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JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)

Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2018

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

REVISED July 27, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nina DeConcini
Denny Doyle
Doug Kelsey
Roy Rogers
Dan Saltzman
Tim Knapp
Ann McEnerney-Ogle
Paul Savas
Bob Stacey (*Chair*)
Jessica Vega Pederson
Curtis Robinhold
Tim Clark

AFFILIATION

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
City of Beaverton, Cities of Washington County
TriMet
Washington County
City of Portland
City of Wilsonville, Cities of Clackamas County
City of Vancouver
Clackamas County
Metro Council
Multnomah County
Port of Portland
City of Wood Village, Cities of Multnomah County

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Kris Strickler

AFFILIATION

Washington State Department of Transportation

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Sam Chase
Mandy Putney
Mark Gamba

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
Oregon Department of Transportation
City of Milwaukie, Cities of Clackamas County

OTHERS PRESENT: Jaimie Huff, Andrew Singlelakis, Nicole Hendrix, Jeff Own Megan Neill, Jamie Watz, Theresa M Kohlhoff, Shanon Nasset, Dwight Brasher

STAFF: Randy Tucker, Jamie Snook, Ken Lobeck, Lisa Hunrichs, Beth Cohen, Grace Cho, Kim Ellis, Dan Kaempff, Tom Kloster, Mari Bradway, Ernest Hayes, Elissa Gertler, Tyler Frisbee, Miranda Mishan, Sima Anekonda

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

Chair Bob Stacey called the meeting to order at 7:35 AM.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON JPACT ITEMS

Ms. Sharon Nasset, Economic Transportation Alliance: Ms. Nasset presented on the topic of I-5 congestion relief. She proposed an extension of I-5 to connect Swan Island, Highway 30 and the Ports of Portland and Vancouver.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Nina DeConcini described that Clean Air Oregon and the OHA joined authorities to establish DEQ OHA Cleaner Air Oregon Rule Making.

Mayor Tim Knapp stated Wilsonville adopted a city budget that detailed increased coordinated for outlying communities including Clackamas County and Canby. The plan worked within the Wilsonville to expand smart services to growing areas. The City of Wilsonville looked to create new jobs and increase TriMet cooperation in Coffee Creek and Salt Creek.

Mr. Doug Kelsey discussed the significant improvements made on Providence Park as part of a 5 year business plan. He mentioned that Fiscal 19 budgeted \$1.4 million which included the following: operating requirements, capital, and fund balance. The local revenue was \$418, with money retrieved from new services. He mentioned money would be retrieved from the employee payroll tax. Counselor Kelsey added that the budget would serve TriMet's expansion program and would result in the following: late night buses, additional trips to OHSU, and longer routes. He explained Line 81 would serve different areas of Portland as a part of HB 17. He stated the changes would increase the bus fleet from 600 to 900 buses.

Ms. Mandy Putney provided an update on value pricing for the advisory committee. She remarked that a consultation teamed analyzed pricing applications for 15 lanes stretching in all directions would start in Alberta and stretch to Terwilliger. The team looked at pricing for the Abernathy Bridge and discussed how to reduce congestion through building. She noted that more analysis and a longer term approach was necessary to price 15 corridors. Ms. Putney mentioned the policy committee would further discuss location, how to price, and congestion mitigation strategies. She explained that the issue was undergoing public review and would be submitted to the Transportation Commission on July 12th, following the public comment.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Bob Stacey moved to adopt the consent agenda

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Draft Regional Transportation Plan – Policies and Implementation

Key elements of the presentation included:

Kim Ellis, Metro, presented on the policies and implementation of the Draft Regional Transportation Plan. Her presentation addressed the mission and outcomes the plan would provide. She stated a significant portion of the RTP was dedicated to freeway and would create a transportation network that would target high injury corridors. The RTP recognized that the Portland region would continue to grow and therefore needed to address various transportation options and congestion. The RTP included updates to freight and transit policies related to streets and highways.

Ms. Ellis also discussed the new equity policy that addressed people of color and low income individuals. She stated the policy looked at how transportation was evaluated in the past, sought to engage marginalized communities, and created equitable strategies.

Ms. Ellis explained that the RTP would be implemented in a series of ways to address unresolved needs and issues. The RTP would set new policies around the planning process, include technical assistance, and would provide relevant data. She said that this information would create a model to influence future studies. Ms. Ellis also mentioned that the model was based on value pricing along with a variety of other resources.

Ms. Ellis remarked that the regional scale plan would ideally be completed in 5 years due to several issues. She discussed the Jurisdictional Transportation Program that would coordinate with bus services to serve growing areas. She mentioned several refinement planning efforts and added that work was being done to update descriptions. Ms. Ellis emphasized that planning efforts were opportunities to develop shared investing strategies and looked at the larger picture to address economic development.

Ms. Ellis remarked that quarter level planning efforts recommended phasing should seek out funding for the future. She discussed several major projects that utilized local alternatives. Ms. Ellis emphasized that a major RTP goal was to look at large scale investments. She mentioned that the public comment period for this project would start on June 29th and would be an opportunity for jurisdiction to provide their feedback. She also stated that the RTP would rely on the work of TPAC. Ms. Ellis concluded that the RTP would ideally be finished by December 6th, 2018.

Member discussion included:

- Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson, Multnomah County, appreciated the RTP's piece with jurisdictional transfers. She mentioned that city road needed to better serve populations and that further conversation regarding this issue were required.
- Mayor Tim Knapp stated Clackamas County created a detailed regional plan which noted that city needs have evolved. He explained the regional plan was an aggregation of smaller plans, but did not include a high level vision of regional transportation needs. Mayor Knapp posited that without a general vision, it would be impossible to gauge whether there was a regional consensus on transportation implementation. He remarked that more research should be done to see how high level and low level planning strategies interrelated. He proposed the development of a taskforce that would consist of high level policy individuals in order to generate conversations on transportation at large. He recommended that this idea be included in Chapter 8 of the Draft RTP. Chair Stacey responded by stating that creating a high level conversation on transportation was the purpose of the regional plan. He said that there needed to be further discussion on creating a taskforce. Mayor Doyle echoed the Chair Stacey's sentiments.
- Ms. Mandy Putney commended the RTP's commitment to strengthening its equity policies. She noticed that the corridor planning was not on the timeline and asked how the process might work. She also asked which corridors would be prioritized. Margi reported that different programs have different partners which are not all a part of Metro. Ms. Margi Bradway continued that the programs were funded by grants and that timeframes were not as long due to the emergency program. Ms. Ellis added that the timeframe was built over two time periods and stated some constraints the plan faces. Ms. Ellis stated that timing to have a full RTP was chosen to support equity analysis. She stated that there needed to be progression over the next 10 years.
- Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle asked how the timeline was constructed.
- Commissioner Savas believed that all other jurisdictions do not feel engaged or knowledgeable. He conveyed there needed to be a method of convening jurisdiction to ensure they feel involved. He stated that there was a responsibility to ensure the public was informed.
- Mr. Doug Kelsey suggested that the plan expand to include customers. He applauded the use of performance based outcomes.

5.2 Earthquake Ready Burnside Project Briefing

Key elements of the presentation included:

Mr. Ian Cannon, Multnomah County, remarked that the project was currently in the feasibility stage. The plan was to continue into the environmental review phase

which was anticipated to take 3 years. He explained that once environmental review was conducted, the project would enter into design and construction. He added that the project would require ongoing participation.

Ms. Megan Neill, Multnomah County, stated the subcommittee acted as sounding groups and mentioned that the project would be undergoing change. She included that recommendations would come from policy groups.

Ms. Neill discussed that many individuals are concerned about the bridge's resiliency to natural threats (e.g. earthquakes). She conveyed the team looked at how to deal with "The Big One." Ms. Neill expressed that many individuals have a sense of urgency. She discussed that these sentiments needed to be balanced for the appreciation for the bridge itself.

She stated that the group arrived at 4 recommendations by analyzing 100 different alternatives in groups of 5. The 4 recommendations were: to do nothing, create a tunnel, enhance another bridge, or restore the bridge. These options underwent a pass/fail screening which included questions about bridge's ability to withstand an earthquake. The project considered the cost, resiliency, and connectivity of each alternative.

Ms. Neill described that enhancing the bridge's seismic retrofit would require closing I-5 and immense destruction of the surrounding area. She expressed that another option would be to replace the bridge with a movable bridge. Ms. Neill detailed the capital costs in this project. She conveyed that one key question the project team came to whether to allow traffic to enter into the work zone during the construction phase.

Ms. Neill remarked that the feasibility study would be completed in 12 months. She assured that the project team would begin work on key activities and would prioritize technology issues. Upon completion, she said the team would go to subcommittee groups and present a draft purpose and would provide a range of alternatives.

Member discussion included:

- Mayor Knapp: mentioned that the Abernathy Bridge is not earthquake hardened. He questioned whether they would have the building materials to reinforce it.
- Chair Stacey recommended there be more plans for projects.
- Ms. McEnery-Ogle endorsed the course of action.
- Commissioner Savas recognized the difficulty in making a regional recommendation. He recommended that the project consider the regional perspective in order to receive federal funding.

6. ADJOURN

JPACT Chair Stacy adjourned the meeting at 9:04 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Anekonda', written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

Sima Anekonda
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2018

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
2.0	Handout	6/21/18	Economic Transportation Alliance	062118j-01
2.0	Handout	6/21/18	Economic Transportation Alliance	062118j-02
3.0	Handout	6/21/18	Portland metro Area Value Pricing Feasibility Analysis: The Conversation Continues	062118j-03
5.1	Handout	6/21/18	2018 RTP Summary of Major Throughway and Transit Investments	062118j-04
5.1	Presentation	6/21/18	2018 Regional Transportation Plan Policy and Implementation	062118j-05
5.2	Presentation	6/21/18	Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge	062118j-06