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JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)

Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2019

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shirley Craddick (Chair)  
Craig Dirksen  
Bob Stacey  
Nina DeConcini  
Tim Knapp  
Doug Kelsey  
Paul Savas  
Temple Lentz  
Carley Francis  
Jessica Vega Pederson  
Rian Windsheimer  
Karylenn Echols  
Anne McEnerney-Ogle

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Roy Rogers

AFFILIATION

Washington County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Kathryn Harrington  
Theresa Kohlhoff

AFFILIATION

Washington County  
City of Lake Oswego, Cities of Clackamas County

OTHERS PRESENT: Erin Wardell, Jean Senechal Biggs, Jules Walter, Dwight Brashear, Anna Slatihsh, Bernadette Le, Rachel Dawson, Sheilajh Griffin Mark Graf, Garet Prior, Shaina Hobbs, Mark Lew and Chris Warner

STAFF: Michelle Bellia, Elissa Gertler, Margi Bradway, Anne Buzzini, Noel Mickelberry, Ted Leybold, Dan Kaempff, Sara Farrokhzadian and Marlene Guzman

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

JPACT Chair Shirley Craddick called the meeting to order at 7:29 AM. She asked members, alternates and meeting attendees to introduce themselves.

**2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON JPACT ITEMS**

*There were none.*

**3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR AND JPACT MEMBERS**

**3.1 Transit Agency Annual Budget Process and Programming of Project**

Chair Craddick noted that information on the 2021-2024 MTIP – Transit Agency Annual Budget Process and Programming of Projects was included in the MPAC packet. Chair Craddick encouraged members to attend the Rail-Volution Conference in Vancouver BC in September. Chair Craddick noted the next JPACT meeting date and announced that the JPACT meeting in August would be canceled.

Mr. Rian Windsheimer updated JPACT on the recalibration project at the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC), and he announced that the OTC had a meeting to approve budget amendments for ODOT's transportation projects. He explained that many of these transportation projects had changed as a result of the ODOT'S new outsourcing techniques. Mr. Windsheimer also stated that ODOT hoped to take a comprehensive approach to determine more realistic cost estimates for various projects.

Mayor Tim Knapp asked about the broad direction of the projects included in the amendment. Mr. Windsheimer shared that more information on the amendments were available online for the public to access. Mayor Knapp asked about the final action date from the OTC. Mr. Windsheimer stated that the final action date for the OTC was in June 2019.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION: Chair Harrington moved and Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle seconded to adopt Resolution No. 19-5001 and May 16, 2019 minutes.

ACTION: With all in favor, motion passed.

## 5. **INFOTMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **5.1 TV Highway Corridor Plan**

Chair Craddick introduced the presenter Ms. Erin Wardell, Washington County's Principal Transportation Planner.

*Key elements of the presentation included:*

Ms. Wardell explained the broad approach of the TV Highway Corridor Plan and stated that this plan would build on previous efforts. She summarized various studies conducted in the area. She stated that the plan aimed to combine information gathered from these studies to create a coordinated project list. Ms. Wardell provided a map of the TV Highway Corridor and highlighted various study areas.

Ms. Wardell reviewed the program vision and highlighted the following goals: enhancing safety and efficiency for transit riders and supporting equitable housing. She discussed the potential investment in more reliable transit service. Ms. Wardell explained that Washington County's modeling showed that there was a potential for a three times increase in transit ridership with improved transit efficiency. Ms. Wardell stated that completing the walk and bike network would be an important part of improving system operations and achieving clean air goals. She added that bus stop amenities, access improvements, enhancing lighting as well as the location of bus pull were being considered.

Ms. Wardell shared some of the concepts for the cities of Forest Grove, Cornelius, Hillsboro, Aloha and Beaverton. Ms. Wardell explained Washington County's next steps, which consisted of working with partners to create a project list that reflected a shared vision. She stated that Washington County planned to coordinate with Metro on the Regional Transportation Funding Measure and prepare materials for the local investment team as they moved into the project evaluation phase.

*Member discussion included:*

- Councilor Bob Stacey expressed his appreciation for the project. He asked about the working relationship between TV Highway and ODOT. Ms. Wardell stated that Washington County and senior ODOT staff had been convening on a month basis. Mr. Windsheimer expressed his appreciation for the project and noted that ODOT wanted to be a good partner in this project.

- Mr. Doug Kelsey expressed his excitement for the project and added that the project did not convey information about traffic flow around transit-oriented development. He explained that new projects could address traffic flow issues.
- Chair Harrington thanked ODOT for being good partners in this project. She explained that the cities of Forest Grove, Cornelius, Hillsboro and Washington County have been working to knit together their individual plans to set the stage for Metro's Regional Transportation Funding Measure. She thanked Ms. Wardell and Metro for their investments in TV Highway.
- Commissioner Paul Savas asked about trends in TV Highway's demographics data. Ms. Wardell stated that their demographic data is consistent with Metro's previous work on defining community and poverty. She noted that Washington County's high median income was often referenced but Washington County's high poverty rates were not highlighted.
- Chair Craddick expressed her appreciation. She asked about specific plans to enhance transit through transit designated lanes. Ms. Wardell expressed Washington County's commitment to transit improvement projects and explained ongoing research pertaining to transit development.

## **5.2 Metro Safe Routes to School Program Update**

Chair Craddick announced the next presenters, Ms. Noel Mickelberry, Safe Routes to School Program Coordinator and Ted Leybold, Transportation Planning Manager.

*Key elements of the presentation included:*

Ms. Mickelberry provided a brief overview of the Safe Routes to School Program. She touched on the elements of the program, which included education, encouragement, enforcement, evaluation, engineering and equity. She explained that in 2015 Congress eliminated funding for Safe Routes to School and as a result local advocates looked to Metro for funding. She stated that Metro developed the Regional Safe Routes to School Program framework in conjunction with practitioners and shared a map that evaluated schools based on the following three criteria: safety, equity and impact.

Ms. Mickelberry explained the program's vision and goals including: enhancing access to schools by walking, biking and transit for the regions kids and youth. She remarked that in order to reach these goals Metro created a local grant funding program, provided technical assistance for projects and enlisted a regional coordinator.

Ms. Mickelberry reviewed the 2019-2022 Safe Routes to School grantees, which included Beaverton School District, City of Hillsboro, City of Portland, City of Tigard, Clackamas County, Community Cycling Center and East Multnomah County. She explained that \$900,000 would be allocated to the grant program over the next three years and noted that the grant program was focused on serving Title 1 or equivalent schools. Ms. Mickelberry shared some recent partner successes, including Davis Elementary School's walk to school day as well as the Future Apollo walk and bike rally.

Ms. Mickelberry provided an overview of the programs next steps, including supporting grantees, identifying and developing program plans as well as coordinating commutations. She stated that the program aimed to develop technical assistance opportunities as well as engage in local, regional and statewide policy discussions.

*Member discussion included:*

- Commissioner Pederson asked about the overall budget for the program and the process for regional coordination. Ms. Mickelberry stated that she was in the process of gathering that information.
- Mayor Knapp asked about efforts to broaden the criteria for funding infrastructure around schools. Mr. Leybold explained the criteria and process for evaluating capital projects and their intended benefits. He stated that capital projects did not have to be on school sites to relay benefits to surrounding schools.
- Chair Harrington expressed her appreciation for the program. She asked how the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) was helping to advance the program and ensure that the Metro network was working as efficiently as possible. Ms. Mickelberry explained that she would update TPAC in August.
- Commissioner Savas asked if Metro prioritized areas with transportation gaps. He noted that the four fastest growing cities in the region were in Clackamas County. Commissioner Savas spoke about the lack of transit, bike and pedestrian modes in areas with transportation gaps. Mr. Leybold noted that the Safe Routes to School program coordinated with other planning agencies and highlighted the Council Creek Trail as an opportunity to address these issues.

### 5.3 Regional Travel Options Grant

Chair Craddick introduced Mr. Dan Kaempff, Metro Staff, to provide a brief presentation.

*Key elements of the presentation included:*

Mr. Kaempff reported on the outcomes of the Regional Travel Options program. He noted changes made to the program based on the additional funding allocated by the Regional Flexible Funds. He shared the newly adopted strategic vision for the program to better align with the goals and objectives of the Regional Transportation Plan.

Mr. Kaempff provided a brief overview of the program. He spoke about the programs efforts to manage congestion by helping people reduce their auto use. Mr. Kaempff explained that the program had evolved from commuter-focused efforts in mid-1990s (ISTEA) into a multi-modal, multi-faceted, multi-partner approach. He explained the policy foundation for the program, including the various state and regional planning documents that aimed to address greenhouse gas emissions.

Mr. Kaempff reviewed the annual figures of the program and highlighted successful outreach projects. He explained key goals of Metro's strategic plan for the program, which included: increasing access to travel options, reaching new participants as well as encouraging walking and biking to school. Mr. Kaempff stated that in order accomplish these goals Metro created six new funding categories to properly allocate grants.

*Member discussion included:*

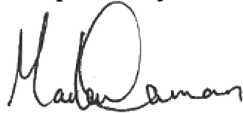
- Chair Harrington expressed her appreciation for the project. She noted the projects role in expanding Ride Connection service in Washington County.
- Commissioner Savas stated that he hoped that Clark County Staff and Metro staff work together to ensure that Clackamas County was supported by the program. He noted small grant allocations from the program to Clackamas County in previous years. Mr. Kaempff recalled that all of the applications that were submitted by Clackamas County partners received funding. Commissioner Sava expressed his appreciation for the project's work.

- Mr. Kaempff expressed his excitement for Oregon City's efforts to address future transportation issues in their downtown area, noting that Oregon City was a critical area for the region.
- Councilor Karylinn Echols asked whether there were match requirements for project grant funds. Mr. Kaempff remarked that project funds come with a standard match requirement. He noted that Metro Staff worked closely with grant partners to ensure that they fulfilled their match requirements. Councilor Echols asked about the total number of funded projects and the percentage of fully and partially funded projects. Mr. Kaempff noted that the selection committee worked to balance funding goals.
- Chair Craddick expressed her appreciation for the program and its role in helping to reach Metro's greenhouse gas reduction goals.

6. **ADIJOURN**

JPACT Chair Craddick adjourned the meeting at 8:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marlene Guzman  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2019**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>
5.1	Presentation	6/20/19	TV Highway Corridor Plan	062019j-01
5.2	Presentation	6/20/19	Metro Safe Routes to School Program Update	062019j-02
5.3	Presentation	6/20/19	Regional Travel Options Grant	062019j-03