



METRO

JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

August 11, 2005

Metro Regional Center – Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

AFFILIATION

Rex Burkholder, Chair	Metro Council
Rod Park, Vice Chair	Metro Council
Brian Newman	Metro Council
Royce Pollard	City of Vancouver
Lynn Peterson	City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas County
Paul Thalhofer	City of Troutdale, representing Cities of Multnomah County
Bill Kennemer	Clackamas County
Rob Drake	City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County
Matthew Garrett	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT - Region 1)
Dick Pedersen	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Fred Hansen	TriMet
Don Wagner	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)



MEMBERS ABSENT AFFILIATION

Sam Adams	City of Portland
Roy Rogers	Washington County
Maria Rojo de Steffey	Multnomah County
Steve Stuart	Clark County
Bill Wyatt	Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

AFFILIATION

ADD:

	 <i>County</i>
Chuck Becker	City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah County
Susie Lahsene	Port of Portland
Lainie Smith	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT - Region 1)

GUESTS PRESENT

AFFILIATION

Earl Blumenauer	Congressman
Meeky Blizzard	Office of Congressman Earl Blumenauer
Mike Clark	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
Jonathan David	City of Gresham
Jef Dalin	Councilor, City of Cornelius
James Koski	Office of Congressman Earl Blumenauer
Ann Gardner	Schnitzer Group

GUESTS PRESENT(cont.)

AFFILIATION

Jennifer Williamson	Portland State University
Marianne Fitzgerald	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
John Gillam	City of Portland
Steve Iwata	City of Portland
John Arroyo	N.W. Cement Producers Group
John Wiebke	City of Hillsboro
Cam Gilmour	Clackamas County
Sharon Nasset	ETA
Robin McCaffrey	Port of Portland
Deborah Murdock	Portland State University
Tom Markgraf	Columbia River Crossing
John Rist	Clackamas County
Olivia Clark	TriMet
Jay Lyman	David Evans and Associates
Ron Weinman	Clackamas County

STAFF

Scott Adams (Intern)	Andy Cotugno	Ted Leybold	Jessica Martin
Robin McArthur	Sherry Oeser	Kathryn Schutte	Randy Tucker
Mark Turpel	Gina Whitehill-Baziuk		

I. CALL TO ORDER, DECLARATION OF A QUORUM, INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Chair Rex Burkholder called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 7:36 a.m.

II. CONVERSATION WITH CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER

Chair Burkholder introduced and welcomed special guest, Congressman Earl Blumenauer.

Congressman Blumenauer stated that he and Congressman Walden plan to spend 4 days hiking the 41-mile Timberline Trail, meeting with botanists, hydrologists, geologists, and other experts en route to better understand the impact of federal policies on the mountain's natural functions. The goal is to use the information, tools, and resources gleaned from this process to create a long-term Mt. Hood Legacy that will guide actions on the mountain for years to come. This fall, he and Walden will host two more summits to consider legislation that they will introduce in Congress.

Congressman Blumenauer discussed the recently passed transportation bill that will send nearly \$300 billion to the states to build and fix roads, including \$2.7 billion to Oregon.

For the first time, Oregon will receive more transportation money than it sends to the federal government through gas taxes, the result of a change in the highway funding formula, which Congress uses to distribute money to the states.

The change in the funding formula means Oregon will receive \$1.03 million for each \$1 million Oregon provides to the trust fund.

The package also includes \$200 million to fix bridges along Interstate 5. Other projects intended to relieve congestion include \$19 million for the Sunrise Corridor in Clackamas County; \$23.5 million to improve the Newberg-Dundee bypass; and \$16.2 million for I-5/Delta Park. Although the majority of the money was aimed at roads and bridges, public transit also drew attention. Gresham will receive \$1.2 million to build a new light-rail station. The Portland Streetcar project, a priority for Congressman Earl Blumenauer, will get \$4 million.

Another winner was Portland State University, which will get \$16 million for its transportation research center to continue studying ways to relieve congestion.

The committee thanked Congressman Blumenauer and presented him with an award in appreciation of his vision, leadership and extraordinary efforts resulting in success for Oregon.

III. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Transportation Planning Rule Status Update

Chair Burkholder provided an update on the Transportation Planning Rule. He noted that the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) has delayed their decision for a few months. He thanked everyone who submitted comments, but noted that face-to-face meetings with individuals on the commission need to take place.

Get Centered! Vancouver

Chair Burkholder reminded the committee of the Get Centered! event in Vancouver, WA on Thursday, September 15th.

Milwaukie Groundbreaking

Councilor Brian Newman invited the committee to attend the Milwaukie North Main Village Groundbreaking at 10am on Monday, August 15th. The site is the old Safeway location in downtown Milwaukie on the corner of Harrison and Main and is the first project funded through Metro's Centers Program.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

Minutes from the July 14th meeting will be presented for approval at the next committee meeting on Thursday, September 15th.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 05-3599, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING AN AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE 2006-2009 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE I-205/AIRPORT WAY INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMTN PROJECT

Mr. Mark Turpel appeared before the committee to report on Resolution No. 05-3599, which would approve a conformity determination for Carbon Monoxide for the Metro region. The conformity determination for Carbon Monoxide must be approved in order to continue to be eligible to receive federal funds for transportation projects. While there are no longer any requirements for ozone air quality conformity determination as the region was recently re-designated as being in attainment with ozone analysis, an ozone analysis was voluntarily done in addition to the required Carbon Monoxide analysis because past ozone levels have been estimated to be close to maximum allowed levels.

Mr. Turpel directed the committee's attention to the draft Carbon Monoxide conformity determination (included as part of this meeting record), noting that most of the changes from the version reviewed by TPAC were editorial or formatting changes. Substantive changes included changing appendix b, to include the comments from the Federal Highway Administration and Metro staff responses and clarifying the Sunrise Corridor Project.

Bill Kennemer inquired when the RTP and Air Quality Conformity would cover the Sunrise. Mr. Andy Cotugno stated that when the DEIS has concluded, JPACT would be presented an RTP amendment for approval.

ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Lynn Peterson moved and Mr. Rob Drake seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 05-3599. The motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-3604, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO INCLUDE THE I-205 NORTHBOUND ONRAMP/AIRPORT WAY INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT

Mr. Turpel appeared before the committee to report on Resolution No. 05-3604, which would amend the RTP to include the I-205/Airport Way interchange improvement project.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Fred Hansen moved and Ms. Susie Lahsene seconded the motion to forward Resolution 05-3604. The motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-3606, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE 2006-09 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA

Mr. Ted Leybold appeared before the committee to report on Resolution 05-3606, which would approve the 2006-09 MTIP, the report that summarizes all programming of federal transportation funding in the Metro region for the federal fiscal years 2006-09.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Bill Kennemer seconded the motion approve Resolution 05-3606. The motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-1086, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE REGIONAL FRAMEWORK PLAN IN ORDER TO BRING IT UP TO DATE AND MAKE IT MORE USABLE BY CITIZENS OF THE REGION

Ms. Sherry Oeser appeared before the committee to report on Ordinance No. 05-1086, which would amend the Regional Framework Plan (RFP) to make it more user-friendly.

She noted that Chapter 2, the chapter dedicated to transportation, presents the overall policy framework for the specific transportation goals, objectives and actions contained in the Regional Transportation Plan and also sets a direction for future transportation planning and decision-making by the Metro Council and the implementing agencies, counties and cities.

The Charter directs Metro to address the following subjects in the Plan:

- Management and amendment of the Urban Growth Boundary
- Protection of lands outside the UGB for natural resource use
- Urban design and settlement patterns
- Housing densities
- Transportation and mass transit systems
- Parks, open spaces and recreational facilities
- Water sources and storage
- Coordination with Clark County, WA
- Planning responsibilities mandated by state law
- Other issues of metropolitan concern

The updated RFP presented brings together the above elements in addition to previous regional policies including the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives, 2040 Growth Concept, Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan and Regional Transportation Plan, to create a coordinated and integrated RFP.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Drake moved and Ms. Peterson seconded the motion to approve Ordinance No. 05-1086. The motion passed.

Sunrise Corridor DEIS

Change to Jay Lyman
[REDACTED] with David Evans & Associates appeared before the committee to present information on the Sunrise Project, I-205 to Rock Creek Junction (included as part of this meeting record). The purpose of the project is to effectively address the existing congestion and safety problems in the Highway 212/224 corridor between its interchange with I-205 and Rock Creek Junction and to serve the growing demand for regional travel access to the state highway system. The presentation addressed the following topics:

- Location of project
- Priority of project
- Safety issues
- History of congestion
- Freight movement
- Future goals
- Project goals
- Process flow chart

VII. OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

JPACT Finance Fall Work Plan

Chair Burkholder distributed a handout outlining the fall work plan for the JPACT Finance Committee that included:

1. PBA Economic Impacts of Transportation Investment Study results
2. Projects of Statewide Significance – Cost vs. Revenue Analysis
3. Response to ODOT Public/Private solicitation for I-205 and Sunrise Corridor
4. Results of ODOT systemwide tolling analysis
5. Consultant RFP for financially constrained RTP

He noted that the next JPACT Finance committee meeting would be on September 22nd.

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Rex Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Martin
Recording Secretary