



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2017
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jack Burkman
Shirley Craddick (*Vice Chair*)
Denny Doyle
Tim Knapp
Nina DeConcini
Neil McFarlane
Roy Rogers
Paul Savas
Kris Strickler
Jessica Vega Pederson

AFFILIATION

City of Vancouver
Metro Council
City of Beaverton, Cities of Washington County
City of Wilsonville, Cities of Clackamas County
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ)
TriMet
Washington County
Clackamas County
Washington State Department of Transportation
Multnomah County

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Craig Dirksen (*Chair*)
Dan Saltzman

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
Multnomah County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Emerald Bogue
Kelly Brooks
Sam Chase
Tim Clark
Mark Gamba
Anne McEnerny-Ogle
Leah Treat

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)
Metro Council
City of Wood Village, Cities of Multnomah County
City of Milwaukie, Cities of Clackamas County
City of Vancouver
City of Portland

OTHERS PRESENT: Jaimie Lorenzini Huff, Zoe Monahan, Dwight Brashear, Nicole Hendrix, Chris Fick, Mark Graf, Jeff Gudman, Brenda Perry, Andrew Singelakis

STAFF: Nellie Papsdorf, Miranda Mishan, Alison Kean, Elissa Gertler, Ted Leybold, Ken Lobeck, Dan Kaempff, Cliff Higgins, Ernest Hayes, Kim Ellis, Eliot Rose, Lake McTighe, Jamie Snook, Jes Larson, Randy Tucker, Malu Wilkinson, Lisa Hunrichs

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

JPACT Vice Chair Shirley Craddick called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 7:34am.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION ON JPACT ITEMS

There were none.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vice Chair Craddick announced that there would be a lunchtime forum for committee members who participated in the Denver best practices trip. She reminded the committee about the upcoming racial equity trainings at the Metro Regional Center.

Vice Chair Craddick highlighted the Regional Transportation Plan call for projects update, and explained that technical evaluation and modeling was underway for all projects.

Ms. Nina Deconcini announced that the region had reached a significant air quality milestone and reached full attainment status. She explained that while this was a big achievement, their work wasn't done, and for the last two years, the average vehicle miles travelled per person in the region had increased.

Commissioner Paul Savas acknowledged the state of Oregon and industry employees who made this milestone possible.

Mr. Neil McFarlane noted that one important part of the transition was transitioning to electric technology which was aimed at carbon emissions. He explained that a lot of evaluations were underway and that progress was being made.

Vice Chair Craddick discussed the meeting of the JPACT finance subcommittee and community taks force. She reminded the committee that the committee would be meeting three times this fall with the goal of making a recommendation to the TriMet Board of Directors on whether to proceed with a regional funding package in 2018.

Mr. McFarlane announced that he intended to retire by February 2018. He highlighted his appreciation for JPACT and regional cooperation he had seen over the years.

Councilor Stacey expressed his appreciation for Mr. McFarlane, and added that he would be missed.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Mayor Denny Doyle moved and Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson seconded to pass the consent agenda.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Regional Transportation Options Strategy Update

Vice Chair Craddick introduced Dan Kaempff, from Metro.

Key elements of the presentation included:

- Mr. Kaempff explained the Regional Transit Options Strategy was being updated to include goals and objectives. He discussed RTO strategy themes, and explained that they

were updating in coordination with the RTP, and were hoping to build on a successful program.

- Mr. Kaempff noted that one area of focus was bringing more partners into the process. He added that incorporating technology was also a priority.
- Mr. Kaempff discussed the RTO process, and explained that the next step was to incorporate feedback as well as information from previous evaluations. He added that they were evaluating the effectiveness of their investments, and this information would be in a draft document that would be released by the end of November with a public comment period in January.
- Mr. Kaempff asked for specific feedback on the presentation, including responses to the questions, “Are we getting the right stakeholders?” and “Are there any other policy questions we should consider?”.

Member discussion included:

Commissioner Savas shared that he thought something a lot of constituents have trouble understanding is how decisions were made and where money comes from. He explained that if they were going to appeal to voters they would need to simplify that information.

Mayor Tim Knapp shared that he didn’t feel like the strategy was clearly laid out in the draft strategy document. Mr. Kaempff explained that it would become clearer, and that the idea was that they were trying to coordinate efforts on a regional scale and decide on Metro’s role in the process.

B. Regional Technology Strategy Update

Vice Chair Craddick introduced Eliot Rose, from Metro’s planning department.

Key elements of the presentation included:

- Mr. Rose explained that the presentation was a high level introduction to the technology strategy and it’s development. He requested feedback and questions from JPACT members.
- Mr. Rose defined emerging technologies and discussed some of the different types of emerging technologies. He provided some specific examples of how these technologies were operating around the Metro region.
- Mr. Rose explained why technology was a part of Metro’s RTP, noting that it was necessary to plan for a future that focused on technology because of the rate at which technology was developing. He discussed some statistics regarding technology and transportation in Portland and around the region. Mr. Rose highlighted some pros and cons of new technology transportation options.
- Mr. Rose discussed the equity implications of transportation technology. He highlighted the lack of accessibility of transportation applications because of the lack of affordability of smart phones. Mr. Rose also explained that many geographical areas in the region are not served by certain transportation technologies. He emphasized that this was an obstacle in having a region-wide conversation about technology.
- Mr. Rose recounted the progress that had been made on technology in the RTP. He expressed that part of what he was attempting was to look at other cities and regions

and learn from their example. Mr. Rose emphasized that technology didn't change our values but changed how we would get there. He added that it was important to be honest about what we didn't know.

- Mr. Rose highlighted some of the challenges faced by the RTX and recounted the proposed RTX development process. He explained that he was incorporating feedback and working on policies. Mr. Rose noted he would return to JPACT once he started planning policies.

Member discussion included:

Ms. Leah Treat highlighted the potential impact of technology on labor markets, and explained that a lot of the technological innovations covered by Mr. Rose would have significant implications for jobs. Mr. Rose noted that a big component of his outreach was talking to companies and considering the labor market. He thanked Ms. Treat for the reminder.

Mr. McFarlane shared that he appreciated this work being undertaken. He explained the importance of extending collaboration with companies and building connections between the public and private sector.

Commissioner Jack Burkman expressed appreciation for Mr. Rose's work. He encouraged Mr. Rose to start involving unions when working on how technology impacts job markets.

Commissioner Savas reminded Mr. Rose to be mindful of the effects of developing technology on low income communities and displacement.

Commissioner Vega Pederson conveyed that she thought the potential positive outcomes of technology were significant. She shared that she looked forward to having more conversations around technology, and that she thought this could add to the conversation around the regional bond measure.

Mayor Knapp raised concerns that there was no discussion about the job base. He reminded Mr. Rose that it was important to talk about freight and industry and how the job base will change in response to technological developments.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Resolution No. 17-4848, For the Purpose of Approving an Increased Multi-Year Commitment of Regional Flexible Funds for the Years 2019-34, Funding the Division Transit Project, the Southwest Corridor Transit Project, Arterial Bottleneck Projects, Active Transportation Projects, and Enhanced Transit Projects, and Authorizing Execution of an Amendment to Intergovernmental**

Agreement with TriMet Regarding the Increased Multi-Year Commitment of Regional Flexible Funds

Vice Chair Craddick introduced Mr. Ted Leybold from Metro's planning department.

Key elements of the presentation included:

- Mr. Leybold explained that they were asking for final action on the regional flexible fund policy that was approved in 2016. He listed the approved bond payments from the RFFA, and noted that they wanted to do a phase one allocation so that some of the funds could be released but they also wanted to protect themselves from the potential to receive less CMAQ funding.
- Mr. Leybold noted that they now had direction from OTC on the CMAQ formula and how much money would be distributed throughout the state. He added that they had a stabilized forecast and a full implementation of the bond payment schedule.
- Mr. Leybold shared that they were asking for approval of the original 2016 policy and that the payment amounts that would be allowed were summarized in the meeting packet. He explained what those funding streams would provide for, and added that the resolution gave Metro the authority to enter the agreement.

Member discussion included:

MOTION: Councilor Bob Stacey moved and Mr. McFarlane seconded to approve Resolution 17-4848.

Councilor Stacey acknowledged that this resolution was allowing the region to carry out the intended programs.

Mayor Knapp shared that the most significant change was the loss of \$25 million dollars from the SW Corridor project. He explained that the preliminary projections were that \$85 million was the absolute minimum, but since it dropped he had not heard exactly what will be missing from the project following the loss of funds.

Mr. McFarlane expressed his support for the resolution and explained that even though some elements of project development would have to be postponed, he believed that this would be enough funding to get the projects into the development phases.

Mayor Knapp remarked that deferring right of way acquisition might make it more expensive in the future, and that they needed to be considering that. He added that it was important to be confident that their preparation for federal application was not compromised.

Mr. McFarlane explained that those are the priorities but there would still be things that couldn't be completed and that would be moved to the next phase. He added that there might be some extra costs and they were aware of the risks but were willing to take them in order to maximize the predevelopment stage. Mr. McFarlane noted that they would maximize the benefits as much as possible.

Councilor Stacey recognized Councilor Craig Dirksen for working on this resolution.

ACTION: With Ms. Deconcini abstaining, the motion passed.

ADJOURN

JPACT Vice Chair Craddick called for comments regarding the Denver best practices trip in September.

Commissioner Vega Pederson shared that she enjoyed the opportunity and heard a lot of in depth perspectives on the transit project that Denver was able to accomplish. She noted that she heard a lot of discussion around the intersection of housing and transportation developments and expressed that this was important for JPACT to think about moving forward.

Councilor Stacey recounted the significant role of the Denver Regional Chamber of Commerce in the legislature. He explained that they needed to incorporate business voices and engage with the private sector more to ensure their voices were heard.

JPACT Vice Chair Craddick adjourned the meeting at 8:52 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Miranda Mishan", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Miranda Mishan
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2017

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
3.0	Handout	10/2017	Metro's October Hotsheet	101917j-01
3.0	Handout	10/2017	RTP Call for Projects Update	101917j-02
3.0	Handout	10/2017	RTP Project Map	101917j-03
5.1	Presentation	10/19/17	RTO Strategy Update PowerPoint	101917j-04
5.2	Presentation	10/19/17	Metro's strategy for emerging technologies PowerPoint	101917j-05
6.1	Presentation	10/19/17	Resolution No. 17-4848 PowerPoint	101917j-06