



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)

Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2022

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shirley Craddick (Chair)
Juan Carlos González
Christine Lewis
Temple Lentz
Travis Stovall
Anne McEnerny-Ogle
Steve Callaway
Paul Savas
Kathy Hyzy
Nafisa Fai
Jessica Vega Pederson
Carley Francis
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Nina DeConcini
Curtis Robinhold
Sam Desue
Jo Ann Hardesty

AFFILIATION

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Port of Portland
TriMet
City of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Chris Ford
JC Vannatta
Jef Dalin
Ty Stober
Chris Warner
Emerald Bogue

AFFILIATION

Oregon Department of Transportation
TriMet
City of Cornelius
City of Vancouver
City of Portland
Port of Portland

OTHERS PRESENT: Allison Boyd, Ben Bedard, Brenda Bartlett, Carrie Leonard, Chris Deffebach, Chris Fick, Chris Smith, Cindy Dauer, Cody Field, Dave Roth, Don Odermott, Dwight Brashear, Eric Hesse, Erica Rooney, Erin Doyl, Garet Prior, Glen Bolen, Gwenn Baldwin, Jamie Lorenzini, Jamie Snook, Jamie Stasny, Jean Senchal Biggs, Jeff Gudman, Joe Buck, Karen Buehrig, Katherine Kelly, Laurie Lebowsky-Young, Mark Lear, Mark Ottenad, Matthew Flodin, Matthew Hall, Mike Bezner, Monica Tellez-Fowler, Neelan Dorman, Nubia, Sarah Paulus, Scott, Shoshana Cohen, Steph Noll, Stephen Roberts, Tara O'Brien, Terry Kearns, Tom Markgraf, Wendy Lawton, Will Farley.

STAFF: Alex Oreschak, Ally Holmqvist, Anneliese Koehler, Caleb Winter, Dan Kaempff, Grace Cho, Harrison Husting, Jaye Cromwell, John Mermin, Kim Ellis, Lake McTighe, Lisa Hunrichs, Malu Wilkinson, Marielle Bossio, Michelle Bellia, Monica Krueger, Ramona Perrault, Ted Leybold, Tom Kloster, Tyler Frisbee, Victor Sin, Connor Ayers, Carrie MacLaren, Margi Bradway, Stellan Roberts.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

JPACT Chair Shirley Craddick (she/her) called the virtual Zoom meeting to order at 7:30 am.

Chair Craddick called the role and declared a quorum.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Councilor Wendy Lawton from the Fairview City Council provided testimony on the Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA) and encouraged members of JPACT to support the \$6.5 million in funding for the NE Sandy Boulevard Complete Street Project. Councilor Lawton explained the need for this funding as the corridor is currently unsafe with few sidewalks and bike lanes.

Mayor Joe Buck (he/him) from Lake Oswego provided testimony on RFFA and spoke on the importance of the Lakeview Boulevard Project as it would help improve safety and access in an underserved area as it would make important pedestrian improvements.

Steph Noll (she/her) with the Oregon Trails Coalition provided testimony on Regional Flex Funds specifically sharing considerations on trails projects. Steph shared the importance of investment of off street trails and Regional Flex Funds are a critical funding source for trails outside the road right of way.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Craddick thanked those who attended the second JPACT/Council Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Workshop and highlighted that staff is working on summary reports for the first two workshops. Chair Craddick announced that the next workshop will take place on September 29 at 7:30 a.m. and that JPACT member Nina DeConcini has announced her retirement from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

Metro Staff Margi Bradway (she/her) shared the names and ages of traffic victims during the month of July:

Erik Eugene Ash, 46, Procoro Hidalgo-Lozaro, 84, Kody Hansen, 24, Dale Herrin, 45, Daniel Slattery, 23, and seven unidentified people.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: JC Vannatta (he/him) moved to approve the consent agenda seconded by Mayor Travis Stovall (he/him).

ACTION: With all in favor, consent agenda passed.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Development of 2025-2027 Regional Flexible Funds/Trails Bond Funding Recommendations

Commissioner Savas discussed the importance of having the vision statement from the first RTP workshop as it will guide decisions made moving forward.

Margi agreed with Commissioner Savas and explained that staff is working on bringing this work to JPACT by the September meeting.

Chair Craddick introduced Metro staff Dan Kaempff (he/him) and Robert Spurlock (he/him) to present to JPACT.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Dan highlighted the purpose of today's discussion, the process for selecting projects, updated information, sub-region priorities for both the Parks Bond and RFFA, and reminded JPACT about the July TPAC and JPACT meetings. Dan discussed funding recommendation examples, the baseline example, example 1: baseline with adjustments, example 2: baseline with top 2 priorities and example 3: other considerations.

Robert discussed bond considerations.

Dan summarized the August 5th TPAC discussion and asked for input from JPACT members.

Member discussion included:

Chris Warner (he/him) stressed the need to remain focused on an outcomes based approach to delegating funding and on the projects that address the region's equity and safety needs.

Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson (she/her) stressed the importance of the Sandy project and of getting urban arterials to a baseline level of safety.

Mayor Steve Callaway (he/him) expressed support of option three. He explained that Washington County did not bring projects forward that they knew would score low on some of

the criteria. Mayor Callaway voiced that support for option three reflects support for bikes and pedestrians over cars.

In the chat Mayor Travis Stovall supported the written testimony submitted by the East Multnomah County Transportation Committee and the comments made earlier in the meeting by Councilor Lawton.

Commissioner Savas highlighted that staffing issues due to COVID caused smaller cities in Clackamas County to struggle to apply for this funding. Commissioner Savas voiced that areas that have the greatest need should be more heavily considered for funding so we can strive for a regionally balanced transportation system.

Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez (he/him) noted that in option 3 Clackamas and Washington County funding only adds up to 30 percent of the total funding which feels imbalanced to him. Councilor Gonzalez expressed that he hopes to achieve more regionalism.

Commissioner Nafisa Fai (she/her) expressed support for option 3 and that a more equitable lens should be applied to the regional distribution of funding.

Margi stressed that federal funds cannot be sub allocated across the region.

Council President Kathy Hyzy (she/her) voiced support for option two as it could give flexibility in project funding moving forward.

Dan summarized the discussion from JPACT and explained next steps.

Robert explained next steps for parks bond funding.

5.2 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – High Capacity Transit Strategy Update for 2023 RTP

Chair Craddick introduced Ally Holmqvist to present to JPACT.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Ally defined high capacity transit, described the transit spectrum that's in the RTP, how High Capacity Transit (HCT) fits in with regional work, where HCT work is today, what we want to do, who Metro is partnering with, how the work is organized, community feedback, what is being considered, and what is coming up.

Member discussion included:

Rian Windsheimer mentioned the benefits of bus on shoulder for HCT projects. Rian flagged Powell Boulevard as a place where a HCT project will not work as work has already been done

to look into projects on Powell.

Commissioner Savas spoke to the importance of adding service where there is none as opposed to improving services where transit is already in place.

JC Vanetta agreed with Commissioner Savas' comments and explained that TriMet is looking into adding service where there is none.

Mayor Callaway discussed the importance of adding transit coverage where there is none and making service more reliable and efficient where it already exists.

Council President Hyzy expressed appreciation for bus on shoulder and the emphasis of a transit grid. Council President Hyzy discussed that Climate Friendly Equitable Communities Rulemaking will be shaping the terrain throughout the Metro region for years to come.

Chris Warner discussed the importance of creating a pipeline to create Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding and thanked Metro and partners for the work that has been done.

5.3 Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Highway Plan Amendment

Chair Craddick introduced Alex Oreschak (he/him), Metro, Amanda Pietz (she/her), and Gareth Prior (he/him), ODOT, to present to JPACT.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Alex thanked members of JPACT for participating in the JPACT/Metro Council workshop on July 28 and discussed next steps.

Amanda provided context and an overview on the Oregon Highway Plan (OHP) Toll Policy Amendment, explained the schedule for the amendment, discussed public comment themes, and next steps.

In the chat Gareth put the link to Oregon Highway Plan Toll Amendment webpage:
<https://www.oregon.gov/odot/Planning/Pages/Oregon-Highway-Plan-Update.aspx>

Member discussion included:

JC Vannatta stressed that they want to see state policy support transit and multimodal improvements.

Chris Warner discussed the importance of the OHP to address the difference between tolling and congestion management. Chris explained that connections between local and regional policies must be strengthened and policies must be designed with the entire region in mind.

Councilor Christine Lewis (she/her) expressed disappointment that definitions are still being struggled with. She explained that the region will not benefit from tolling if it is not a way to invest in community needs.

Councilor Gonzalez voiced that what is being proposed does not properly reflect the work that has been done by JPACT and other partners in the greater Portland region.

Council President Hyzy agreed with previous statements made by Councilors Gonzalez and Lewis and expressed disappointed some current definitions around arterials, safety, and trip-length.

Commissioner Savas explained that the goals of tolling will be difficult to achieve if implemented in Clackamas County.

Amanda explained next steps for feedback.

Councilor Lewis proposed that JPACT create a letter with recommendations before the public comment period is closed.

Margi Bradway, Metro, responded to Councilor Lewis by explaining that staff can work to draft a letter to approve at next JPACT meeting.

Rian requested that a letter be drafted as soon as possible.

Chair Craddick encouraged coordinating committees to also submit letters to the Oregon Transportation Commission on this topic due to the importance of this decision.

Margi discussed a potential timeline for the draft letter.

In the chat Amanda wrote: "Comments can be made via electronic comment form at the website Garet pasted above or by email to OHPManager@odot.oregon.gov" and stated that the OTC meeting is September 13th.

6. UPDATES FROM JPACT MEMBERS

Rian announced that the RTAC is meeting on August 24 at 9AM.

7. **ADJORN**

Chair Craddick adjourned the meeting at 9:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stellan Roberts

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Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2022

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
2.0	Written Testimony	8/18/2022	Written Testimony from the East Multnomah County Transportation Committee	07212022-01
3.0	Handout	8/18/2022	RTP JPACT/Council workshop on Congestion Pricing Slides	07212022-02
3.0	Presentation	8/18/2022	Fatal Crash Slide	07212022-03
6.1	Presentation	8/18/2022	Regional Flexible Funds/Trails Bond Funding Recommendations Slides	07212022-04
6.2	Presentation	8/18/2022	High Capacity Transit Slides	07212022-05
6.3	Presentation	8/18/2022	ODOT Highway Plan Amendment Slides	07212022-06