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JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)

Meeting Minutes

September 19th 2024

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Juan Carlos González
Christine Lewis
Paul Savas
Nafisa Fai
Joe Buck
Rian Windsheimer
Ali Mirzakhali
Anne McEnery-Ogle
Travis Stovall
Leann Caver
Steve Callaway
Carley Francis

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
Metro Council
Clackamas County
Washington County
Cities of Clackamas County
ODOT
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
City of Vancouver
Cities of Multnomah County
C-Tran
Cities of Washington County
Washington State Department of Transportation

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ashton Simpson
Mingus Mapps
Sam Desue
Jesse Beason
Kathryn Harrington
Curtis Robinhold

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
City of Portland
TriMet
Multnomah County
Washington County
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Jef Dalin
Brett Sherman
Chris Ford
JC Vanatta
Scott Patterson
Priya Dhanapal
Lori Stegmann
Brett Sherman

AFFILIATION

Cities of Washington County
Cities of Clackamas County
ODOT
TriMet
C-Tran
City of Portland
Multnomah County
Cities of Clackamas County

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Baumgardner, Taylor Steenblock, Allison Boyd, Gabriela Lopez, Brenda Bartlett, Dwight Brashear, Kate Hawkins, Jane Black, Jocelyn Blake, Cody Field, Andrew Plambeck, Anthony Cabadas, Trevor Sleeman, Mark Ottenad, Ariel Nelson, Jamie Snook, Alan Lehto, Lakeyscia Griffin, Gerik Kransky, Adam Torres, Katherine Kelly, Scott Langer, Jeff Owen, Jocelyn Blake, Jeff Gudman, Ashley Bryers, Nick Gross, Kenny Werth, Laurie Lebowky-Young, Caleb Winter, Cindy Pederson, Sarah Paulus, Tom Powers, Josie Tecum, Andrew Wilson

STAFF: Georgia Langer, Sam Hart, Catherine Ciarlo, Betsy Emery, Ken Lobeck, Ted Leybold, Jaye Cromwell, Grace Cho, Kim Ellis, Anneliese Koehler, Anthony Cabadas, Tom Kloster, Victor Sin, Lake McTighe, Marielle Bossio, Lisa Hunrichs, Ally Holmqvist

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 Georgia Langer read aloud the instructions for providing public testimony.

There being no testimony, Chair Gonzalez moved onto the next agenda item.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Gonzalez introduced Ted Leybold who shared the fatal traffic accidents that have occurred since the last meeting.

Chair Gonzalez introduced Ally Holmqvist, Senior Transportation Planner, to present the Transit Minute. Holmqvist provided updates on ridership numbers and trends, noting that they had 8% more ridership in July over the same time last year. In addition, she noted some improvements and changes that TriMet has introduced recently, and emphasized the help of regional partnerships in these accomplishments.

Chair Gonzalez also provided an update on the Regional Flexible Fund Allocation bond process and the schedule going forward. He also reported on the Westside Multimodal Improvement Study, which was completed in June, and outlined the recommendations from the Steering Committee.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Gonzalez noted that there was one items on the Consent Agenda, the consideration of the July 18, 2024 JPACT Minutes.

MOTION: Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilor Christine Lewis.

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

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

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 TriMet Safety and Security Presentation

Chair Gonzalez introduced Andrew Wilson, Executive Director of Safety and Security, TriMet, to discuss the topic.

Staff pulled up the PowerPoint presentation.

Presentation Summary:

Wilson described TriMet's ongoing efforts to prioritize safety and security. He noted that the agency has expanded its security resources, with an increase in the safety budget since 2022. He highlighted that various teams, including Transit Police and the Safety Response Team, are in place to address security concerns. Wilson described improvements in technology, such as upgraded cameras and lighting, along with enhanced cleaning efforts. He noted that TriMet is focusing on stricter fare enforcement and addressing societal challenges like addiction and homelessness, aiming to improve rider experience and support the growth of ridership.

JPACT Member Discussion:

Commissioner Nafisa Fai requested for clarification on some details in the slides, and Andrew Wilson elaborated on the data points he had presented. She also asked what TriMet's strategy is to divert people from the criminal justice system. Wilson explained that law enforcement takes care of the diversion and deflection part of the process, and they have their own procedures.

Commissioner Paul Savas asked why Clackamas and Washington counties were not involved in security conversations, and the presenter explained some of the barriers that were up during this process, but that efforts are being made to involve more areas going forward. He also asked for clarification of how riders are deciding between calling 911 and calling TriMet police, and the presenter outlined the types of issues that would be more appropriate for TriMet police rather than 911.

Councilor Christine Lewis asked what is being done to improve safety at regular bus shelters, in addition to the transit centers, and also inquired about cleanliness improvement measures. Wilson described that they have responded to the need by adding cleaning services throughout the day rather than just at the end of the day, as well as adding a direct response team to address more urgent messes as they come up.

Priya Dhanapal asked what TriMet is hearing from the community about these changes and what are they doing for public education on these programs. Wilson elaborated on some of the public engagement strategies they employ.

Councilor Gonzalez requested a definition for 'inappropriate' behavior, and Wilson defined it as code of conduct violations, stressing their efforts to educate riders on TriMet's codes of conduct. Councilor Gonzalez asked Wilson to walk through the processes for dealing with people experiencing homelessness, and Wilson described how they connect them with services through the SRT, and also noted that they are identifying the gaps in this system in order to be able to address them better.

Ali Mirzakhaili inquired about vandalism, and Wilson listed some reinforcing measures that TriMet has taken to reduce the amount of damage, like hardened glass, cages around kiosks, and an increase in graffiti

remediation.

Carly Francis emphasized the importance of these measures and recognized the ongoing costs they will require.

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

5.2 Regional Transportation Priorities and Funding: JPACT Legislative Priorities Development

Chair Gonzalez introduced Anneliese Koehler (she/her), Legislative Affairs Manager, Metro, to present on the topic.

Staff pulled up the PowerPoint presentation.

Presentation Summary:

Koehler briefly summarized the JPACT 2025 state transportation package priority setting process and described the timeline for its approval. She outlined the priorities they had discussed, emphasizing short-term funding solutions, long-term sustainable funding, safe urban streets, transit, resiliency, and finishing what has been started. She opened the discussion with two questions: Are members supportive of moving up the adoption of JPACT priorities from November to October? And are members supportive of the current draft of JPACT priorities?

JPACT Member Discussion:

Commissioner Savas requested a small wording change in the JPACT priorities to remove the words "or better".

Commissioner Callaway requested for clarification on gas taxes, and Koehler agreed to make those changes.

Councilor Lewis emphasized the need to be flexible on priorities because many more ideas will be coming in March.

Mirzakhali expressed support, but also wondered how something like electrification could be involved in such general priorities. Councilor Gonzalez reassured him and suggested which broad goals those type of issues would fall under.

Rian Windsheimer expressed support for the direction of these priorities.

Commissioner Savas expressed discomfort with ODOTs gas tax numbers and the lack of clarity.

Councilor Lewis brought up the priority of 'do no harm to program' in the conversation about electrification, and listed some of the electrification programs that are in place that JPACT could make sure it will be protected.

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

6. Member Updates:

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Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle reported that the I-5 Bridge Replacement Project is finally publishing their supplemental EIS, and noted that there will be a 60-day comment period from then.

7.ADJORN

Chair Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 9:30AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sam Hart

Sam Hart,
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF September 19, 2024

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
3.0	Presentation	09/19/2024	Fatal Crash Slide	091924-01
3.1	Presentation	09/19/2024	Transit Minute	091924-02
3.2	Presentation	09/19/2024	Comment from the Chair - RFFA	091924-03
5.1	Presentation	09/19/2024	Trimet Presentation	091924-04
5.2	Presentation	09/19/2024	2025 State Transportation Package Presentation	091924-05