



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)
Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2016
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jack Burkman
Shirley Craddick
Craig Dirksen
Denny Doyle
Kathryn Harrington
Tim Knapp
Neil McFarlane
Diane McKeel
Steve Novick
Rian Windsheimer
Jeanne Stewart

AFFILIATION

City of Vancouver
Metro Council
Metro Council
City of Beaverton
Metro Council
City of Wilsonville
TriMet
Multnomah County
City of Portland
Oregon Department of Transportation
Clark County

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Nina DeConcini

AFFILIATION

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Susie Lahsene
John Ludlow

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland
Clackamas County

OTHERS PRESENT: Jef Dalin, Mark Graf, Eric Hesse, Gerik Kransky, Stephan Lashbrook, Jaimie Lorenzini, Dave Nordberg, Mark Ottenad, Scott Richman, Andrew Singelakis, Zef Wagner

STAFF: Jeff Frkonja, Elissa Gertler, Rebecca Hamilton, Ernest Hayes, Shaina Hobbs, Alison Kean, Ted Leybold, Lake McTighe, Nellie Papsdorf, Noah Siegel, John Williams

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

JPACT Chair Craig Dirksen called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 7:33 a.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION ON JPACT ITEMS

There were none.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

- Chair Dirksen informed JPACT members that the second Regional Leadership Forum was scheduled for Friday, September 23rd, at the Oregon Convention Center.
- Chair Dirksen thanked those who sent letters to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding the changes in CMAQ funding. He noted that the MPO would work with ODOT to build a system to allow it to maintain its RFFA agreements. He encouraged partner jurisdictions to submit comments to ODOT if they had not already done so.
- Chair Dirksen shared that the Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization would be holding a hearing in Hillsboro on September 19th.
- Chair Dirksen reminded JPACT members that the November JPACT meeting would be moved to November 10th in order to accommodate the Association of Oregon Counties Conference.
- Chair Dirksen called on Commissioner Roy Rogers to give an update on the September 2nd Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) meeting. Commissioners Rogers shared that the ACT meeting had several visitors from other ACT regions. He noted that the ACT contributed to the success of the region in the recent Connect Oregon VI project selection.
- Mayor Tim Knapp expressed concern that the first panel proposed for the second Regional Leadership Forum lacked perspectives from the freight or business communities.
- Commissioner Roy Rogers shared that the City of Tigard and the City of Tualatin had partnered on an application for an Oregon Blue Zones Project and had been chosen as finalists. Chair Dirksen noted that Metro submitted a letter of support for the Tigard-Tualatin application.
- Chair John Ludlow shared that he had requested information regarding resources spent on the Southwest Corridor Project. Ms. Elissa Gertler shared that the request had been received by Metro staff and he would soon receive a response.
- Mr. Rian Windsheimer shared that the region did very well in the recent selection of ConnectOregon VI projects and shared a list of selected projects (Doc. no. 091516j-01).

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE JPACT MINUTES FOR JULY 21, 2016

Mr. Neil McFarlane noted that the language in the fifth paragraph on the third page should be changed to reflect that the project was undergoing environmental scoping, not environmental review.

MOTION: Chair John Ludlow moved, and Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded, to approve the July 21, 2016 minutes.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed as amended.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 JPACT Finance Subcommittee Re-cap: Regional Bottleneck Project Development

Key elements of the presentation included:

- Mr. Rian Windsheimer informed JPACT members that the JPACT Finance Committee presentation focused on projects to mitigate congestion at three regional bottlenecks. The project
- He noted that several state legislators were present at the August JPACT Finance Subcommittee meeting.
- Mr. Windsheimer shared that the I-5 Rose Quarter project would require high levels of funding, with an estimated cost of \$400 million.

Member discussion included:

- Councilor Shirley Craddick asked how ODOT planned to seek funding for the projects. Mr. Windsheimer shared that the Oregon Transportation Commission had dedicated \$4.1 million for the Rose Quarter Project, and added that the project needed more funding. He noted that ODOT would seek USDOT FASTLANE grant money.
- Councilor Craddick noted that state legislators should continue to be invited to future discussions about project funding in order to keep them informed.
- Councilor Harrington thanked ODOT for putting together information to inform stakeholders about the bottleneck projects.
- Chair John Ludlow expressed his concern that the Boone Bridge was not considered as one of the three identified bottlenecks. He shared that in a recent Clackamas County survey, congestion was listed as the top concern. Chair Ludlow asked when RFFA funds were last used for a regional bottleneck project, and Chair Dirksen replied that RFFA funds are only about 5% of total transportation funding in the state, so larger projects must receive funding from larger federal and state sources.
- Ms. Susie Lahsene noted that the Port of Portland in conjunction with Business Oregon and the Oregon Department of Agriculture was undergoing a process to interview several businesses to determine how transportation issues, especially in the Portland metropolitan region, were affecting business throughout the state. She stated that she would share more information with JPACT after completion of the project.
- Commissioner Steve Novick shared that there had been a large amount of public outreach for the Southwest Corridor Project and that would continue in order to keep voters informed of any transportation funding package they might need to vote on in the future.
- Several members asked ODOT to provide projected costs of major projects to be funded. Mr. Windsheimer noted that research was currently being conducted to determine what the costs would be. Chair Dirksen added that significant resources are required to determine the cost of large civil engineering projects.

5.2 RFFA Bond Proceeds for Active Transportation Project Development

Chair Dirksen called on Mr. Ted Leybold, Metro staff, to discuss the next steps in the RFFA process.

Key elements of the presentation included:

- Mr. Ted Leybold explained that Step 1 of RFFA funds will generate \$2 million of project development funds for active transportation projects (Doc. No 091516-04). He noted that these funds were not to be confused with Step 2 capital funding.
- Ms. Lake McTighe shared that the desired outcome of the project development was to create a “menu” of active transportation projects for regional decision-makers can draw from in order to leverage federal, state, and regional funding opportunities.

- Ms. McTighe noted that the illustrative menu created by Metro staff represented approximately \$1 billion of a backlog of bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- She noted that a regional work group had been convened to discuss and categorize projects in order to make the menu of projects easy to navigate. She added that the list will be constrained by local priorities, the amount of local project development funds, and the feasibility of completing project development and constructing the projects in the near term.
- Ms. McTighe noted that the menu will essentially act as the ten year investment strategy for active transportation projects in the region, as it is closely coordinated with the Regional Transportation Plan's project solicitation.

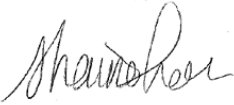
Member discussion included:

- Mr. Rian Windsheimer stated that having priority projects listed ahead of time when new funding is available will be helpful.
- Commissioner Stewart asked what Washington JPACT members could do to be supportive in the process, as most of the project funds were dedicated to Oregon projects. Chair Dirksen asked that members from Washington give feedback on regional relevance of projects in addition to offering complementary ideas.
- Mayor Knapp thanked Ms. McTighe for attending the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) meeting and making the planning process more inclusive.

ADJOURN

JPACT Chair Dirksen adjourned the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shaina Hobbs
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
3.	Table	N/A	Oregon Department of Transportation ConnectOregon VI Project List	091516j-01
3.	Handout	N/A	ODOT Bottleneck Project re-cap	091516j-02
5.1	PowerPoint	08/11/16	ODOT Project Development Briefing (JPACT Finance Subcommittee)	091516-03
5.2	Table	N/A	RFFA Bond Proceeds	091516-04
N/A	Handout	September 2016	September 2016 Metro Hotsheet	091516-05