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## **METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)**

Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2022

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Carmen Rubio  
Vince Jones-Dixon  
Omar Qutub  
Mark Shull  
Brett Sherman  
Ed Gronke  
Pam Treece  
Steve Callaway  
Nadia Hasan  
Thomas Kim  
Kirstin Greene  
Temple Lentz  
Diana Perez  
Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong  
Gerritt Rosenthal  
Christine Lewis  
Rachel Lyles Smith  
Joe Buck  
Susheela Jayapal  
Gordon Hovies

### AFFILIATION

City of Portland  
City of Gresham, Second Largest City in Multnomah County  
Citizen of Multnomah County  
Clackamas County  
City of Happy Valley, Other Cities in Clackamas County  
Citizen of Clackamas County  
Washington County  
City of Hillsboro, Largest City in Washington County  
City of Beaverton, Second Largest City in Washington County  
TriMet  
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development  
Clark County  
City of Vancouver  
Port of Portland  
Metro Council  
Metro Council  
City of Oregon City, Second Largest City in Clackamas County  
City of Lake Oswego, Largest City in Clackamas County  
Multnomah County  
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Special Districts in Washington County

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ted Wheeler  
Brian Hodson  
James Fage  
Peter Truax  
Terri Preeg Riggsby  
Luis Nava  
Mark Watson  
  
Brian Cooper

AFFILIATION

City of Portland  
City of Canby, City in Clackamas County outside UGB  
City of North Plains, City in Washington County outside UGB  
City of Forest Grove, Other Cities in Washington County  
Districts in Multnomah County  
Citizen of Washington County  
Hillsboro School District Board of Directors, Governing Body of  
a School District  
City of Fairview, Other Cities in Multnomah County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Elizabeth Amira Streeter  
Laura Kelly  
Sonya Fischer  
Jules Walters

AFFILIATION

Citizen of Multnomah County  
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development  
Clackamas County  
West Linn, Other Cities in Clackamas County

OTHERS PRESENT: Adam Barber, Carol Chesarek, Chris Deffebach, Colin Cooper, David Berniker, Duncan Hwang, Jaimie Lorenzini, Jean Senechal Biggs, Jeff Gudman, Julia Hajduk, Katherine Kelly, Laurie Petrie, Mandy Putney, Megan McKibben, Michael Goff, Mona Schwartz, Monique Smiley, Paul Comery, Peter Swinton, Schuyler Warren, Seraphie Allen, Sonya Fischer, Tom Armstrong, Tom Markgraf, Will Farley.

STAFF: Anne Buzzini, Margi Bradway, Jaye Cromwell, Carrie MacLaren, Michelle Bellia, Kim Ellis

**1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, CHAIR COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Joe Buck (he/him) called the virtual meeting to order at 5:00 PM and welcomed new MPAC members.

**2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was none.

**3. COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilor Christine Lewis (she/her) gave the Council Update. She provided updates on Metro's Parks and Nature bond, explaining that much of the work to turn the Parks and Nature bond into programs ready for investment are underway and will be completed by this spring. She highlighted trails funding and two new Metro Nature Parks. Councilor Lewis explained the problems that the Waste Prevention and Environmental Services Department experienced this month including weather and COVID concerns and discussed Metro's newest councilor, Councilor Duncan Hwang.

**4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong (she/her) provided updates on an effort by the Port of Portland to develop a Mass Timber Modular Manufacturing Facility at the Port of Portland's Terminal 2 property. She explained that the Port of Portland is currently putting together a multi-million dollar grant application and asked if MPAC members would be interested in supporting or learning more about this.

Kirsten Green (she/her) thanked Elizabeth for bringing this up today and stressed that this is a nationally competitive grant, highlighting that they will need as much support as possible.

In the chat Commissioner Susheela Jayapal (she/her) expressed interest in supporting this effort.

In the chat Councilor Nadia Hasan (she/her) and Councilor Vince Jones-Dixon (he/him) asked for Elizabeth's contact information to follow up.

## 5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Mayor Steve Callaway (he/him) motioned to accept the consent agenda. Ed Gronke (he/him) seconded.

**ACTION:** Councilor abstained. With all others in favor, the motion passed.

## 6. **ACTION ITEMS**

### 6.1 **MPAC Vote on New 2022 Officers**

Chair Buck explained who was on the nominating committee and who the nominating committee recommends. The nominating committee nominated the following:

- Chair Buck as MPAC Chair
- Councilor Vince Jones-Dixon (he/him) as Vice Chair
- Commissioner Pam Treece (she/her) as Second Vice Chair

Chair Buck asked for nominations other for the role of MPAC Chair. Seeing none he accepted the nomination as MPAC Chair. Chair Buck then asked for nominations for the role of MPAC First Vice Chair. Seeing none he asked Councilor Jones-Dixon if he accepts the nomination.

Councilor Jones-Dixon accepted the nomination.

Chair buck then asked from nominations for the role of MPAC Second Vice Chair. Seeing none he asked Commissioner Treece if she accepts the nomination.

Commissioner Treece accepted the nomination.

**MOTION:** Thomas Kim (he/him) motioned to accept the nominations. Councilor Hasan seconded.

**ACTION:** With all in favor, the motion passed.

## 7. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### 7.1 **Metro Planning & OMA Overview**

Chair Buck introduced Metro Staff Margi Bradway (she/her), Carrie MacLaren (she/her), and Elissa Gertler (she/her) to provide an overview of MPAC's role.

*Key points of the presentation included:*

Elissa introduced the presentation and provided information about Metro and what MPAC is.

Carrie described the MPAC By-Laws.

Elissa explained that MPAC has become a forum for making regional connections that go across city and county lines, recognized the discriminatory history that urban planning has been based on and discussed the importance of continuing to build antiracist systems into urban planning. She then described the buckets of work that are within the Planning, Development, and Research department, these include urban policy and development, regional transportation planning, and regional affordable housing.

Margi discussed briefly discussed regional transportation planning.

Elissa highlighted local lessons and best practices and presented a few questions to MPAC.

*Member Discussion Included:*

Councilor Diana Perez (she/her/ella) asked how changes can be made so that the City of Vancouver and Clark County can be voting members.

Carrie provided background information about why Vancouver has not had a voting member on MPAC, explaining that the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) is solely within Oregon and explained that MPAC by-laws can be amended with a majority vote of MPAC, if membership is to be changed that must be concurred with by a majority vote from Metro Council.

Councilor Perez followed up by expressing hope that MPAC might be open to the discussion of making MPAC members in Washington voting members in the future.

Chair Buck expressed that very few votes are taken at MPAC and input on discussion topics is most important.

Councilor Perez stressed that Vancouver has a role in almost all MPAC's focus areas so she would like to have the discussion around Vancouver's role in MPAC.

Elissa discussed a project called Colombia Connects that looks at economic investments in the area and highlighted that they hope to bring this to MPAC for feedback rather than action.

Commissioner Treece asked staff if MPAC will be asked to make recommendations on Tigard's mid-cycle UGB addition request and if any changes to Metro's role in climate friendly regulations will come to MPAC.

Elissa explained that this is the first mid-cycle UGB process has been in place and highlighted that they will be waiting for Council's recommendation to follow up with MPAC.

Margi explained that the rule making advisory committee is working on creating a final draft so that rules for elected leaders can be best summarized.

Kirsten Green (she/her) confirmed that this will come to MPAC in April and thanked staff for the work done on Metro's Climate Smart Strategy.

Chair Buck highlighted that Metro Council President Peterson requested the MPAC look at a number of topics around homelessness in the region including how local governments can do more to support and effectively cite shelters and safe camp sites and the economic factors that cause Oregonians to experience homelessness.

Councilor Jones-Dixon agreed that homelessness must be discussed at MPAC this year.

## **7.2 I-205 Tolling Discussion**

Chair Buck stressed that this item is for discussion only, no action is being taken but ultimately MPAC will take an advisory vote for Metro Council. He introduced Margi Bradway to provide an overview and timeline of this process and share MTAC's concerns with this project. He also introduced ODOT Staff Mandy Putney (she/her) and Della Mosier (she/her) to present.

### *Key points of the presentation included:*

Margi introduced today's presentation, explained the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), the amendment process, the upcoming I-205 Toll Project amendment schedule and summarized the January 19 MTAC discussion.

Della introduced the presentation and highlighted the timeline for this project noting that the project is in its very early stages. Della then presented ODOT's commitments for the I-205 Toll Project.

Mandy discussed background information around the I-205 Toll Project Amendment, what is in the proposed amendment and what it funds. She dove into what would happen if the I-205 Toll Project environmental analysis might be delayed, next steps, and the tolling timeline.

### *Member Discussion Included:*

Chair Buck expressed appreciation for the commitments from ODOT and concerns that little new information has been presented in the past year since this first began being

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discussed. Chair Buck went on to explain that he fears that the region's transportation goals will not be reached through this siloed approach and that he prefers comprehensive planning through the framework of the RMPP. He stressed that local leaders need to be heard.

Councilor Brett Sherman (he/him) asked staff about the potential issues of delaying the decision for a month or two.

Mandy explained that delaying the environmental analysis would have ripple effects on the ability to reach the implementation date at the end of 2024.

Della also responded to Councilor Sherman's question by stressing that while postponing this vote for one month will not kill the program but it slows the momentum of being able to answer the questions that folks are asking.

Due to time restrictions Chair Buck postponed Agenda Item 7.3 RTP - Vision and Priority Outcomes for the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan-Discussion to a future date.

Mayor Callaway expressed concern on small number of opportunities for the regional body to formally weigh in on the proposals and requested that any vote be pushed back until April.

Commission Mark Shull (he/him) explained the information that he had was that votes would be delayed until April in order to give the region the chance to work with the Urban Mobility Office and to explore funding so that I-205 does not need to be tolled ahead of the rest region. He asked staff if this information is correct.

Mandy responded and explained that committee actions have been recently shifted to February and the Metro council conversation to March.

Margi confirmed that committee action is planned to be requested in February.

Gordon Hovies (he/him) expressed that the general public needs to be provided information about how this federal highway can be tolled when federal taxes have already been paid. He voiced concern that this toll could disproportionately hurt middle and lower income individuals and wants more information on if emergency vehicles will have to pay these tolls and how this will affect the public. Gordon explained that he is hoping for more transparency around where tolling profits will be spent.

Ed Gronke voiced concern around the number of unanswered questions that are still left and about diversion that will be caused by this tolling. He explained that he cannot support the amendment at this point.

Councilor Lewis asked what will change before MPAC is asked to vote, expressed that much more research must be done, and concern for the idea of switching back and forth between a traditional tolling program and new model congestion pricing.

Della recognized the trust deficit between local leaders and ODOT and explained that ODOT is requesting funds to allow them to answer many of the questions that local leaders have asked. She concluded by encouraging MPACT members to continue to challenge and question the work being done.

Councilor Perez brought up tolling on the I-5 bridge replacement project and pushed a holistic view within the region in regards to tolling.

Margi agreed with Councilor Perez that there is a need for policy framework around the larger regional congestion pricing and addressed a detailed study done by Metro that looked at system wide effects of tolling. This work will be done around April or May.

Mandy expressed hope that the environmental analysis will help provide answers and information that informs the policy conversation. She explained that the sooner they are able to provide findings of how congestion pricing on I-205 can support region and statewide goals the better.

Mayor Callaway stressed that he needs to see commitments before the vote but right now it feels like the vote is supposed to happen before the commitments.

Mandy encouraged Mayor Callaway to follow up about what commitments he is looking for.

In the chat Margi stated the following: “Regional Congestion Pricing Study <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/regional-congestion-pricing-study>”

Chair Buck highlighted that he is not comfortable moving forward with a February vote without seeing more responsiveness around what the cities are asking for.

In the chat Elizabeth provided her contact information if anyone would like more information on the Port/Hacienda/Mass Timber partnership to develop a mass timber production facility and equitable workforce development opportunities - [elizabeth.kennedy-wong@portofportland.com](mailto:elizabeth.kennedy-wong@portofportland.com).



8. **ADJOURN**

Chair Buck adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Stellan Roberts*

Stellan Roberts  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2022**

| <b>ITEM</b> | <b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b> | <b>DOC DATE</b> | <b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>                         | <b>DOCUMENT No.</b> |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| 7.1         | Presentation         | 01/26/22        | MPAC Overview Presentation                          | 012622m-01          |
| 7.2         | Presentation         | 01/26/22        | 2023 RTP Presentation                               | 012622m-02          |
| 7.2         | Presentation         | 01/26/22        | RTP I-205 Congestion Pricing Amendment Presentation | 012622m-03          |