated that there was no deadline for the letters but that sending earlier would be more effective.

- 2015 MTIP Quarterly Report & UPWP Regionally Significant Projects (summary provided in the packet)
- 2018 RTP Work Groups Update (summaries provided in the packet)
- Final Federal Rulemaking Comments (provided in the packet)

3. <u>CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS</u>

There were no citizen communications.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE TPAC MINUTES FOR JULY 29, 2016

<u>MOTION</u>: Chris Deffebach moved and Jon Makler seconded the motion to approve the TPAC minutes for July 29, 2016.

ACTION: The motion <u>passed</u> unanimously.

5. 2018 RTP: BACKGROUND FOR REGIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM #2

Ms. Kim Ellis, RTP Project Manager, discussed the second Regional Leadership Forum scheduled for September 23, 2016 at the Oregon Convention Center. She provided information about the invited speakers and noted that forum panels will be moderated by Heidi Guenin and Elissa Gertler, Metro's Planning & Development Director. The forum's structure is intended to engage and inspire business and community leaders and elected officials to work across interests and communities to build the transportation future for the region. The third forum in the series will be held December 2, 2016.

Mr. Don Odermott noted that there were business leaders who had expressed the need for more representation after the April 22 forum, and asked if it was possible for them to have a separate room to engage on specific topics. Chair Williams said this forum would not have small groups and but appreciated the reminder. He said this forum would involve the full group and have question and answer sessions. Katherine Kelly said an update or link to state funding information would be helpful. Ms. Ellis concurred and noted that some issues would be dependent on timing. Additional opportunities may be provided at the December forum.

6. 2018 RTP: UPDATE ON PROJECT SOLICITATION APPROACH

Ms. Ellis discussed her memo dated August 23, 2016, "2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – Preview of RTP Solicitation." Metro and its regional partners will update the region's transportation priorities as part of the 2018 RTP update in 2017. She provided background information on the "Call for Projects" that will be formally issued in February 2017.

The Committee discussed the solicitation process. Karen Buehrig asked if all work done on the 2014 RTP would be included in the new system. Kim Ellis said staff is working on how to migrate the information. She said they want people to be able to login and submit their information. Ms. Ellis

discussed timelines and noted that Metro has used three different time frame buckets because of air conformity requirements which they do not have this time. She said Ken Lobeck is developing soft target financial forecasts for the jurisdictions and to address the federal and state resources by the end of the year. Chris Deffebach discussed Washington County's solicitation process and asked how TPAC fit in with the work ahead. She asked if TPAC would review it again. Chris Deffebach said it was overwhelming to think about 1,200 projects and did not understand how analysis and prioritization would happen, especially on the controversial projects that required a regional planning commitment. Kim Ellis noted that staff is looking at how other organizations are dealing with projects of this scope. She said there were definitely some challenges to work through and these were first steps. She said the Metro Council asked for a multi-criterion tool which will possibly be incorporated into a future RTP update. Ms. Ellis said she would return to TPAC to request a recommendation in December.

7. 2019-21 REGIONAL FLEXIBLE FUNDS ALLOCATION STEP 2 PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCESS

Mr. Dan Kaempff, Principal Transportation Planner, distributed a memo dated August 17, 2016 "2019 – Regional Flexible Funds Allocation Project Review and Evaluation Process" and explained next steps related to the technical evaluation of RFFA project proposals.

Mr. Ken Lobeck, Senior Transportation Planner, explained 2019-21 RFFA project evaluation and readiness and asked for input from the committee. Mr. Jon Makler asked when they would hear comments. Mr. Lobeck noted that staff hoped to finalize the comments and return comments by September 28. The Committee discussed timelines further and noted that the timeline was very compressed.

8. ODOT LOCAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION UPDATE

Mr. Ted Leybold discussed his memo dated August 18, 2016 titled "ODOT Local Project Delivery Incentives Update," and provided an update on upcoming ODOT activities in the local agency certification program. With further explanation from Riad Alharithi, Multnomah County, and Sam Hunaidi, ODOT, Mr. Leybold solicited input from committee members for ODOT consideration.

Mr. Odermott asked if it had been worthwhile for Multnomah County to become certified. Riad Alharithi said it had been very worthwhile. He said most procedures were the same but what would differ was project administration. He said the federal government wanted local governments to follow specific steps, and that it was good to train staff, but with the structure in place the process would take less time. He said there were dual benefits in that projects were certified faster and it was also helpful for the agency itself.

Don Odermott asked how one could get a deviation from standards. Ms. Karen Buehrig noted a concern that there would be a shift away from working with ODOT and some of the materials implied that but thought the process created options. Mr. Hunaidi stated that the Steering Committee was still discussing those issues.

9. <u>STEP 1 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUNDING PROPOSAL AND PROCESS</u>

Mr. Leybold discussed a memo dated August 18, 2016 titled "Proposed process for identifying a menu of regional active transportation projects and allocating RFFA Step 1.B. project development funds to regional active transportation projects."

Mr. Leybold discussed the proposed process, timeline, and technical work group membership for allocating regional active transportation project development funds. Ted Leybold asked for committee input on Attachment A: Proposed Regional Active Transportation Project Development Process & Allocation of RFFA Step 1.B. Project Development Funds.

The Committee discussed timing and when the funds would be ready. Ms. Buehrig said \$100,000 might be too much for the evaluation alone since the whole budget was only \$2 million.

10. ADJOURN

Chair Williams said the next TPAC meeting would be held September 30, 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paulette Copperstone Program Assistant 3 Planning & Development

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 2016

ITEM	ТҮРЕ	Doc Date	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
1	Agenda	8/26/16	08/26/16 TPAC Agenda	082616T-01
2	Work Program	8/19/16	2016 TPAC Work Program	082616T-02
3	Work Program	8/19/16	2016 JPACT Work Program	082616T-03
4	Meeting Summary	07/29/16	7/29/16 TPAC meeting summary	082616T-04
5	Letter	8/17/16	To: Secretary Anthony Foxx From: Metro Council President Hughes, Metro Councilor Dirksen Re: Federal Docket no FHWA-2013-0054 (: MAP-21 and FAST Act Rulemaking)	082616T-05
6	Letter	8/17/16	To: Secretary Anthony Foxx From: Metro Council President Hughes, Metro Councilor Dirksen Re: USDOT MPO Rulemaking Letter	07216T-06
7	Memo and attachments	8/5/16	To: TPAC and Interested parties From: Ken Lobeck Re: Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) State Fiscal Year 2015 4th Quarter Amendments and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Summary Report	082616T-07
8	Handout	7/27/16	Regional Leadership Forum Flyer	082616T-08
9	Handout	8/17/16	Regional Leadership Forum Draft Program	082616T-09
10	Memo	8/23/16	To: TPAC and Interested parties From: Kim Ellis Re: 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Preview of Project Solicitation	082616T-10
11	Memo and attachments	8/27/16	To: TPAC and Interested parties From: Ken Lobeck Re: 2019-21 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation Project Review and Evaluation Process	082616T-11
12	Memo and attachments	8/23/16	To: TPAC and Interested parties From: Ted Leybold Re: ODOT Local Project Delivery Initiatives Update	082616T-12

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13	Flyer	n/a	Invitation to Local Project Delivery Workshop.	082616T-13
14	Memo and attachments	8/18/16	To: TPAC and Interested parties From: Ted Leybold, Lake McTighe Re: Proposed process for identifying a menu of regional active transportation projects and allocating RFFA Step 1.B. project development funds to regional active transportation projects	082616T-14
15	Presentation	8/26/16	2019-21 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation Step 2 Proposal Evaluation Process Project Readiness Review and Evaluation Component	082616T-15
16	Presentation	8/26/16	Building the future we want - A preview of updating the region's investment priorities	082616T-16
17	Presentation	8/26/16	2019-21 RFFA Project Evaluation & Readiness	082616T-17
18	Presentation	8/26/16	Active Transportation Project Development - Proposed process for RFFA Step 1.B project development and funding	082616T-18