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JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)

Meeting Minutes

October 17th 2024

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nafisa Fai
Paul Savas
Travis Stovall
Steve Callaway
Joe Buck
Rian Windsheimer
Sam Desue
Ali Mirzakhilili
Carley Francis
Anne McEnerny-Ogle
Leann Caver
Juan Carlos Gonzalez
Ashton Simpson
Christine Lewis

AFFILIATION

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

Jesse Beason
Mingus Mapps
Curtis Robinhold
Duncan Hwang

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County
City of Portland
Port of Portland
Metro Council

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Lori Stegmann
Priya Dhanapal
Jef Dalin
Chris Ford
JC Vannatta
Michael Orman
Scott Langer
Scott Patterson

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County
City of Portland
Cities of Washington County
Oregon Department of Transportation
TriMet
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Washington State Department of Transportation
C-Tran

OTHERS PRESENT: Millicent Williams, Greg Johnson, Jean Senechal Biggs, Taylor Steenblock, Mike Bezne, Ryan LeProwse, Jamie Stasny, Alan Lehto, Anna Gore, Mat Dolata, Tiffany Gehrke, Kate Hawkins, Jeff Gudman, Jessica Pelz, Matt Grumm, Monica Krueger, Dan Eisenbeis, Dan Kaempff, Gerik Kransky, Hanna Howsmon, Laurie Lebowsky-Young, Eric Hesse, Mara Krinke, Trevor Sleeman, Gregg Snyder, Jonathan Maus, Katy Belokonny, Sarah Iannarone, Kate Hawkins, Stephen Roberts, Anthony Cabadas, Olivia Holden, Brenda Bartlett, Jean Senechal Biggs, Katherine Kelly, Adam Torres, Jack Burkman

STAFF: Georgia Langer, Sam Hart, Catherine Ciarlo, Betsy Emery, Ken Lobeck, Ted Leybold, Jaye Cromwell, Grace Cho, Kim Ellis, Anneliese Koehler, Victor Sin, Lake McTighe, Marielle Bossio, Ally Holmqvist, Grace Stainback, Noel Mickelberry, Michelle Bellia, Alex Oreschak, Caleb Winter, Blake Perez, Matt Bihn, Malu Wilkinson, Eryn Kehe, John Mermin, Ramona Perrault

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, and highlighted the groundbreaking of the Vuella Transit-Oriented Development in Wilsonville and improvements in Multnomah County's shuttle service.

Chair Gonzalez provided an update on the 2028-2030 Regional Flexible Fund, noting that Metro received 10 bond project nominations, which are currently undergoing eligibility screening, with results to be discussed at the November 1st TPAC meeting and a candidate project evaluation set for late October through early December

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Gonzalez noted that there were two items on the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 24-5434 For the purpose of amending, canceling, or adding a total of twelve projects to the 2024-27 MTIP to meet federal project delivery requirements, and the consideration of the September 19, 2024 JPACT Minutes.

MOTION: Rian Windsheimer moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle.

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 Regional Transportation Priorities and Funding: Recommendation

Chair Gonzalez introduced Anneliese Koehler, Legislative Affairs Manager, Metro, to present on the topic.

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Staff pulled up the PowerPoint presentation.

Presentation Summary:

Koehler outlined the process over the past nine to ten months to finalize JPAC priorities, highlighting two recent changes: the removal of "or better" from the 50-30-20 funding structure and the inclusion of climate mitigation and adaptation in the resiliency bullet.

JPACT Member Discussion:

Commissioner Paul Savas expressed support and urged members to not send mixed messages when speaking on this topic.

Priya Dhanapal emphasized the importance of stabilizing funding for the basics in maintaining our transportation

MOTION: Commissioner Nafisa Fai moved to approve the Regional Transportation Priorities and Funding: Recommendation, seconded by Councilor Ashton Simpson

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Interstate Bridge Replacement Program (IBRP) Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Draft SEIS)

Chair Gonzalez introduced Greg Johnson, Program Administrator, IBR, to discuss the topic.

Staff pulled up the PowerPoint presentation.

Presentation Summary:

Johnson outlined the key developments in the Interstate Bridge Replacement program since the Council's adoption of the resolution. He highlighted the release of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, which is now open for public comment. Johnson emphasized several aspects of the project, including the replacement of bridges over the Columbia River and North Portland Harbor, the addition of light rail from Expo Center to Evergreen Boulevard in Vancouver, and improvements to active transportation and transit facilities. The project also involves modifying seven interchanges and considering variable rate tolling as a funding and demand management tool.

Johnson discussed the program's anticipated impact on safety, projecting significant reductions in crashes depending on the number of auxiliary lanes included. He also reviewed the expected changes in traffic and freight patterns, showing a shift towards multimodal transport options, such as light rail and bike lanes. Economic impacts, environmental findings, and tolling strategies were also touched upon, with efforts to mitigate displacement and other adverse effects. Johnson encouraged public participation through formal channels for providing feedback on the SEIS.

JPACT Member Discussion:

Commissioner Savas asked if the numbers were based on the Rose Quarter bottleneck being resolved, and

requested elaboration on toll avoidance numbers. Johnson confirmed that the numbers are based on the Rose Quarter project being done, and that toll avoidance is expected to be about 3%.

Dhanapal shared her support and how the City of Portland is reviewing the SEIS based on safety, equity, and multimodal connectivity.

Ali Mirzakhilili asked if the forecast numbers were based on old travel surveys, and if they are likely to be adjusted as those surveys get updated. Johnson confirmed that they are using the latest model from Metro, but that he does not have the information himself. Ted Leybold elaborated that the new statewide travel surveys are still about 1 year away from being incorporated, but that Metro is using the most recent available data.

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

6.2 Community Connector Transit Study

Chair Gonzalez introduced Ally Holmqvist, Metro to present on the topic.

Staff pulled up the PowerPoint presentation.

Presentation Summary:

Holmqvist explained the purpose of the presentation was to discuss community connectors—flexible transit options like shuttles and vans that operate more like rideshares, distinct from fixed-route or high-capacity transit. She highlighted regional momentum around these services, driven by House Bill 2017, and ongoing transit planning in counties like Clackamas and Washington. Holmqvist noted that the next step is creating a regional strategy for local transit, building on existing plans. She emphasized the importance of improving connections, addressing access issues, and incorporating best practices. Key milestones include policy updates, stakeholder collaboration, and finalizing recommendations by 2026.

JPACT Member Discussion:

Commissioner Savas expressed support and commented that these ideas are what community members have been asking for for a long time.

Priya Dhanapal commented on the areas of the City of Portland that will also benefit from this project.

Mayor Steve Callaway urged the committee to consider people outside the urban growth boundary as well in this project.

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

6.3 Introduction to the Regional Transportation Demand Management Strategy & Assessment

Chair Gonzalez introduced Ted Leybold, PDR Transportation Policy Director (he/him), Grace Stainback, Associate Transportation Planner (she/her), Noel Mickelberry, Senior Transportation Planner (she/her),

to present on the topic.

Staff pulled up the PowerPoint presentation.

Presentation Summary:

Presenters outlined the 2023 RTP updates to transportation demand management policies and the development of a regional implementation strategy. They emphasized the need to ensure access to transportation options for everyone in the region, acknowledging that people travel across jurisdictional boundaries. The strategy aims to align and coordinate services among state, regional, local, and non-government agencies. Presenters provided an overview of TDM, highlighted program successes, and described key project phases, including assessments and engagement efforts, with a goal of completing the strategy by 2025.

JPACT Member Discussion:

Mirzakhilili asked for elaboration on the employee commute portion of the project, and Stainback described the way that they are encouraging carpooling with employers.

Commissioner Fai encouraged a strategy that celebrates people who do not have personal vehicles and use public transport to get around. Mickelberry agreed that it is also a priority of theirs in this project.

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

7. MEMBER UPDATES

Seeing none, Chair Gonzalez moved onto the next agenda item.

8. ADJOURN

Chair Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 9:17AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sam Hart

Sam Hart,
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2024

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
3.0	Presentation	10/17/2024	Fatal Crash Slide	101724-01
3.1	Presentation	10/17/2024	Transit Minute	101724-02
5.1	Presentation	10/17/2024	Regional Transportation Priorities Presentation	101724-03
6.1	Presentation	10/17/2024	IBR Presentation	101724-04
6.2	Presentation	10/17/2024	Community Connector Presentation	101724-05
6.3	Presentation	10/17/2024	Regional TDM Strategy Introduction Presentation	101724-06