



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2017
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Jack Burkman	City of Vancouver
Shirley Craddick	Metro Council
Craig Dirksen (<i>Chair</i>)	Metro Council
Tim Knapp	City of Wilsonville, Cities of Clackamas County
Neil McFarlane	TriMet
Roy Rogers	Washington County
Paul Savas	Clackamas County
Bob Stacey	Metro Council
Jeanne Stewart	Clark County
Rian Windsheimer	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

<u>ALTERNATES PRESENT</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Lori Stegmann	Multnomah County
Kathryn Williams	Port of Portland

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Gamba, Bob Terry, John Ley, Jaimie Lorenzini, Nicole Hendrik, Arlene Kimura, Bob Kellet, John Boylston, Jeff Dalin, Michael Williams, Chris D

STAFF: Nellie Papsdorf, Miranda Mishan, Roger Gonzalez, Frankie Lewington, Ernest Hayes, Beth Cohen, Grace Cho, Ken Lobeck, Jamie Snook, Kim Ellis, Dan Kaempff, Lisa Hunrichs, Lake McTighe, Tom Kloster, Elissa Gertler, Alison Kean

1. CALL TO ORDER, DECLARATION OF A QUORUM & INTRODUCTIONS

JPACT Chair Craig Dirksen called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 7:34 a.m. All attendees around the table proceeded to introduce themselves.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION ON JPACT ITEMS

Mr. John Ley: Mr. Ley testified on behalf of citizens in Southwest Washington County. He discussed his concerns regarding the passage of the transportation package, especially with regard to tolling. Mr. Ley explained that he felt that there was lack of opportunity for citizen's voices to be heard, and he hoped that next session there would be more opportunity for input.

Ms. Arlene Kimura, East Portland Action Plan: Ms. Kimura requested a letter from JPACT to the Oregon Transportation Commission asking for money to be set aside for Powell Boulevard corridor improvements between I-205 and Gresham.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

- Chair Dirksen discussed the expansion of the freight system which would cover Highway 217, and US-26. He noted that the 34.7 miles allocated to the region was part of a statewide total by ODOT and while ODOT had to consider a number of issues, JPACT felt it was arbitrary and did not reflect the needs of the region. Chair Dirksen announced that JPACT was requesting 7.3 more miles of freight network miles from the OTC. He referred JPACT members to the letter to the chair of the OTC in their packets.
- Chair Dirksen recounted lessons learned from the recent best practices trip to Los Angeles. He requested that others who participated share their experiences.
- Commissioner Lori Stegmann highlighted the importance of finding an individual champion to move projects forward. She discussed the L.A. Mayor's efforts in raising money for a previous bond measure and suggested that the region might benefit from someone in a similar role.
- Councilor Shirley Craddick noted that she was impressed by the influence of the non-profit Move L.A. on decisions made in the local and state government decision making processes.
- Commissioner Paul Savas spoke to the significant size difference between L.A. and the Metro region. He recounted a notable effort in L.A. toward sustainability, and explained that they had completely converted their bus fleet away from diesel. Commissioner Savas added that in both L.A. and the Metro region, gentrification was an issue worth paying attention to.
- Councilor Bob Stacey emphasized the importance of trying and failing, and then trying again when it comes to working to pass legislation. He also highlighted the importance of thinking long term.
- Councilor Dirksen discussed the upcoming best practices trip in Denver this fall.
- Mayor Tim Knapp added that scale is important to remember when discussing investments.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 CMAQ Comment Letter to the OTC

Chair Dirksen explained that this item had been moved up because Metro staff was going to Salem for the OTC meeting later in the morning. He emphasized that the region had been a part of an eight month long discussion on the reallocation of the CMAQ funding since two more regions in Oregon were eligible to receive CMAQ funding. Chair Dirksen announced that a proposal had been developed to use a formula for allocating CMAQ funding to the eligible MPO regions. He explained that this formula took into consideration four main elements including population, level of effort and commitment to addressing air pollution through transportation sources, level of risk of violating air pollution standards, and lastly the federal air quality status as of fiscal year 2019.

Chair Dirksen shared that based on this proposal, the Metro region is anticipated to get about 73% of the CMAQ funding available, an estimated \$12.5 million per year, meaning

approximately a \$1.6 million loss each RFFA cycle. He explained that the draft letter coming from JPACT to the OTC supports the new allocation formula but asks for recognition of industrial growth allowance and off the top allocation for the state greenhouse gas mandate in the CMAQ funding allocations. Chair Dirksen added that the CMAQ PAC group also supported providing some “bridge” funding for the Rogue Valley, who will see a significant reduction in their overall funds due to the new formula. He emphasized that the letter would show support for the bridge funding but that it should be for 3-4 years and no longer, and that it should ideally be made up of equal contributions from all of the other regions, including Metro.

Member discussion included:

MOTION: Councilor Stacey moved to approve the letter with one friendly amendment, inspired by a letter to the OTC from TriMet. He explained that they added that each region would contribute \$75,000 to the bridge funding, and he wanted to add a similar statement in the second to last paragraph of the letter from JPACT to the OTC. Commissioner Roy Rogers seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Mr. Neil McFarlane thanked Councilor Stacey for the amendment, and noted that he felt there was a significant need for consistency in requests of the OTC.

Commissioner Savas raised concerns about air quality, and expressed concerns about the focus on funding as opposed to results oriented efforts and improvements.

ACTION: Mr. Rhian Windsheimer abstained. With all in favor, the motion passed.

Mr. Windsheimer added that because JPACT has adopted more rules around amending projects, that there is a need to be more mindful of cancelling meetings. He proposed voting over email so that there are no delays in projects. Mr. Windsheimer requested that staff consider this option.

Councilor Jeanne Stewart conveyed concern, explaining that she did not receive the letters before the meeting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Consideration of June 15, 2017 Minutes

5.2 Resolution No. 17-4819

5.3 2018-2021 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and the Air Quality Determination – RECOMMENDATION TO METRO COUNCIL

MOTION: Mayor Denny Doyle moved, and Mr. Neil McFarlane seconded to approve the consent agenda.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 State Transportation Package Debrief

Chair Dirksen thanked JPACT member and regional lobby staff for their persistent and effective engagement throughout the session. He noted that the final transportation package is an important step in helping advance the goals of JPACT.

Chair Dirksen introduced Randy Tucker from Metro, Kathryn Williams from the Port of Portland and Jim McCauley from Washington County.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Mr. Tucker discussed the allocation of about 98 million dollars for Hwy 217 improvements, and that there was a provision included for value pricing on I-5 and I-205. He added that there was going to be a lot of work done over the years investing in multi-modal solutions. S

Ms. Williams explained that there were some questions that need to be answered about the funding source for Connect Oregon. She noted that there was \$74 million earmarked for projects. Mr. Tucker spoke to Connect Oregon, and conveyed that 7% of their funding was dedicated to bike and pedestrian projects.

Mr. Tucker continued discussion of transit, and explained that there was a 1/10th percent of tax on employees, and the money will be dedicated to operations around the state. He noted that they weren't sure how much would be brought to the region, but that it would be significant and likely in the \$40 million range. Mr. Tucker discussed the allocations of these funds and recounted TriMet's plan to spend some of it on a low-income fare program. He added that the conversation about the region raising additional revenue was removed from the bill.

Ms. Williams explained that a lot of elements of the bill concerned governance, and one key change was that the OTC would appoint a chair with consultation with the governor. She emphasized the importance of the recent decision to make the Joint Committee on Transportation a permanent fixture of the legislature. Ms. Williams discussed the makeup of the committee and the role they play along with their influence.

Mr. McCauley highlighted the unprecedented level of teamwork that went into the passage of the transportation package. He added that the level of transparency during the process was also significant.

Member discussion included:

- Mr. Rhian Windsheimer recounted other elements of the package, including a \$10 million/year allocation to ODOT for safety, investments in electric vehicles, and the two cent gas tax increase. He noted the new measure on tolling and explained that there will be conversation around the allocation of tolling funds but it will have to move quickly.
- Mayor Knapp shared his disappointment in the lack of prioritization of the I-205 project. He acknowledged the effort of all the mayors who lobbied for the project. Mr.

Windsheimer added that the I-205 project had a reporting deadline and there was funding set aside for it, including parts of the MTIP funding.

- Commissioner Jack Burkman expressed his concern about the lack of detail on the issue of tolling, and emphasized the need to develop the details.
- Mayor Denny Doyle mentioned the subsidies for low income transit riders and noted that those who worked on the effort ought to be proud.
- Commissioner Savas spoke to the issue of tolling, and suggested that it was of immediate concern to understand how and where tolling revenue would be allocated. He added that if this wasn't settled the region might lose an opportunity with voters.
- Councilor Craddick asked the presenters what they thought would be referred to voters. Mr. Tucker explained that signatures could not be gathered until the bill became an act and the deadline for putting it on a ballot was 30 days. Ms. Williams added that the goal was to keep the gas tax off of the ballot.
- Commissioner Dan Saltzman emphasized the significance of the \$110 million for outer Powell for operational improvements and thanked those who worked on the passage of the package.
- Commissioner Roy Rogers expressed a need for leadership and coordination on the issues of transparency and accountability, and requested a standardized process for reporting on projects. He noted his disappointment regarding the failure of the local option piece of the package, and suggested that JPACT consider about how this failure will be addressed. Chair Dirksen added that there will be a need for Metro and the region to provide funding for projects that were left out of the package.
- Councilor Stacey discussed value pricing, and noted that the Oregon Transportation Commission should be prepared to engage with local governments in the region as well as the public regarding the tolling process. He added that there needed to be a value proposition people could understand.
- Chair Dirksen highlighted an effort on the state level to find funding sources for transportation projects through a road usage charge. He explained that this would require charging vehicles for their use of roads. Chair Dirksen suggested that a road usage charge might be something that would come forward.
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ADJOURN

Chair Dirksen recommended moving the remaining agenda items to the next scheduled meeting. He adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Miranda Mishan
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 20, 2017

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
3.2	Memo	7/13/17	Key Lessons: LA Transportation Best Practices Trip 2017	072017j-01
5.1	PowerPoint	7/20/17	2018 RTP Regional Freight Strategy Presentation	072017j-02
6.1	Handout	7/20/17	CMAQ Letter to the OTC	072017j-03
N/A	Handout	07/2017	Metro's July Hotsheet	072017j-04