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JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)

Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2021

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shirley Craddick (Chair)
Juan Carlos González
Christine Lewis
Jessica Vega Pederson
Nafisa Fai
Paul Savas
Jo Ann Hardesty
Travis Stovall
Steve Callaway
Kathy Hyzy
Rian Windsheimer
Sam Desue
Carley Francis
Anne McEnerney-Ogle

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
Metro Council
Metro Council
Multnomah County
Washington County
Clackamas County
City of Portland
Cities of Multnomah County
Cities of Washington County
Cities of Clackamas County
Oregon Department of Transportation
TriMet
Washington State Department of Transportation
City of Vancouver

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Curtis Robinhold
Nina DeConcini
Temple Lentz

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Clark County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Chris Ford
Jamie Kranz
JC Vannatta
Jef Dalin
Ty Stober

AFFILIATION

Oregon Department of Transportation
Cities of Multnomah County
TriMet
Cities of Washinton County
City of Vancouver

OTHERS PRESENT: Allison Boyd, Brian Monberg, Don Odermott, Eric Hesse, Erin Doyle, Glen Bolen, Grace Cho, Jean Biggs, Jeff Owen, Jennifer John, Julia Hajduk, Katherine Kelly, Kelsey Lewis, Jules Walters, Mike Bezner, Monica Tellez-Fowler, Sarah Iannarone, Shoshana Cohen, Will Farley

STAFF: Margi Bradway, Carrie MacLaren, Connor Ayers, Jaye Cromwell, Dan Kaempff, Kim Ellis, Kate Fagerholm, Ken Lobeck, Ramona Perrault, Ted Leybold, Tom Kloster, Caleb Winter, Matt Bihn, Tom Markgraf, Victor Sin.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

JPACT Chair Shirley Craddick called the virtual zoom meeting to order at 7:30 am.

Chair Craddick provided instructions on how to properly participate in the virtual meeting and called the role.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Sorin Garber testified about the Sustainable Freight Strategy Initiative. He informed members of the history of the Strategy and how the intention is to make freight delivery more efficient. The Strategy promotes the use of non-petroleum-based vehicles and use of non-motorized vehicles to deliver goods. It also supports other strategies to reduce truck vehicle miles traveled.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Craddick thanked members for completing the JPACT logistics survey and asked Metro Staff Jaye Cromwell to report on the results of the survey.

Ms. Cromwell reviewed the results of the survey which asked if JPACT members would be able to start the meeting earlier or later so that meetings would have more time.

Chair Craddick thanked Ms. Cromwell and informed members that JPACT would be meeting in August. She also informed members that as a part of Metro's responsibility to create the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan, Metro Staff had developed a forecast of the amount of state and federal transportation revenue expected to come to the region over the next four years. She announced that JPACT Member Sam Desue had been selected as TriMet's new General Manager and congratulated him. JPACT members congratulated Mr. Desue in the chat.

Chair Craddick introduced Margi Bradway to read the names of those who died in traffic accidents within Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington County.

Ms. Bradway shared the names and ages of victims during the month of May: Sergio Hunt, 17, Carl Vernon Holmes, 84, Jose Luis Mendez, 51, Janell Rene Butler, Martin

Ixquiactap-Tampriz, 41, Megan McComb, 32, David Dentler, 25, and four unknown persons.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION: Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty seconded the motion.

ACTION: With all in favor, motion passed.

5. **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5.1 Regional Mobility Policy Update – Continue discussion of draft mobility policy elements and potential measures to test

Chair Craddick introduced Metro Staff Kim Ellis and ODOT Staff Glen Bolen to report on what they have heard through outreach on the update. They would also be seeking feedback from JPACT members.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Ms. Ellis reviewed the project purpose of updating the policy on how mobility is defined and measured in the region. She noted that mobility is currently defined through the volume to capacity ratio. At the end of the process the team will recommend amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan and the Oregon Highway Plan. She discussed the project timeline and where the team currently is in the project. She shared the priorities of both the 2018 RTP priorities and Oregon Transportation Commission Strategic Action Plan priorities. She reported the results from engagement done in the spring of 2021. Feedback included having equity and climate explicitly be a part of the updated mobility policy, ensuring different types of access, efficiency, and quality connections between travel options. She highlighted the proposed revised mobility elements and measures. She identified the areas where case studies have been proposed and concluded by giving an overview of what the next six months would look like during testing.

Member discussion included:

Chair Craddick noted that questions from Ms. Ellis were included in the materials sent to members and opened the discussion.

Commissioner Hardesty thanked Ms. Ellis and noted that the current policy focuses on moving vehicles rather than people and goods. She expressed a wish to see the work focused across multiple modes of transportation and recommended removing the auto focused measures and replacing them with measures more aligned with the region's goals.

Commissioner Paul Savas expressed appreciation for the changes that have already been made and asked how the transportation system meshes with economic aspects like jobs and economic development.

Ms. Ellis answered that the RTP update combines economic considerations along with many other regional priorities. This project is very focused on mobility while the RTP is much more comprehensive.

Commissioner Savas asked why both multi-modal level of service and volume to capacity measures were both included.

Ms. Ellis explained that they are trying to move away from looking exclusively at vehicles in transportation and focus more on other modes like walking and biking.

Councilor Hyzy noted that many downtowns are between major corridors, leading her to think about how to apply measures at transition points.

Mayor Steve Callaway noted that the region has disproportionately more congestion than others and expressed some concern about moving too far away from focusing on vehicles. He noted that congestion can lead to emissions that are bad for the environment and people living nearby. He expressed concern about legal challenges that could come with moving away from volume to capacity ratio.

Ms. Ellis clarified that they are trying to bring more modes of transportation into the picture along with vehicles.

ODOT Staff Lidwien Rahman added that legal standing is something that the team is aware of and considering.

Commissioner Hardesty agreed with Mayor Callaway and emphasized that they should be trying to give people more transportation options in non-traditional ways.

Commissioner Nafisa Fai asked for more detail about the community engagement and asked if it was possible to do more engagement around ordinary people using the

transportation system. She encouraged reaching out to communities that are not often engaged with.

Ms. Ellis suggested that the project team come up with some ideas for how to address engagement and bring it back to the group. She noted that early elements are based on previous projects like the RTP.

5.2 Regional Congestion Pricing Study Discussion

Chair Craddick introduced Metro Staff Alex Oreschak to present on the final results of the Regional Congestion Pricing Study.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Mr. Oreschak began by reviewing the questions that he would like to receive feedback on from JPACT members. He explained the goal of the study, which is to provide a foundational understanding of congestion pricing for policy makers. He gave an overview of the steps that have been taken so far. He shared the key takeaways from the Expert Review Panel. Mr. Oreschak reminded members of the key findings of the study before going over updates to those findings. He presented draft versions of recommended considerations and noted that they will be changed as comments are collected. Considerations are broken into ones for policy makers and ones for future owners/operators. He went through a list of these recommendations, which were included in the materials packet. He shared some comments that already been received on the recommended considerations. He concluded by sharing the next steps that will be taken and presenting questions that he would like feedback on from JPACT members.

Member discussion included:

In the chat Mr. Windsheimer expressed support for additional community outreach.

In the chat Mayor Callaway emphasized that one size does not fit all and recommended enough flexibility to ensure that jurisdictions with local control have options.

Commissioner Savas expressed concern for including aspects like parking and vehicle miles traveled under the umbrella of congestion pricing.

Ms. Bradway noted that the study was intended to be academic in nature as a way to compare different tools.

Commissioner Hardesty expressed concern that there is not enough communication between jurisdictions working on congestion pricing programs. She also emphasized

that she believes tolling and congestion pricing to be different. She recommended that JPACT have more conversations about congestion and moving people throughout the region.

Councilor Hyzy reiterated the need for more equity analysis. She recommended making sure that low-income households are included in the equity analysis. She asked for more understanding around revenue produced by each option while balancing a system that works. She also asked for more detail around diversion.

Councilor Lewis agreed with Councilor Lewis about diversion and noted that she would like to continue to see parking studied along with other tools.

Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez emphasized the need to understand where revenues go and the need to focus on low-income communities that have been marginalized.

Mayor Callaway agreed with Councilor Gonzalez about the need to focus on and take care of low-income community members.

In the chat Mr. Windsheimer asked for a continued dialogue between ODOT and Metro staff to address ODOT concerns. He agreed with Commissioner Hardesty about ensuring that different jurisdictions are well coordinated.

Commissioner Hardesty suggested including exemptions for low-income users in the chat.

5.3 TSMO Strategy – Vision and Goals

Chair Craddick introduced Metro Staff Caleb Winter and Fehr & Peers Staff Kara Hall to present on the Transportation System Management and Operation Strategy.

Mr. Winter thanked Chair Craddick and began by introducing the questions they would like feedback on from JPACT members. He explained that the purpose of TSMO is to make the most of what the region has in order to make transportation more efficient. He shared how the program was using an equity focus with the TSMO Equity Tree.

Ms. Hall reviewed the TSMO vision statement for members. She gave an overview of the six goals to align strategy and actions. The goals were keep everyone free from harm, collaborate and partner regionally, ensure reliable travel choices, eliminate disparities, prepare for change, and connect travel choices. She opened the discussion up to questions.

Member discussion included:

Mr. Desue expressed appreciation for TSMO.

In the chat Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson expressed appreciation for the presentations given on congestion pricing and agreed that coordination would be needed between jurisdictions throughout the region. She also expressed support for addressing economic and equity impacts related to congestion pricing and investments in transit to provide more options to people travelling.

Mr. Winter added that there will be workshops over the summer to work on potential actions that would be presented back to JPACT in the fall.

Councilor Hyzy added to the chat she appreciates the opportunity to address equity and safety with TSMO.

6. UPDATES FROM JPACT MEMBERS

There was none.

7. AJOURN

Chair Craddick adjourned the meeting at 9:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Connor Ayers
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2021

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
3.0	Press Release	06/17/21	TriMet General Manager Sam Desue press release	061721j-01
3.0	Presentation	06/17/21	May Traffic Fatalities	061721j-02
5.1	Presentation	06/17/21	Regional Mobility Policy Update Presentation	061721j-03
5.2	Presentation	06/17/21	Regional Congestion Pricing Study Presentation	061721j-04
5.3	Presentation	06/17/21	TSMO Strategy Presentation	061721j-05

