



METRO

JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
November 10, 2005

Metro Regional Center – Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

AFFILIATION

Rex Burkholder, Chair	Metro Council
Rod Park, Vice Chair	Metro Council
Sam Adams	City of Portland
Brian Newman	Metro Council
Maria Rojo de Steffey	Multnomah County
Bill Kennemer	Clackamas County
Roy Rogers	Washington County
Matthew Garrett	Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT - Region 1)
Rob Drake	City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County
Lynn Peterson	City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas County
Dick Pedersen	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Fred Hansen	TriMet
Paul Thalhoffer	City of Troutdale, representing Cities of Multnomah County
Don Wagner	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)

MEMBERS ABSENT AFFILIATION

Steve Stuart	Clark County
Royce Pollard	City of Vancouver
Bill Wyatt	Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

AFFILIATION

James Bernard	Cities of Clackamas County
Susie Lahsene	Port of Portland
Dean Lookingbill	Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council

GUESTS PRESENT

AFFILIATION

Kenny Asher	City of Milwaukie
Kathy Busse	Washington County
Danielle Cowan	City of Wilsonville
Jef Dalin	City of Cornelius
Bob Duehmig	OHSU
Marianne Fitzgerald	DEQ
Rob Foster	Forest Grove
Steve Iwata	City of Portland
Robert Liberty	Metro Councilor

<u>GUESTS PRESENT(cont.)</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Tom Markgraf	Columbia River Crossing
Jim Mayer	Oregonian
Tom Miller	City of Portland
Sharon Nasset	ETA
Ron Papsdorf	City of Gresham
John Rist	Clackamas County
Derek Robbins	Forest Grove
Phil Selinger	TriMet
Chris Smith	TPAC
John Wiebke	City of Hillsboro

STAFF

Richard Brandman	Andy Cotugno	Tom Kloster	Ted Leybold
Jessica Martin	Robin McArthur	Amelia Porterfield	Kathryn Schutte
Randy Tucker			

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

Chair Rex Burkholder declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

II. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Chris Smith, 2343 NW Pettygrove St, member of TPAC and NW Portland neighborhood representative, appeared before the committee and announced the recent rezoning on Vaughn street.

Ms. Sharon Nasset, 4772 N. Lombard, appeared before the committee and briefly stated the importance of sound transportation infrastructure.

III. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Burkholder announced that the November 17th JPACT Finance committee would be cancelled in lieu of the special JPACT meeting on December 1st.

Chair Burkholder noted that he is looking into the possibility of organizing a JPACT retreat so the committee could finalize appropriations and prepare for the DC trip as well as discuss the design status for the regional transportation plan update.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Burkholder called for approval of the October 13th meeting minutes. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

With regards to the section of the minutes showing the motion made on Resolution 05-3616, Mr. Roy Rogers commented that the minutes show the committee approved replacing the word

"reassessed" with "reevaluated", which was different than his recollection of what happened at the meeting which was changing the word "reassessed" to "evaluated". Considerable discussion ensued regarding the meaning of the words "evaluated" and "reevaluated".

Chair Burkholder stated that the final version of the resolution approved by the Metro Council and previous meeting tape would be reviewed to determine whether an error had been made in the minutes and reported at the next regular JPACT meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Brian Newman moved to unapproved the minutes, seconded by Ms. Lynn Peterson. The motion passed.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

STIP Schedule / ODOT Program Funding Targets

Mr. Matt Garrett appeared before the committee to report on the STIP Schedule / ODOT Program Funding Targets. He directed the committee's attention to a draft 2008-2011 STIP Development Timeline for JPACT and ODOT (included as part of this meeting record) and reviewed several upcoming dates on the timeline including:

- January 2006 – Region 1 will distribute the Candidate Project List and funding allocations to agency stakeholders and the public for comment.
- March 2006 – JPACT will adopt comments on the Candidate Project List and submit to ODOT.
- April 2006 – April 14th deadline for comments on the Candidate Project List.

Mr. Ted Leybold noted that at their October 19th meeting, the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) received the ODOT staff recommendation on funding levels for each program area to be the basis for development of the 2008-2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP will reflect the increased funding levels provided by the SAFTEA-LU reauthorization bill, including increased funding from 2005 forward. The OTC is seeking comments and will take action on the funding targets at their meeting in December.

Mr. Leybold directed the committee's attention to a draft comment letter (included as part of this meeting record). The committee briefly discussed each suggested comment. The committee also discussed the additional issues, as listed on page 3 of the document, raised by TPAC.

MOTION: Ms. Susie Lahsene moved to approve the letter. Mr. Roy Rogers seconded the motion.

The committee discussed adding several of the additional issues (listed on page 3 of the document) to the letter.

MOTION TO AMEND MAIN MOTION: Mr. Matt Garrett moved to include issues #2, 3 and 4 in the letter.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND: Chair Burkholder called for a vote to add issue #2 to the letter. With seven members voting in favor and seven members opposing, Chair Burkholder cast the final vote in opposition. The motion failed.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND #2: Chair Burkholder called for a vote to add issue #3 to the letter. With nine members voting in favor, four opposing and one abstaining, the motion passed.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION TO AMEND #3: Chair Burkholder called for a vote to add issue #4 to the letter. With four members voting in favor, nine opposed and one abstaining, the motion failed.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: The vote was 13/1 in favor. The motion passed.

FY 07 Appropriations requests

Mr. Andy Cotugno appeared before the committee to discuss the FY'07 Appropriations requests. Staff is seeking policy guidance from JPACT on what to emphasize in this region's FY '07 Transportation Appropriations requests. He directed the committee's attention to a memo (included as part of this meeting record), which provided the committee with several alternative approaches to develop the region's priority earmark request. The committee briefly reviewed the issues listed. Mr. Brian Newman noted his immediate preference for option #1, but asked how the committee should go about evaluating the options. Mr. Cotugno responded that projects with a direct relationship to permanent jobs should be emphasized.

Mr. Rogers noted that the Washington D.C. trip would be more effective if the committee would go in early February, rather than in early March, bring a smaller delegation and frame their message.

ConnectOregon Letter

Chair Burkholder directed the committee's attention to a draft comment letter to ODOT regarding the propose ConnectOregon program rules. The letter states JPACT support for the program overall, but lists several issues that should be further addressed in either the rules or application information.

New Look / RTP Update

Mr. Tom Kloster appeared before the committee to present information on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update. The Metro Council initiated an update to the RTP that will be closely coordinated with the 2040 New Look and culminate with the new 2035 RTP in December 2007. The update will address regional, state and federal planning requirements and incorporate new policy direction stemming from the 2040 New Look. The update will occur in phases, as dictated by varying state and federal planning requirements. It will also incorporate a new approach to developing the federal financial constrained system using the "budgeting for outcomes" process.

Corridors Letter

Due to time constraints, Chair Burkholder stated that the corridors letter would be discussed at the next regular JPACT meeting on December 15, 2005.

VII. OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

There was none.

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Rex Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Martin
Recording Secretary