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METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Susheela Jayapal
Gerritt Rosenthal
Christine Lewis
Gordon Hovies

Linda Glover
Kathy Hyzy
Peter Truax
Steve Callaway
Vince Jones-Dixon
Ed Gronke
Luis Nava
Terri Preeg Riggsby

Pam Treece
Martha Schrader
Lacey Beaty
Mark Watson

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County
Metro Council
Metro Council
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Special Districts in Washington County
City of Vancouver
City of Milwaukie, Cities of Clackamas County
City of Forest Grove, Other Cities in Washington County
City of Hillsboro, Largest City in Washington County
City of Gresham, Second Largest City in Multnomah County
Citizen of Clackamas County
Citizen of Washington County
West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Special Districts in Multnomah County
Washington County
Clackamas County
City of Beaverton, Second Largest City in Washington County
Hillsboro School District Board of Directors, Governing Body of a School District

<u>MEMBERS EXCUSED</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Ted Wheeler	City of Portland
Brian Hodson	City of Canby, City in Clackamas County outside UGB
James Fage	City of North Plains, City in Washington County outside UGB
Rachel Lyles Smith	City of Oregon City, Second Largest City in Clackamas County
Carmen Rubio	City of Portland
Joe Buck	City of Lake Oswego, Largest City in Clackamas County
Thomas Kim	TriMet
Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong	Port of Portland
Kirstin Greene	Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
Brian Cooper	City of Fairview, Other Cities in Multnomah County
Temple Lentz	Clark County

<u>ALTERNATES PRESENT</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Brett Sherman	City of Happy Valley, Other Cities in Clackamas County

OTHERS PRESENT: Anne Debbaut, Adam Barber, Alison Wicks, Anthony Martin, Bill Holmstrom, Colin Cooper, Brian Martin, Lisa Batey, Erica Fuller, Erin Doyle, Evan Manvel, Gordan Howard, Jules Walters, Mona Schwartz, Ruth Osuna, Schuyler Warren, Tom Armstrong, Tom Markgraf, Sean Edging, Janine Gates, Tom Armstrong, Matt Crall,

STAFF: Roger Alfred, Jaye Cromwell, Patricia Rojas, Emily Lieb, Anne Buzzini, Ramona Perrault, Carrie Maclaren, Megan Gibb, Nick Christensen, Ted Reid, Valeria McWilliams, Clint Chiavarini

1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, CHAIR COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Steve Callaway (he/him) called the virtual meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

He noted that Ricardo Lujan Valerio (he/him) is attending on behalf of Commissioner Carmen Rubio (she/her).

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

3. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal (he/him) gave the Council Update. He shared that ODOT is holding a forum on congestion pricing and later there would be a public hearing on Metro redistricting scenarios. He gave an update on the 2019 parks bond and the local share program. He gave a brief update on Metro's redistricting process. He noted that the zoo has a new polar bear.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Callaway asked that members let Metro Staff know now if they will not be on MPAC next year. MPAC will also be recruiting new 1st and 2nd Vice Chairs.

Councilor Vince Jones-Dixon (he/him) asked for more information about Metro's Supportive Housing work, and if Metro Staff would present on it to MPAC soon.

Mayor Callaway suggested putting it on the work program for early next year.

Vice President Gordon Hovies (he/him) informed members that Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue had successfully passed a bond measure.

Mayor Peter Truax (he/him) thanked fire and rescue departments across the region for attending the service of Rick Ilg.

In honor of Veteran's Day Chair Callaway thanked MPAC members who have served in the armed forces.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 2020 Census Data Presentation and Redistricting

Chair Callaway introduced Metro Staff Anne Buzzini (she/her) and Clint Chiavarini (he/him).

Key elements of the presentation included:

Anne shared that the Metro Council had set forth criteria for the new districts in October and that Metro had received feedback from the public on those criteria. Most specific feedback advocated for keeping 82nd avenue in one district, reuniting the City of Aloha, and keeping Cedar Mill, Cedar Hill, Bethany, and Rock Creek in one district.

Clint reviewed the five proposed scenarios and the reasoning behind each one's borders. He shared the criteria that had shaped the districts, which included consideration for cities with fewer than 20,000 residents, school districts, transit corridors, federally recognized transit districts, regional and town centers and investment areas, and neighborhoods.

Anne asked if there were any scenarios preferred by MPAC members or considerations they may have missed.

Member discussion included:

Commissioner Susheela Jayapal (she/her) asked for more information about community engagement. She noted that map B2 uses NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd as a dividing line, which would split a significant community of interest.

Anne discussed how Metro Staff had reached out to community based organizations and the public hearings happening on November 9 and 10.

Director Terri Preeg Riggsby (she/her) expressed support for scenario B2 because district 6 lines up better with special districts and projects happening in the area.

Councilor Brett Sherman (he/him) discussed the differences between the east and west sides of the City of Happy Valley. He noted that using 122nd Avenue as a border would split the downtown in half. He expressed support for scenarios A1 or C because they better align with how the city will develop.

Clint asked if there was a dividing line that makes sense.

Councilor Sherman pointed to 152nd as a reasonable place to put a district border.

Mayor Lacey Beaty (she/her) expressed support for scenario A1 because it would divide the City of Beaverton among fewer districts.

Mayor Truax asked if there has been dialogue between Metro and the counties and the state as they also go through redistricting to ensure that local cities do not get divided between too many representatives.

Clint commented that he and Anne had attending meetings with Multnomah County elections staff, which also included staff from Clackamas and Washington Counties. Metro Staff has tried to make sure that city boundaries are maintained as much as possible, but haven't looked as much at congressional or county districts.

Commissioner Pam Treece (she/her) agreed with Mayor Beaty's comments, and noted that Beaverton already has two county commissioners.

Councilor Rosenthal commented that the City of Tualatin had also expressed concern that the city might be split between multiple districts.

Chair Callaway noted that growth will likely continue in the same areas that we have already seen, and suggested keeping that in mind as Metro draws districts that will be in place until 2030. He asked if there is data on what the income level is like between districts.

Clint answered that they could get that data, though it is from a survey that does not have the same level of detail as the census.

In the chat Director Riggsby asked why Councilor Sherman preferred scenario A1 over B2. He responded that the two sides of Happy Valley have very different needs and having them each have distinct representation is helpful.

In the chat Ricardo asked what the timeframe is for providing public comment and if a report on public comments would be available.

Anne answered that public comment is open until November 14 and a summary of public comments and engagement would be available for the November 30 Metro Council meeting.

6.2 2023 Regional Transportation Plan – Kickoff Scoping Phase

Chair Callaway explained that Metro is seeking feedback from MPAC members as they begin to update the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and introduced Metro Staff Kim Ellis (she/her).

Key points of the presentation included:

Kim gave a background on the RTP and the questions that Metro Staff would like feedback on. The plan will be updated to go out to 2045. She explained the importance of

the RTP in building regional projects and gave an outline of the regional decision-making process. She shared a map showing the Metropolitan Planning Area and noted that Metro coordinates with Clark County and the Southwest Regional Transportation Council as they develop their own RTP. She highlighted that the region continues to grow and become more diverse. She explained that the RTP is an outcome based plan and reviewed the four priority policy outcomes of equity, climate, safety, and congestion. She reviewed the project priorities from the 2018 RTP. She went through each step of the proposed process for the 2023 RTP update. She explained that the engagement approach will work with partners and lead with racial equity. She concluded by sharing next steps for shaping the work plan and engagement strategy in conjunction with the Metro Council.

Member Discussion Included:

Councilor Kathy Hyzy (she/her) noted that Clackamas County does have a robust a system of Community Based Organizations and encouraged Metro Staff to speak with city managers and elected officials to better understand underserved communities. She advocated for an ambitious an innovative RTP that addresses climate. She suggested prioritizing travel options other than single occupancy vehicles. She acknowledged that current funding mechanisms prioritize single occupancy vehicles.

Ricardo discussed the climate issues facing the region and the need to lower emissions. He also highlighted the need to improve safety.

Mayor Beaty agreed with Councilor Hyzy's comments around climate and the need to be ambitious with the huge amount of investment in infrastructure right now. She commented that it would be good for Kim to come to a Beaverton council meeting to hear about their transportation needs.

Chair Callaway asked Director Mark Watson (he/him) if there are major school issues related to transportation planning.

Director Watson noted that the Hillsboro school district has different transportation needs than other districts in the region. He also informed members that Vice Chair Erica Fuller (she/her) from Centennial School district would soon be a new MPAC member.

Ed Gronke (he/him) commented that the major issues for his part of Clackamas County are tolling and congestion pricing. He noted that community planning organizations near him had not heard about plans for tolling and they have major concerns about it.

Kim noted that at the next MPAC meeting, ODOT would present on the tolling projects and their proposed amendment to the 2018 RTP. She acknowledged that there has been a strong lack of support for the project. She commented that Metro's Regional Congestion Pricing Study showed the potential of it to address climate, congestion, and safety concerns, which the RTP process will help to discuss.

Chair Callaway discussed the issue of safety when it comes to diversion. He expressed concern for the extra cars being diverted to other streets causing more accidents.

Kim discussed how Metro will look at safety data for major streets. Metro Staff is working to understand the causes of traffic accidents. She noted that many high crash corridors are in parts of the region with higher concentrations of BIPOC and low-income communities.

6. ADJOURN

Chair Callaway adjourned the meeting at 6:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connor Ayers

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Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2021

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
5.1	Presentation	11/10/21	Metro Redistricting Scenarios	111021m-01
5.2	Presentation	11/10/21	Regional Transportation Plan Update Presentation	111021m-02