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JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)

Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2023

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Juan Carlos González
Christine Lewis
Paul Savas
Nafisa Fai
Carley Francis
Steve Callaway
Mingus Mapps
Ashton Simpson
Joe Buck
Susheela Jayapal
Rian Windsheimer
Travis Stovall
Shawn Donaghy
Curtis Robinhold

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
Metro Council
Clackamas County
Washington County
Washington State Department of Transportation
Cities of Washington County
City of Portland
Metro Council
Cities of Clackamas County
Multnomah County
Oregon Department of Transportation
Cities of Multnomah County
C-Tran
Port of Portland

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Anne McEnery-Ogle
Sam Desue
Ali Mirzakhali

AFFILIATION

City of Vancouver
TriMet
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

ALTERNATES PRESENT

JC Vannatta
Michael Orman
Ty Stober
Chris Ford
Jef Dalin
Emerald Bogue
Scott Langer

AFFILIATION

TriMet
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
City of Vancouver
Oregon Department of Transportation
Cities of Washington County
Port of Portland
Washington State Department of
Transportation

OTHERS PRESENT: Ron Arp, Ariadna, Sarah Iannarone, Sara Ryan, Jess Zdeb, Aaron Deas, Jaimie Lorenzini, Mat Dolata, Lisa Batey, Jamie Stasny, Stephen Roberts, Will Farley, Dave Roth, Matthew Hampton, Tara O'Brien, Tia Williams, Eric Hesse, Rory Bialostosky, Sean Philbrook, Gwenn Baldwin, Mike McCarthy, Glen Bolen, Monica Krueger, Jeff Gudman, Matt Ransom, Mary Baumgardner, Dwight Brashear, Mark Ottenad, Lakeeyscia Griffin, Margi Bradway, Alan Lehto, Laurie Lebowsky-Young, Brenda Bartlett, Mike Mason, Karen Buehrig, Sarah Paulus, Chris Smith, Jean Senechal Biggs, John Charles, John Mermin, Allison Boyd, Jessica Pelz, Gerik Kransky, Shoshana Cohen, Cindy Pederson, Sara Wright, Jeff Owen, Katherine Kelly, Laurie Petrie, Mike Bezner,

STAFF: Connor Ayers, Jemeshia Taylor, Tanja Olson, Grace Cho, Molly Cooney-Mesker, Tom Kloster, Melissa Ashbaugh, Ramona Perrault, Ted Leybold, Victor Sin, Malu Wilkinson, Betsy Emery, Kelly Betteridge, Matt Bihn, Anneliese Koehler, Ken Lobeck, Caleb Winter, Kim Ellis, Jaye Cromwell, Eliot Rose, Ally Holmqvist, Carrie MacLaren, Roger Alfred, Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara, Marielle Bossio, Catherine Ciarlo, Lake McTighe

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

JPACT Chair Juan Carlos Gonzalez (he/him) called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.

Chair Gonzalez called the role and declared a quorum.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Metro staff Connor Ayers read aloud the instructions for providing public testimony.

Ron Arp mentioned their support of the I-5 Bridge and Rose Quarter plans and the connections to Clark County, WA. Arp noted the benefits of a well-designed and maintained transportation such as improving safety.

Sarah Iannarone testified on the importance of pricing measures and how the proceeds should be used. She noted the importance of oversight and the MTIP process. Iannarone recommended that the three mobility policies should be bundled together and supported the JPACT sub-committee.

Ariadna Falcon Gonzalez testified on the importance of community engagement and of including equity into the decision-making process. Falcon Gonzalez noted the need to make the process more accessible.

Chair Gonzalez moved onto the next agenda item.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR

Metro Planning and Development Department Director Catherine Ciarlo (she/her) shared the names and ages of traffic victims during the month of September:

Terrelle Tucker, 39, Deniel Edward Perkins, 37, Kira Haston, 36, Unidentified, Damien Scott Seina, 57, Maria Negrete, 45, Jason Ruhmshottel, Jayden Allen Bird, 18, Jason Julian Resendiz, 25, Giovanni Alberto Avila, 21, Jesse Rene Warginer, 19,

Chair Gonzalez moved onto the next agenda item.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Gonzalez noted that there were two items on the consent agenda, the Consideration of the September 21, 2023 JPACT minutes and Resolution No. 23-5358, For the Purpose of Completing Required Transition Actions to the New 2024-27 MTIP Including Adding Nine New Projects and updating Two Existing Projects to Enable Future Federal Fund Obligations to Occur.

MOTION: Metro Councilor Ashton Simpson moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by City of Vancouver Mayor Pro Tem Ty Stober.

ACTION: With all in favor, the consent agenda passed.

Seeing no further discussion, Chair Gonzalez moved onto the next agenda item.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

5.1 OTC Letter

Chair Gonzalez noted that there will not be a staff presentation on the OTC letter to save time for other agenda items. He explained that the letter was consistent with those submitted in the past and that the letter reflects the need to address revenue sources and shortfalls.

ODOT Regional Manager Rian Windsheimer thanked everyone for their work on the letter and explained why he would abstain.

Clackamas County Commissioner Paul Savas requested that they add “including connections to emerging urban areas as well as support for freight and connections to jobs throughout the region” to the end of the second sentence in paragraph two of page two. He explained that without this sentence, they would not be addressing everything in their transportation system.

Chair Gonzalez confirmed that Metro staff had got the exact sentence and then called for a motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Savas moved to approve the letter with the amendment seconded by City of Hillsboro Mayor Steve Callaway.

ACTION: Windsheimer abstained. With all else in favor, the motion passed.

Seeing no further discussion, Chair Gonzalez moved onto the next agenda item.

6. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6.1 2023 RTP Ordinance Introduction

Chair Gonzalez introduced Metro staff Kim Ellis.

Ellis mentioned the RTP update timeline and the engagement work that has been done. She explained the two parts of staff recommendations, the individual key policy topics, and bundled consent items. The policy topics she discussed were investment emphasis, pricing policy, regional transportation funding, climate tools and analysis and mobility policy implementation. Ellis also explained Ordinance No. 23-1496 and its exhibits. She mentioned the final steps towards adoption.

Commissioner Savas acknowledged everyone that has worked on the RTP. He raised concerns about not seeing how the RTP will lead to a regionally balanced transportation system.

Multnomah County Commissioner Susheela Jayapal noted the need for a funding plan to make these projects a reality. She suggested that they work with their legislators and lobbyists to help make a funding plan.

TriMet Executive Director of Public Affairs JC Vannatta mentioned the need for investment and a funding source. Vannatta also hoped that they will have an active role in implementing the plan.

Seeing no further discussion, Chair Gonzalez moved onto the next agenda item.

6.2 HCT Plan Resolution Introduction

Chair Gonzalez introduced Metro staff Ally Holmqvist.

Holmqvist mentioned the draft report milestones and how the committee feedback was incorporated. She discussed the changes to the public review draft, the draft milestones, and the public comments on the draft. Holmqvist explained the recommendations for the final strategy, Resolution No. 23-5348 and when the HTC Strategy adoption will be considered by the other committees and the Metro Council.

Commissioner Savas mentioned that in Clackamas County, there is a light rail line close to the proposed corridor. He raised concerns that this does not help provide transit to places where there is none or very little. Commissioner Savas also commented that the limited funding that should be used equitably and wisely.

Vannatta noted that TriMet is in support of the plan. He explained that the Southwest corridor project is ready to go and could help many people, but the project needs funding.

C-Tran Chief Executive Officer Shawn Donaghy mentioned that some transit agencies are returning funding to the FTA because they did not have the required local match. He noted that the importance of having investment for the HTC plan at the beginning because the costs or the scope of the project can change over time.

Metro Councilor Christine Lewis noted that the solution to their transit problems cannot only be HCT. She mentioned the work that will need to be done in cities impacted by potential tolling. Councilor Lewis also suggested looking at community shuttles and non-traditional in transit desert communities.

Seeing no further discussion, he moved onto the next agenda item.

6.3 82nd Avenue Transit Plan

Chair Gonzalez introduced Councilor Lewis and Metro staff Elizabeth M'ros-Ohara.

Councilor Lewis noted the importance of 82nd Ave corridor and that they are being to work on plans.

M'ros-Ohara explained how 82nd Ave is a top priority that can leverage other investments, the role of the Steering Committee and the Equitable Development Strategy (EDS). She discussed the project's purpose, Line 72 on 82nd Ave., and how the project will address five major needs. M'ros-Ohara mentioned data and the characteristics of the community in the 82nd Avenue corridor and the transit infrastructure needs. She explained Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), the technical analysis, the community engagement efforts, and the next steps.

Commissioner Savas asked if the Green Line should have been on 82nd Ave or if bus transportation was more practical. He mentioned complaints that the stops on light rail are not frequent enough.

M'ros-Ohara explained that the Green Line and the bus on 82nd Ave serve different markets. She mentioned that Green Line riders want to go far and fast, while the bus riders want stops at places that are important for them to access.

Commissioner Savas asked if this would have as many stops as the current Line 72 or less stops.

M'ros-Ohara noted that there will not be as many stops as today. She explained that they want to consolidate stops and focus on those that are key destinations where people want to go to.

Commissioner Savas mentioned that local access and frequent stops makes 82nd Ave attractive.

Ciario mentioned services, including the Green Line, that help connect communities that are farther apart. She also noted that the Green Line was conceptualized when that freeway was being rebuilt.

Vannatta agreed with M'ros-Ohara that the Green Line serves a different market. He explained that with tolling and RMPP, transit service on 82nd Ave and the Green Line may be seen as an alternative to travel within the corridor. Vannatta also agreed with Commissioner Savas that stops are important.

Chair Gonzalez mentioned that they need to make trade-offs on projects, but the benefits to travel time and user experience are significant.

Seeing no further discussion, he moved onto the next agenda item.

7. UPDATES FROM JPACT MEMBERS

There were no updates from the JPACT members.

8. ADJORN

Chair Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 9:02 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jemeshia Taylor
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2023

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
3.0	Presentation	10/19/2023	Fatal Crash Slide	101923-01
6.1	Presentation	10/19/2023	2023 Regional Transportation Plan Discussion Presentation	101923-02
6.2	Presentation	10/19/2023	HCT Strategy Recommendations Presentation	101923-03
6.3	Presentation	10/19/2023	82nd Avenue Transit Project Overview Presentation	101923-04
	Testimony	10/19/2023	Westside Economic Alliance Comments	101923-05