



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2016
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shirley Craddick
Craig Dirksen, *Chair*
Kathryn Harrington
Tim Knapp
Neil McFarlane
Diane McKeel
Steve Novick
Roy Rogers
Paul Savas
Jeanne Stewart
Kris Strickler
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
Metro Council
Metro Council
City of Wilsonville, representing Cities of Clackamas County
TriMet
Multnomah County
City of Portland
Washington County
Clackamas County
Clark County
Washington State Department of Transportation
Oregon Department of Transportation

ALTERNATES PRESENT

David Collier
Jef Dalin
Doug Daoust
Susie Lahsene
Anne McEnerny-Ogle

AFFILIATION

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
City of Cornelius, representing Cities of Washington County
City of Troutdale, representing Cities of Multnomah County
Port of Portland
City of Vancouver

OTHERS PRESENT: Kris Deffebach, Jeff Gudman, Eric Hesse, Doug Kelsey, Stephan Lashbrook, Alan Lehto, Matt Ransom

STAFF: Grace Cho, Kim Ellis, Shaina Hobbs, Dan Kaempff, Ted Leybold, Lake McTighe, Nellie Papsdorf, Chris Spencer, Caleb Winter

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

JPACT Chair Craig Dirksen called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 7:37 a.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION ON JPACT ITEMS

Meesa Long, Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association Ms. Long asked JPACT members to consider the Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood's Safe Routes to School project and shared that her neighborhood does not have sidewalks. Ms. Long shared photos of the dangerous walking

conditions in her neighborhood (Doc. No. 111016j-01). She stated that over 1,000 people in her community had signed a letter in support of Safe Routes to School funds.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

- Chair Dirksen shared that Seattle’s ST3 measure passed, which will build light rail extensions, bus rapid transit (BRT) and other enhanced transit service. He added that Measure M in Los Angeles was passed, renewing an existing half-cent sales tax and approving an additional half-cent sales tax to expand and improve light rail and subway lines. He noted that the tax is expected to bring in \$860 million annually.
- He shared that the vote on light rail in the City of Tigard was yet to be finalized. He noted that the vote was so close that the results may not be published for several weeks.
- Chair Dirksen noted that the RFFA comment period ended on Monday, November 7th. He stated that Metro staff provided an interactive comment map, which had over 2000 visitors. He noted that at the January JPACT meeting, Metro staff would present a recommended list of projects for the committee’s adoption.
- He informed JPACT members that ODOT had convened an advisory committee on CMAQ funding distribution and invited him to participate. He added that the first meeting would be in December.
- Chair Dirksen called on Councilor Shirley Craddick to give an update on the Powell-Division Project. She noted that the steering committee had decided on bus rapid transit as the locally preferred option. Councilor Craddick shared that the bus route will travel along Division Street. Mr. Neil McFarlane shared that it was not yet determined which bridge the BRT route will cross. He noted that many people had voiced their preference for a crossing at the Tilikum Crossing Bridge.
- Chair Dirksen reminded JPACT that the Transportation 4 America conference would be taking place in Sacramento, California from November 15-17 and the JPACT “best practices” trip to Seattle would be on November 18.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE JPACT MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

MOTION: Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved, and Councilor Jeanne Stewart seconded, to approve the September 15, 2016 minutes.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 2018 RTP Update: Project Update and Background for Regional Leadership Forum #3 (Connecting our Vision and Values to Our Priorities)

Chair Dirksen called on Kim Ellis to give an update on the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan update process.

Key elements of the presentation included:

- Ms. Kim Ellis informed JPACT that the update of the Regional Transportation Plan was building off of past regional efforts, such as the 2014 Climate Smart Strategy and the 2040 Vision.
- Ms. Ellis encouraged JPACT to register for the third Regional Leadership Forum, scheduled for December 2nd at the Oregon Convention Center.
- Ms. Ellis shared that the Regional Transportation Plan Update addressed several challenges to the region's economic prosperity. She noted that the region's transportation needs continued to outpace funding and the region's competitive advantage and success would hinge upon how well the region works together to build a path to future funding.
- Ms. Ellis noted that the RTP update process had provided many opportunities for public input and collaboration amongst leadership. Some of these opportunities included technical work group meetings, stakeholder meetings and regional leadership forums.
- Ms. Ellis informed JPACT members of the next steps in the RTP update process.

Member discussion included:

- Commissioner Paul Savas stated that one of the challenges faced by the region is displacement. He recommended that the RTP update addressed maintaining affordability and avoiding displacement. Commissioner Savas noted that areas in unincorporated Clackamas County near the Orange Line had rental apartments with rents of over \$2,000 a month.
- Mayor Tim Knapp asked what the strategies are to move toward a defederalized goal. He noted that construction costs could be lowered if there was less reliance on federal funds, which often have costly stipulations. Chair Dirksen noted that ODOT has a funding swap program in order to make project dollars more effective, although the program doesn't extend to the Portland area.
- Ms. Susie Lahsene stated that obligating funds in a timely manner might put the region at an advantage for securing more funding.

5.2 2018 RTP: Regional Transit Strategy – Regional Transit Vision

Chair Dirksen called on Ms. Jamie Snook, Metro staff, to discuss the next steps in the RFFA process. Chair Dirksen noted that we are in a time of unprecedented growth in the region. He noted that several areas across the country were investing billions of dollars in their transportation systems.

Key elements of the presentation included:

- Ms. Jamie Snook shared that she had been working with agencies such as C-TRAN, Ride Connection, TriMet and Portland Streetcar to create a path toward implementation. She stated that TriMet's Service Enhancement Plan and Metro's Climate Smart Strategy had set the stage for many of the improvements included in the Regional Transit Vision.
- Ms. Snook noted that the Regional Transit Vision was aimed at making transit more frequent, convenient, accessible and affordable.
- Ms. Snook shared that enhanced transit corridors were a part of the transit vision and provided opportunities for smaller investments and improvements such as queue jumps, improved shelters, and more frequent service.
- Ms. Snook shared that Metro staff was in the second stage of developing the vision. She shared that the next two stages were creating a Transit Investment Strategy and Adoption/Implementation.

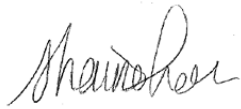
Member discussion included:

- Commissioner Steve Novick expressed his appreciation of the focus on the enhancement of existing transportation resources.
- Mr. Neil McFarlane thanked Ms. Snook for her work on the project and her presentation to the TriMet board of directors. He noted that the service enhancement plans were the building blocks for additional investments. Mr. McFarlane noted that within the next several years, TriMet will need to repair and replace several of its aging light rail cars and repair several miles of track.
- Councilor Shirley Craddick stated that the region's transit service needed to be the best option to get around so that more people would decide to take transit, rather than drive their cars. Councilor Craddick asked whether the Regional Transit Vision would address the possibility of smaller adjustments being made to existing transit lines in order to better serve the region. Mr. McFarlane stated that TriMet is open to having conversations about service improvements.
- Mr. Rian Windsheimer noted that ODOT now provided shuttle service to Multnomah Falls. He recommended that agencies work with more rural transit agencies to provide connections outside of the region.

ADIJOURN

JPACT Chair Dirksen adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shaina Hobbs
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2016

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
2.0	Handout	N/A	Brentwood-Darlington Safe Routes to School Project	111016j-01
5.1	PowerPoint	11/10/16	2018 RTP: Project Update	111016j-02
5.2	PowerPoint	11/10/16	2018 RTP: Regional Transit Vision	111016j-03
N/A	Handout	November 2016	Metro November Hotsheet	111016j-06