



Meeting minutes

Meeting: **Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) meeting**

Date/time: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 | 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Place: Virtual video conference call meeting via Zoom

Members Attending

Tom Kloster, Chair
Tom Armstrong
Anna Slatinsky
Jamie Stasny
Adam Barber
Chris Deffebach
Jennifer Donnelly
Ramsay Weit
Scot Siegel
Colin Cooper
Darci Rudzinski
Mary Kyle McCurdy
Glen Bolen
Tom Bouillion
Jeff Owen
Brittany Bagent
Bob Sallinger
Ezra Hammer
Andrea Hamberg

Affiliate

Metro
Largest City in the Region: Portland
Second Largest City in Washington County: Beaverton
Clackamas County
Multnomah County
Washington County
Dept. of Land Conservation and Development
Housing Affordability Organization
Largest City in Clackamas County: Lake Oswego
Largest City in Washington County: Hillsboro
Private Economic Development Organizations
Land Use Advocacy Organization, 1000 Friends of OR
Oregon Department of Transportation
Port of Portland
TriMet
Greater Portland, Inc.
Audubon Society
Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland
Multnomah County Public Health

Alternate Members Attending

Carol Chesarek
Katherine Kelly
Kevin Cook
Anne Debbaut
Peter Walter
Joseph Briglio
Chris Damgen
Erin Wardell
Cindy Detchon
Nicole Johnson
Brendon Haggerty

Affiliate

Multnomah County Community Representative
Largest City in Multnomah County: Gresham
Multnomah County
Dept. of Land Conservation and Development
Second Largest City in Clackamas County: Oregon City
Clackamas County: Other Cities, City of Happy Valley
Multnomah County: Other Cities, City of Troutdale
Washington County
North Clackamas School District
1000 Friends of Oregon
Multnomah County Public Health

Guests Attending

Terra Wilcox

Affiliate

Chris Johnson, Research Manager
Matthew Hampton, Transportation Planner

Metro Staff Attending

Lake McTighe, Transportation Planner
Ted Reid, Principal Regional Planner

Dennis Yee, Economist Research Center
Cindy Pederson, Research Center Manager
Summer Blackhorse, Program Assistant

Lisa Miles, Principal Regional Planner
Kim Ellis, Principal Transportation Planner
Marie Miller, TPAC & MTAC Recorder

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Tom Kloster called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Introductions were made. Zoom logistics and meeting features were reviewed for online raised hands, finding attendees and participants, and chat area for messaging and sharing links.

2. Comments from the Chair

- **COVID-19, racial equity and committee updates from Metro and Region**
 - Chairman Kloster noted Metro is still working through furlough reduced work hour schedules through December. Staff may be delayed in returning messages and patience is appreciated. The Oregon Zoo Lights is being planned for COVID-19 compliant with drive-thru arrangements. Details on how to register is on the website.
 - Pete Walter announced Oregon City is hosting an open house on December 3 for severely rent-burdened households as part of a citywide survey with the comprehensive planning update.
 - Brittany Bagent announced that GPI with Metro partnership just adopted their economic recovery plan, a short-term regional plan for businesses and families with children affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The public release of this plan is in December. This 2-year implementation plan will feed into the 5-year economic development strategy.
 - Glen Bolen announced an online open house regarding the Rose Quarter project. The link for this: <https://odotopenhouse.org/i5-rose-quarter-improvement>
- **Fatal crashes update** (Lake McTighe) Ms. McTighe provided an update on the number of people killed in traffic crashes in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties over the previous month and the total for the year. In addition to the memo in the packet, 2 traffic fatalities have be added to October listings, and 5 so far in November. The data shows higher rates of fatal crashes with some preliminary causal trends; faster speeds and more aggressive behavior on roads, more people walking and possible higher rates of crashes involving alcohol and/or drug influence.
- **2040 Planning and Development Grants Program updates** (Lisa Miles) Ms. Miles provided an overview of the recent 2040 Planning and Development Grants awarded. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic more money than was typical was awarded, \$2.7 million this year. Grant recipients and projects were listed in the packet.

Ms. Miles noted that Comprehensive Planning grants are no longer a part of the regular grant cycle, but will be awarded as part of future urban growth management decision-making processes. Construction Excise Tax funds will be allocated each year to ensure that a pool of funds is available for future urban area planning grants.

In July this year, in response to the pandemic and to assist people of color, Metro Council approved an additional \$1.5 million grants for economic development and community stabilization projects. The next round of grants is expected in August/Sept. 2021 with the normal \$2 million total funding available across three grant categories: Community

Engagement (\$250,000), Equitable Development (\$1.25 million) and Concept Planning (up to \$500,000).

Comments from the committee:

- Jeff Owen appreciated the information in the packet. If more details on the grant descriptions were requested, where could this information be found? Ms. Miles noted questions on the grants could be sent to her directly.

3. Committee and Public Communications on Agenda Items - none

4. Minutes Review from MTAC September 16, 2020 meeting. No additions or corrections to the minutes.
Minutes Review from MTAC/TPAC October 21, 2020 workshop. No additions or corrections to the minutes.

5. Distribution Forecast (Chris Johnson, Dennis Yee and Ted Reid) Mr. Reid began the presentation with an overview of how the forecasts are coordinated with the regions' counties and cities. The forecasts are used for comprehensive plan updates with housing needs analysis, economic opportunities analysis and transportation system plan updates. The forecast cycle was shown, beginning with the Urban Growth Report, then tailored to the Urban Growth Management Decision, to distributed forecasts at Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ) levels, to research and model improvements.

Mr. Johnson noted the jurisdiction TAZ review this year was for total jobs and households, with 2020 a base year forecast, 2030 mid-forecast year, and 2045 & 2050 two end-year forecasts. The forecast supply assumptions include vacant land capacity, redevelopment/infill capacity, Clark County and rural capacity, and 2018 Urban Growth Management and prospective capacity imputed from urban reserves. A geographic map of TAZ level household forecast change, and comparisons between forecast years with population, employment and households was shown. The next steps in the process was provided with legislative approval by Metro Council and submittal of works/process to DLCD/LCDC for acknowledgement, and next regional forecast in 2023.

Comments from the committee:

- Glen Bolen noted that both Metro and ODOT are working on congestion pricing and tolling studies. The agencies use different tolling mechanisms. How does this affect the travel model? Mr. Johnson noted the transportation inputs in the model to forecast accessibility with travel time, which feed back into future land use forecasts. These forecasts measure values of time which will be included in the next RTP.
- Joseph Briglio asked how resiliency might be built into these forecasts, such as COVID, natural disasters, etc. Mr. Johnson noted that reviews during timeframes with the forecasts are built from not exact information, but past economic and seismic events have returned forecast projections to growth. The ability for the model allows to give low, medium and high scenarios for both land use and transportation forecasts on a fairly complete plan.
- Bob Sallinger asked how changes on vacant industrial lands may be factored in (examples given were vacant terminal land conversions, the removal of west Hayden Island from the City's inventory, profound changes with perspectives on the Portland Harbor, and public opposition to tank farms with earthquake zones). Mr. Johnson noted buildable and vacant land is factored

in with forecasting, partly using assumptions, latest data, and local opportunity economic planning. Mr. Reid added plans adopted from zoning and the review process addressed these issues as well. Tom Armstrong added the TAZ review process addressed these issues, as example with Hayden Island with forecast jobs not allocated there as part of the review process. Regarding the question on the Portland Harbor with non-industrial activity, Mr. Armstrong noted decisions have not been made on this land yet.

- Cindy Detchon noted that each school district projects enrollment, and asked if forecast resources and data were able to be better coordinated for more accuracy. Mr. Yee noted Metro didn't work with individual school districts on the forecasts, but used significant coordination with Portland State University (PSU) Population Research Center's data. Metro and DRC information data helps with modeling processes and verifying inputs, but noted differences with assumptions because of timing and changes in forecast movements such as births, death and economic migrations. Ms. Detchon noted her school district hired a private consultant recommended by PSU when their office was downsized, and suggested Metro cast a wider net for data on population indicators, forecasts and trends in the future.
- Erin Wardell complimented the coordination that Metro does with County and City jurisdictions on the process. Regarding ODOT's tolling study using MetroScope, how sensitive to travel time input is this tool useful? Mr. Johnson noted acknowledged the tool is sensitive to capacity, with more testing phases now underway for toll rates data and forecasting that help us move forward with improved forecasting. Ms. Wardell agreed that local expertise on market trends need to be involved with future forecasts that go beyond what MetroScope can provide.
- Tom Armstrong asked when the TAZ files might be available for review. And what was meant by Metro Council reviewing the process early next year? Mr. Reid noted Metro Council presentation was not scheduled yet but expected early in 2021. Access to the data is somewhat available before final adoption. Mr. Lee added the employment data is confidential with permission from the State needed before sharing TAZ information. However, this data has been provided to County leads and those interested in seeing the data should reach out to them.
- Glen Bolen mentioned growth in the Damascus area shown on the map. How has this been factored into land forecasts? Mr. Lee noted the western section of land was annexed by Happy Valley, with tentative growth assumptions being outlined for anticipated incremental annexations of urban density development. The eastern portion remains rural density land until further plans are proposed.

6. Future topics for discussion/presentations at MTAC (all) Chairman Kloster asked the committee on ideas for topics and presentations they would like to have/see at MTAC in 2021.

Comments from the committee:

- Ezra Hammer asked to see more on HB 2003 and regional housing analysis. It was asked to see how Metro planned to implement this into future forecasting.
- Ramsey Weit asked for a coordinated panel from the City of Portland, TriMet and Metro and others to address SW Corridor transportation, funding issues and gentrification issues moving forward on the project with future plans.

- Erin Wardell asked if a status report could be provided on the Household Survey and Replica data. It was noted that Metro's Replica Pilot was being terminated. To combine these two a presentation on travel survey updates and Replica update from Eliot Rose could be provided.
- Colin Cooper noted the alignment between MTAC and MPAC with coordination of issues moved between the committees. MPAC serves as the advisory to Council on land use policies, with MTAC providing technical recommendations and information on these issues. Chairman Kloster noted the relationship with bylaws and changes over time on issues relevant to the committees. Mr. Reid added the pandemic produced a pause with discussions on the 2040 Growth Concept Refresh but MPAC planning agendas for 2021 and desire for input from MTAC with coordination between the two committees.
- Andrea Hamberg asked for a report on how we are meeting our equity goals on land use and transportation planning. Chairman Kloster noted the equity strategy and training TPAC has done which can be included for MTAC when resources allow.
- Pete Walter asked if any jurisdictions were doing concept planning under Title XI or in 2021. Mr. Reid noted the project in Tigard with urban reserve land. Other projects could be reported on further. Colin Cooper noted a Metro grant for comprehensive planning for Witch Hazel South in Hillsboro produced 10 RFP submissions and are now in review. Another grant for community engagement is also producing several submissions. More on the community engagement work like this from Hillsboro was suggested by Ms. Debbaut. Mr. Reid added that areas brought into Title XI for Urban Growth Boundary consideration involved Wilsonville, Beaverton, King City and the mentioned Tigard and Hillsboro. A full discussion of these could be presented.
- Chris Deffebach noted the changing growth patterns from businesses and reporting on sharing development changes, including employment/economic and housing as it all relates to growth management topics. It was suggested to schedule a report on changes and emerging development trends with possibly Jeff Raker, Metro and Brittany Bagent, Greater Portland, Inc.
- Glen Bolen suggested an update report on the Travel Behavior Survey.
- Carol Chesarek asked for an update on the final HB 2001 rules, when available.
- Glen Bolen suggested occasional presentations from grant funded projects such as Metro's 2040 grants and DLCD/ODOT's TGM grants. Chairman Kloster noted listing Lisa Miles providing the 2040 grants update presentation.

Chairman Kloster thanked the committee for the ideas which will be scheduled on the work program and listed in future discussions where relevant. More ideas are welcome and can be sent to Marie Miller.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned by Chair Kloster at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Miller, MTAC Recorder

Attachments to the Public Record, MTAC meeting, November 18, 2020

Item	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1	Agenda	11/18/2020	11/18/2020 MTAC Meeting Agenda	111820M-01
2	MTAC Work Program	11/10/2020	MTAC Work Program, as of 11/10/2020	111820M-02
3	MTAC/TPAC Workshop Work Program	10/28/2020	MTAC/TPAC workshop Work Program, as of 10/28/2020	111820M-03
4	Memo	10/29/2020	TO: MTAC members and interested parties From: Lake McTighe, Regional Planner RE: Monthly Fatal crash update	111820M-04
5	Handout	Nov. 2020	2040 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM Update to MTAC	111820M-05
6	Meeting minutes	09/16/2020	Draft minutes from MTAC September 16, 2020	111820M-06
7	Meeting minutes	10/21/2020	Draft minutes from MTAC/TPAC workshop meeting October 21, 2020	111820M-07
8	Presentation	11/18/2020	2019 Distributed Forecast: Forecast Update	111820M-08