



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)  
Meeting Minutes  
May 17, 2018  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shirley Craddick  
Nina DeConcini  
Craig Dirksen (*Chair*)  
Denny Doyle  
Doug Kelsey  
Tim Knapp  
Ann McEnerny-Ogle  
Roy Rogers  
Paul Savas  
Bob Stacey  
Jeanne Stewart  
Jessica Vega Pederson

AFFILIATION

Metro Council  
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality  
Metro Council  
City of Beaverton, Cities of Washington County  
TriMet  
City of Wilsonville, Cities of Clackamas County  
City of Vancouver  
Washington County  
Clackamas County  
Metro Council  
Clark County  
Multnomah County

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Jeanne Stewart

AFFILIATION

Clark County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Emerald Bogue  
Bernie Bottomly  
Tim Clark  
Mandy Putney  
Leah Treat

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland  
TriMet  
City of Wood Village, Cities of Multnomah County  
Oregon Department of Transportation  
Portland Bureau of Transportation

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Wilson, Vassar Byrd Nicole Hendrix, Mark Offenad, Chris Fink, Carley Francis, Jennifer Campos, Chris Deffebach, Christy Clark, Kari Schlosshauer, Dwight Brashear, Jeff Gudman, Theresa Kohlhoff, Randy Heely, Gerik Kransky, Eric Hesse, Katherine Kelly, Matt Ransom, Tom Markgraf

STAFF: Randy Tucker, Alison Kean, Elissa Gertler, Miranda Mishan, Nellie Papsdorf, Margi Bradway, Jamie Snook, Lake McTighe, Daniel Kaempff, Tim Collins, Eliot Rose, Kim Ellis, Grace Cho, Malu Wilkinson, Clifford Higgins

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

JPACT Chair Craig Dirksen called the meeting to order at 7:35 AM. He asked members, alternates and meeting attendees to introduce themselves.

**2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON JPACT ITEMS**

Mayor Mark Gamba, City of Milwaukie – Mayor Gamba expressed the need for a broader range of transit options in the region and on I-205 in order to address congestion.

Ms. Vassar Byrd, Rose Villa Senior Living – Ms. Byrd shared the importance of walkable bridges and streets in the region in order to provide opportunities for seniors. She noted that walkable communities enabled seniors to live well.

Ms. Vivien Satterfield, OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon – Ms. Satterfield expressed concern about the lack of regional concern on the YouthPass program, which was essential to high school students. She explained the focus on equity and showed how the YouthPass program enabled equity. Ms. Satterfield urged JPACT to include YouthPass.

Mr. Corky Collier, Columbia Corridor Association – Mr. Collier emphasized why a strong regional freight strategy was important. He explained that freight provided more minimum wage jobs for communities of color than any other industry, and noted that the industrial sector was dependent on freight.

Councilor Jeff Gudman, City of Lake Oswego – Councilor Gudman spoke to support of Mayor Gamba’s comments, and expressed support for a feasibility study for bike connection between ? and Lake Oswego.

Pia Welch, Portland Freight Committee – Ms. Welch emphasized the importance of the freight strategy and how it impacted other necessary services. She explained that freight delays could drive up prices. Ms. Welch highlighted a need for transportation access to industrial lands.

### **3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Chair Dirksen provided an update on the JPACT trip to Washington D.C. He thanked those who were able to attend, and explained that they met with Oregon congressional delegation and staff from the transportation authorizing committees. Chair Dirksen conveyed that one consistent theme was the need for local, regional and state governments to help themselves on transportation and not wait for federal government intervention.

Chair Dirksen asked if other trip attendees wanted to share takeaways and thoughts.

Mayor Tim Knapp expressed that relationship building in Washington D.C. was of high importance, and that it was interesting to see varying perspectives. Mr. Doug Kelsey shared that the federal government would be looking at how the region is leveraging federal investments, and that they were looking for returns on these investments.

Chair Dirksen shared that Ms. Nellie Papsdorf, Metro’s Regional Engagement and Legislative Coordinator would be leaving Metro in early June. He thanked Ms. Papsdorf for her service and wished her luck in the future.

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION: Mayor Denny Doyle motioned and Mayor Ann McEnery-Ogle seconded to adopt the consent agenda.

Commissioner Paul Savas asked if the RFFA included the Willamette River Crossing, and Chair Dirksen confirmed.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

## **5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): Draft Transit Strategy**

Chair Dirksen explained that the Regional Transit Strategy was the transit modal component of the 2018 RTP. He explained that it provided a coordinated vision and strategy for transit in the region, building off of the Climate Smart Strategy. Chair Dirksen shared that this work was building toward a draft strategy released for public comment in June, along with the Regional Transportation Plan.

*Key elements of the presentation included:*

Ms. Snook explained what the transit strategy was and why it was happening now. She highlighted the objectives of the transit strategy and what had been added since it was last presented to MPAC. Ms. Snook shared their vision to make transit more convenient, accessible and affordable for everyone. She explained the four new transit policies and the policies that had been modified and what the modifications were.

Ms. Snook discussed the enhanced transit concept and the aim to make improvements to enhanced transit in reliability, speed and capacity. She shared the updates to the high capacity transit plan and what had been added and revised. Ms. Snook showed JPACT what the new map would look like and compared it to the current transit map. She noted the variety throughout the system.

Ms. Snook shared next steps for the transit strategy, including working on the enhanced transit concept pilot program and updates to the RTP project list. She explained the project schedule for enhanced transit concepts, and asked JPACT for feedback on the transit strategy.

*Member discussion included:*

- Mayor McEnery-Ogle suggested that Metro staff coordinate efforts with C-TRAN to include C-TRAN's information routes on transit system maps.
- Ms. Treat expressed that City of Portland had been hearing a lot of concern about Youth Pass and transit access for youth. She reminded JPACT to keep this in consideration moving forward. Ms. Treat added that the implementation chapter of the transit strategy may need some discussion of transit access.
- Councilor Stacey asked how TriMet's decisions about service allocations and how they would be integrated into the transit strategy, and if it would require an RTP amendment. Ms. Snook clarified that she would work with TriMet to integrate the map, and added that the policy included language about integrating other projects.

- Commissioner Paul Savas expressed there was a lack of alternative modes of transportation in Clackamas County and requested that Metro work with elected officials to understand what their transit needs were.
- Mr. Doug Kelsey thanked Metro for their work on the transit strategy. He suggested connecting the transit strategy to the freight strategy in the policy. Mr. Kelsey noted the importance of including transit accessibility for people with disabilities, and suggested using a different metric for progress instead of hours of service.
- Mayor Denny Doyle expressed the need to look to the south and the west of the region for more transit options.
- Councilor Shirley Craddick asked how bus on shoulder was accommodated in the future plan, and shared that it was an opportunity that should not be overlooked.
- Commissioner Roy Rogers asked about how shifting technology was incorporated into the transit strategy and how future transit was being considered.
- Mayor Knapp raised concerns that the transit plan was not considering alternative modes to driving. He stressed the need for transit to allow access to all people in the region to jobs.
- Commissioner Vega Pederson suggested that elected officials should provide a transportation vision for their cities and direct staff accordingly.
- Chair Dirksen expressed that the transit strategy was responding to constraints and limits based on resources.
- Ms. Treat emphasized the opportunities that were available to serve the region with transit and that the need to act was now.

## **B. Emerging Technology Strategy Discussion Draft**

Chair Dirksen recounted that many JPACT members had been discussing how they should respond to automated vehicles, Uber and Lyft, and other ways that technology was changing transportation. He reminded JPACT that Metro had been developing a strategy to help the region prepare for these new technologies.

Chair Dirksen introduced Mr. Eliot Rose to share the full discussion draft of the emerging technology strategy.

*Key elements of the presentation included:*

Mr. Rose defined emerging technologies and highlighted some different types of technologies that were emerging. He explained why there was a need to engage with these technologies and how this strategy did so. Mr. Rose reminded JPACT that their goal was not to deploy technology but guide new technologies to create a more equitable and livable region.

Mr. Rose shared how the technology strategy would be a part of the RTP as an appendix to the RTP, and integrated throughout the RTP strategies and policies. He shared what was new and what had been discussed. Mr. Rose recounted the time frame of looking at new technologies, and discussed division, policies, and implementation actions and next steps for implementation.

Mr. Rose explained the policy vision behind the RTS and the four core policies, including equity, choices, information and innovation. He defined each of the four core policies and how they were in line with the RTP goals. Mr. Rose highlighted the changes made to this version of the

policy, and emphasized the focus on transit. He conveyed that transit with more frequent service would be competitive against Uber and Lyft.

Mr. Rose discussed how short term actions would add to longer term success. He explained the evaluation of technologies being considered by local partners and how each would impact regional goals. Mr. Rose recounted the two year next steps for Metro on emerging technologies, and reminded JPACT that there was a need to advocate for state and federal policies that supported their goals.

Mr. Rose highlighted next steps through 2018 and the adoption of the draft RTP.

*Member discussion included:*

- Chair Dirksen suggested holding most of the discussion on the emerging technology strategy until it came back to JPACT in the coming months. He expressed that there was a need to save time for the freight strategy presentation and called for any specific questions on item 5.2.
- Councilor Stacey shared that local governments needed to be able to regulate emerging technologies as they saw fit.
- Mayor Knapp emphasized that implementing new technologies could negatively impact lower income populations, and shared the importance of keeping transit as a priority.

### **C. 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): Draft Freight Strategy**

Chair Dirksen introduced Mr. Tim Collins, from Metro's Planning and Development department.

*Key elements of the presentation included:*

Mr. Collins explained that his presentation would be amended due to time constraints. He shared that they were updating the Regional Freight Strategy, for the first time in a long time. Mr. Collins explained the five goals that the freight strategy was hoping to accomplish, and explained that it was important to have clear compiled research.

Mr. Collins expressed that he wanted to focus on the freight concept and freight network map. He recounted the regional freight vision and the seven freight policies. Mr. Collins spoke to the freight concept and shared that it defined a vision and supporting policies to guide investments and the concept that had been updated to include intermodal connectors.

Mr. Collins highlighted the freight network map. He conveyed the goals of the updated freight action plan, and how they were tied to individual freight policies. Mr. Collins explained the next steps of the strategy, including the incorporation of committee feedback and public comment in June.

*Member discussion included:*

- Mayor Knapp echoed Mr. Kelsey's comments from earlier in the meeting, and shared a need for incorporating all elements of the RTP into one another.

- Commissioner Savas asked where discussions of people providing services were in the RTP.
- Ms. Mandy Putney explained that ODOT was working on a second phase of the corridor bottleneck operations study and that information would be available late this year for discussion. She added that she had some edits for the freight strategy that she would share with Mr. Collins.
- Mr. Kelsey asked where the region was in terms of readiness for automated freight. Mr. Collins expressed that he could look into that and incorporate it into chapter seven.

**6. ADJOURN**

JPACT Chair Dirksen adjourned the meeting at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Miranda Mishan  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 17, 2018**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>
5.1	Presentation	5/17/18	Regional Transit Strategy PowerPoint	051718j-01
5.1	Handout	5/17/18	Regional Transit Network Map	051718j-02
5.2	Presentation	5/17/18	Emerging technology strategy: technical draft PowerPoint	051718j-03
5.3	Presentation	5/17/18	Regional Freight Strategy PowerPoint	051718j-04