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JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)

Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2020

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Rian Windsheimer
Karylinn Echols
Curtis Robinhold
Chloe Eudaly

AFFILIATION

Oregon Department of Transportation
City of Gresham, Cities of Multnomah County
City of Portland
City of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Mandy Putney
Emerald Bogue
Bernie Bottomly
Chris Warner
Jamie Kranz

AFFILIATION

Oregon Department of Transportation
Port of Portland
TriMet
City of Portland
City of Troutdale

OTHERS PRESENT: David Unsworth, Leah Robbins, Jean Senechal Biggs and Jeff Owen

STAFF: Andy Shaw, Anne Buzzini, Kate Fagerholm, Anneliese KoehlerLisa Hunrichs, Malu Wilkinson, Ramona Perrault, Tyler Frisbee, 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.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were none

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR AND JPACT MEMBERS

Chair Craddick announced that it was Nellie Papsdorf's last day as the Council Office's Legislative and Engagement Coordinator. She mentioned that Jaye Cromwell would be taking over as Legislative and Engagement Coordinator at the beginning of June.

Chair Craddick thanked members for their patience and provided instructions on how to properly participate in the virtual meeting.

Mr. Chris Warner thanked members for their involvement in the renewable gas tax and announced that Portland's renewed the gas tax.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Bob Stacey and Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle seconded to adopt the consent agenda.

ACTION: With all in favor, motion passed.

5. INFORMATION AND ITEMS

5.1 Regional Transportation Funding Measure Update

Chair Craddick introduced Margi Bradway, Deputy Director of Planning Department and Andy Shaw, Policy Advisor IV.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Mr. Shaw thanked JPACT members who served on the Transportation Task Force. He noted that Metro worked with partners to shape a transformative transportation package. Mr. Shaw noted that Metro's plan was developed with a racial equity lens and aimed to prioritize people's needs and interests. He explained that the region will continue to experience steady growth overtime. Mr. Shaw discussed the challenges associated with the region's population growth, including a shortage of affordable housing, encroachment on natural areas and pressure on the transportation system.

Mr. Shaw noted that in order to address these challenges the region had to come together to support Metro's Affordable Housing Bond, Parks & Nature Bond as well as the Regional Supportive Housing Measure. He noted that Metro was hoping to make similar commitments to the region's transportation system.

Mr. Shaw explained the proposed transportation projects along sixteen corridors. He noted that the projects were estimated to create at least 37, 500 jobs across the region. Mr. Shaw discussed Metro's engagement with the Transportation Task Force and Local Investment Teams. He mentioned the thousands of survey responses Metro received as part of their community engagement. Mr. Shaw emphasized Metro's commitment to bringing jobs into the region while also addressing climate and equity concerns. He reviewed several of the project areas, including building the Southwest Corridor, improving pedestrian safety and increasing bus accessibility through the Youth Pass.

Mr. Shaw reviewed the projects along the sixteen corridors that the Task Force unanimously accepted. He noted that along with selecting projects along these sixteen corridors Metro aimed to deliver regionwide programs. Mr. Shaw emphasized that many of Metro's region-wide programs centered around anti-displacement strategies. He summarized the proposed transportation investments in Washington County, Clackamas County and Multnomah County.

Ms. Bradway discussed Metro's steps towards the Transportation Measure's referral by the Metro Council and the implementation process. She noted that in May Metro discussed the project's priorities with Metro Councilors. Mr. Bradway noted that Metro was refining project definitions and was seeking letter of commitments from participating jurisdictions. She noted that the final referral package was finalized on July 16. Ms. Bradway emphasized the importance of partnership with the proposed Transportation Measure. She explained that Metro is asking partners to submit a

letter of commitment before the measure passes to confirm their commitment to working alongside Metro.

Ms. Bradway explained that Metro created an Expenditure Plan to determine how Metro would distribute revenue throughout the Transportation Measure's implementation process. She explained Metro's commitment to oversight and accountability through their efforts to periodically release progress reports to the public. Ms. Bradway noted that the Transportation Measure's oversight committee was made up of stakeholders with diverse perspectives.

Member discussion included:

- Mr. Doug Kelsey thanked Mr. Shaw and Ms. Bradway for presenting. Mr. Kelsey ask about when Metro would share metrics related to 2040 Growth Concept. Ms. Bradway noted that Metro tracks mode shifts in the region on an annual basis. She explained that mode share shifts were related to climate in terms of reducing use of single occupancy vehicles. Ms. Bradway noted that Metro evaluated how the Transportation Measure would reduce greenhouse gases along the corridors. She noted that most of the corridors had major transit investments. Ms. Bradway agreed to share results from Metro's Greenhouse Gas Analysis to JPACT members. Mr. Kelsey emphasized the commitment Metro made to increasing modal shares throughout the region in the 2040 Growth Plan.
- Councilor Bob Stacey supported Mr. Kelsey's suggestion to measure by modal share. He noted the importance of tracking the utility of the region's investments on transportation to be able to influence resident's travel behavior. Ms. Shaw mentioned the communities' interest in enhancing the regions' transit accessibility.
- Commissioner Paul Savas raised concerns about the economic impacts of COVID and transit coverage in Clackamas County. He noted that the transportation package increased frequency but did not substantially increase transit service in Clackamas County. Commissioner Savas also expressed concerns about how the Transportation Measure was be funded.
- Ms. Chris Warner asked if Metro's Transportation Investments could be matched with a COVID relief stimulus package from the federal government. Ms. Bradway noted that the best opportunity would be to receive additional

Federal Transportation Funding (FTA) for specific projects, including TV Highway, 82nd, Burnside and Powell. Mr. Shaw noted that the likelihood of receiving another federal stimulus package was unlikely at the moment.

- Mayor Tim Knapp noted the extent of regional collaboration that occurred in the Task Force. He expressed his support for the projects that were selected through the Task Force process. He discussed the importance of messaging in order to achieve public support for long range transportation investments. Mayor Knapp emphasized that people were more likely to vote for measures that would directly impact them in the short term.

5.2 Update on Southwest Corridor

Chair Craddick introduced Leah Robbins, TriMet's Southwest Corridor Project Director, David Unsworth, TriMet's Director of Capital Projects and Bernie Bottomly TriMet's Executive Director of Public Affairs to provide an update on the Southwest Corridor.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Mr. David Unsworth discussed the region's transportation challenges, such as congestion, housing affordability, climate and environmental concerns. He noted that TriMet built 60 miles of light rail, including expansions made to the green line. Mr. Unsworth provided a summary of TriMet's project schedule for the Southwest Corridor. He noted that TriMet was almost complete with the design stage and their environmental review was released in October. Ms. Unsworth explained the Transportation Measure would allow TriMet to move into the engineering stage and construction stage. He explained that the Southwest corridor had thirteen stations and was projected to have 37,500 riders on an average week day by 2035. Mr. Unsworth explained that the Southwest corridor project also invested in 10 miles of new sidewalks, 6 miles of improved bike facilities and 1.6 miles of transit only lanes.

Mr. Unsworth recognized the regional housing crisis and TriMet's commitment to working with partners to develop affordable housing on TriMet land. He mentioned that TriMet also implemented the low-income housing fare to increase transit accessibility. Mr. Unsworth noted that TriMet made a pledge with Washington County, the City of Portland, Metro and the City of Tigard to support the construction on 950 units by supplying TriMet property. He explained TriMet's efforts to center

equity through the Southwest Equitable Development Strategy (SWEDS) process. Mr. Unsworth explained TriMet's partnership with Metro to create affordable housing units near transit stations. TriMet discussed their efforts to engage communities of color during the community engagement and project development phases.

Mr. Unsworth explained TriMet's work with the City of Portland on the Barbur Transit center to create a town center with access to buses and multi-use land. He noted TriMet's commitment to not just improving connections to transit but also getting people outside of their cars. Mr. Unsworth noted that TriMet would be working with clean water services to ensure appropriate mitigation on environmental impacts. He explained that the Southwest Corridor project leveraged 1.8 billion dollars and 28,000 jobs.

Ms. Leah Robbins explained the conceptual design report. She explained her role in guiding the project from the construction phase into the implementation phase. Ms. Robbins noted that the Southwest Corridor aimed to connect people, create equitable community as well as preserve and restore the natural environment. She noted that the conceptual design report shares key components of the project to the public. Ms. Robbins discussed TriMet's efforts to engage community members and noted the projects wide support by community members.

Ms. Robbins shared the future vision for streetscape improvements such as improving sidewalks, bike lanes and storm water infrastructure. She specifically mentioned improvements to pedestrian and bike facilities on Barbur. Ms. Robbins shared conceptual designs and a project timeline.

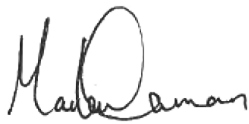
Member discussion included:

- Commissioner Roy Rogers asked about opportunities to request more federal funding. Mr. Kelsey discussed TriMet efforts to explore strategies to increase the projects federal funding from a potential stimulus package.
- Mr. Warner noted that the City of Portland appreciates TriMet's partnership.
- Councilor Dirksen noted that Transportation for America were major proponents for a federal stimulus package. He noted that as a member of the national advisory committee he signed a letter to congress emphasizing the necessity of increasing funding for transit.

- Councilor Stacey thanked TriMet for their presentation on the Southwest corridor.
- Commissioner Savas raised concerns about the projects impacts to affordable housing. Chair Craddick emphasized Metro commitment to preventing displacement in areas along the Southwest corridor. Mr. Kelsey noted TriMet's efforts to develop regional Transit Oriented Development policies.

Chair Craddick adjourned the meeting at 9:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marlene Guzman
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF May 21, 2020

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
5.1	Presentation	5/21/20	Regional Transportation Funding Measure Update	052120j-01
5.2	Presentation	5/21/20	Update on the Southwest Corridor	052120j-02