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JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2020
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shirley Craddick (Chair)
Craig Dirksen
Bob Stacey
Tim Knapp
Doug Kelsey
Carley Francis
Karylinn Echols
Roy Rogers
Jessica Vega Pederson
Anne McEnerny-Ogle
Denny Doyle
Paul Savas
Nina DeConcini
Curtis Robinhold
Temple Lentz

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

Oregon Department of Transportation

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Mandy Putney
Chris Warner
Ty Stober

AFFILIATION

Oregon Department of Transportation
City of Portland
City of Vancouver

OTHERS PRESENT: Eric Hesse, Chris Fick, Daniel Eisenbeis, Winta Yohannes, Jeff Gudman and Tom Markgraf

STAFF: Margi Bradway, Carrie MacLaren, Marlene Guzman and Nellie Papsdorf

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

JPACT Chair Shirley Craddick called the virtual zoom meeting to order at 8:00 am. She asked members to introduce themselves.

Chair Craddick thanked members for their patience and provided instructions how to properly participate in the virtual meeting. She asked members if they had any updates to share with JPACT members and audience members.

Mr. Doug Kelsey provided an updated from TriMet. He noted that TriMet was running its regular services for all bus lines. He explained that safety was TriMet's biggest priority. Ms. Kelsey described reduced ridership trends in light of COVID-19 and expanded upon TriMet's efforts to review potential service reductions. He noted that TriMet wanted to ensure that operators were staying healthy and reporting to work.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Mayor Denny Doyle and Councilor Bob Stacey seconded to adopt the consent agenda.

ACTION: With all in favor, motion passed.

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Resolution No. 5088, For the Purpose of Amending and Advancing the ODOT Rose Quarter Improvement Project Preliminary Engineering and Right of Way Phases into 2018-21 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MR20-10-MAR2)

Chair Craddick noted that Resolution No. 5088 was moved to an action item because Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) wanted to give JPACT the opportunity to have a robust discussion. She explained that this change allowed the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to discuss the Rose Quarter Improvement Project further. Chair Craddick invited Ms. Margi Bradway, Metro Planning Deputy Director and Ms. Mandy Putney, ODOT Planning and Development Manager.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Ms. Bradway provided clarification on the formal amendment made by ODOT. She noted that the amendment aimed to increase funding to the project delivery phase and allowed right of way activities to begin. Ms. Bradway explained that construction was not being programmed along with the proposed formal amendment. She noted that the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) approved the amendments during their January 2020 meeting. Ms. Bradway mentioned that JPACT members received a memo from ODOT explaining their decision to pursue right of way.

Ms. Putney provided an overview of the project status. She explained that the OTC and ODOT had pursued recommendations from community members to center equity in ODOT's community engagement efforts. She noted that in response to these recommendations ODOT had created an Executive Steering Committee with Vice Chair Alando Simpson as the Chair and Dr. Steven Holtz as the facilitator. Ms. Putney explained that ODOT was also establishing a Community Advisory Committee which plans to meet virtually on March 25th. She noted that ODOT had been working with a third-party firm to evaluate highway cover design options. Ms. Putney shared that ODOT was also considering congestion pricing and tolling on I-5.

Ms. Putney provided additional updates on project funding and programming. She noted that funding the right of way phase allowed ODOT to move forward with construction staging. Ms. Putney explained that funding allowed ODOT to achieve the legislative schedule for project delivery and project completion.

Member discussion included:

- Mayor Tim Knapp thanked Ms. Bradway and Ms. Putney for project updates. He encouraged members to read the report developed by TPAC if they had not already done so. He raised concerns about whether or not ODOT could enact community engagement efforts in accordance with TPAC recommendations. Mayor Knapp also questioned whether the project adhered with the climate change goals adopted by the Regional Transportation Plan. He raised additional concerns about the lack of funding to ensure that freeway caps were built to support buildings.
- Mr. Putney reminded members that the project was included in the Regional Transportation Plan. She noted that the existing amendment was not a question of support for the project but rather a funding question. Ms. Putney

explained that project funding would allow ODOT to answer additional project questions.

- Mayor Knapp asked for clarification on TPAC's decision to move the amendment from the consent agenda to an action item. Ms. Bradway explained that the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) amendment was initially introduced to TPAC as a bundle with a group of consent agenda items. She noted that TPAC voted on pulling the Rose Quarter Improvement Project from the bundle to allow for a separate discussion. Mayor Knapp noted that he wanted to hear additional feedback from JPACT members. He expressed concerns about moving through the routine protocol so quickly that serious questions were not properly being addressed along the way.
- Mr. Chris Warner noted that the City of Portland continued to be a partner on the Rose Quarter Improvement Project. He noted the City of Portland's support for Metro staff's recommendation on the Rose Quarter MTIP amendment. Ms. Warner explained the City of Portland's support for ODOT's efforts to develop an expansive oversight committee and decision-making process. He shared that the City of Portland is hopeful that the OTC would recommend an environmental review and project delivery process that ensured the Rose Quarter Improvement Project and the Albina Community reached a shared vision. Mr. Warner noted that the City of Portland was currently working on a letter with Albina Vision, Multnomah County, Portland Public School and Metro to provide further guidance on the project. He mentioned that with the City of Portland was supportive of the amendment and it urged ODOT to continue to meet restorative justice and climate goals.
- Ms. Putney shared that the new Urban Mobility Office and Project Director for the Rose Quarter Improvement Project was willing to discuss regular updates. She emphasized ODOT's commitment to working with regional partners.
- Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson noted that she appreciated the chance to discuss the Rose Quarter Improvement Project. She expressed her appreciation for ODOT's efforts to create an Executive Steering Committee and an Advisory Committee. Commission Vega Pederson asked if ODOT planned to incorporate congestion pricing. She noted that the cost estimate for the Rose Quarter Improvement Project had increased extensively. Commissioner Vega Pederson proposed congestion pricing as a potential tool to address the

revenue gap and climate issues. She seconded Mr. Warner's comments about ensuring that the project aligns with the Albina Vision.

- Councilor Craig Dirksen noted that he was confident in ODOT's efforts to meet the shared goals highlighted in the Albina Vision. He noted that in order to ensure that the project maintained the appropriate timeline JPACT members needed to move forward with the proposed amendment.


MOTION: Councilor Craig Dirksen and Mr. Doug Kelsey seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5088.

ACTION: With all in favor, motion passed.

6.0 ADJOURN

Chair Craddick adjourned the meeting at 8:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,


Marlene Guzman
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2020

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
3.1	Additional Materials	03/19/2020	ODOT: I-5 Rose Quarter Memo	031920j-01