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JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)

Meeting Minutes

November 21st 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 McEnery-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
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Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
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C-Tran

OTHERS PRESENT: Ashley Bryers, Jamie Stasny, Adriana Antelo, Allison Boyd, Anthony Cabadas, Ashley Bryers, Brenda Bartlett, Cindy Pederson, Cody Field, Eric Hesse, Jeff Owen, Katherine Kelly, Lauri Lebowsky-Young, Mark Ottenad, Michael Orman, Mike Southwick, Scott Langer, Shoshana Cohen, Stephen Roberts, Tara O'Brien, Taylor Steenblock, Tiffany Gehrke, Trevor Sleeman, Jeff Gudman, Karen Buehrig, Eric Frank, Mike Hintz, Sarah Iannarone, Kate Hawkins, Alan Lehto

STAFF: Ted Leybold, Georgia Langer, Sam Hart, Michele Bellia, Ramona Perrault, Catherine Ciarlo, John Mermin, Ken Lobeck, Betsy Emery, Victor Sin, Tom Kloster, Ally Holmqvist, Blake Perez, Grace Cho, Jake Lovell, Jaye Cromwell, Lake McTighe, Gerritt Rosenthal, Dan Kaempff, Caleb Winter, Madeline Steele, Malu Wilkinson, Gabriela Lopez, Matt Binh Ina Zucker, Kim Ellis

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 some improvements and changes that TriMet has introduced recently.

Chair Gonzalez also provided an update on RFFA Step 2 applications, noting that there was an error in the online application last week so the deadline has been extended to tomorrow, November 22nd, 2024.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Gonzalez noted that there were two items on the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 24-5443 For The Purpose Of Adding Or Amending A Total Of Six Projects To The 2024-27 MTIP To Meet Federal Project Delivery Requirements, and the consideration of the October 17, 2024 JPACT Minutes.

MOTION: Mayor Joe Buck moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mayor Steve Callaway.

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 Regional Emergency Transportation Routes Phase 2

Chair Gonzalez introduced John Mermin, Senior Transportation Planner, Metro, to discuss the topic.

Staff pulled up the PowerPoint presentation.

Presentation Summary:

Mermin shared an overview of the Regional Emergency Transportation Routes Phase 2 project – a jointly led project between the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) and Metro. He reported that JPACT accepted recommendations from RETR Phase 1 final report in April 2021, which added 89 new routes to the RETR network and made recommendations for future work. Since that time the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization applied for and received federal Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) funding for phase 2, which will prioritize the RETRs.

JPACT Member Discussion:

There was none.

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

5.2 Sunrise Visioning Project Update

Chair Gonzalez introduced Commissioner Paula Savas, Clackamas County, Councilor Brett Sherman, Happy Valley, Councilor Christine Lewis, Metro, and Jamie Stasny, Regional Transportation and Land Use Policy Manager, Clackamas County, to present on the topic.

Staff pulled up the PowerPoint presentation.

Presentation Summary:

Presenters outlined progress on the Sunrise Corridor Community Visioning Project, emphasizing its importance as a key east-west freight route and a regionally significant economic and residential hub. They highlighted the corridor's dual role in supporting industrial operations and serving as a residential area with unique challenges, such as congestion, safety, and limited access to open spaces. The project team is engaging deeply with the community, using equitable strategies like multilingual outreach and focus groups to co-create a vision addressing transportation, economic development, public health, and anti-displacement concerns. The collaborative effort includes local governments, ODOT, and community organizations, aiming for a balanced vision that enhances safety, economic vitality, environmental resilience, and community identity while preserving affordability and supporting existing residents and businesses.

Presenters also described the project's key initiatives to address neighborhood identity, environmental health, and transportation access. They emphasized anti-displacement policies for residents and businesses, enhanced truck parking design, and contiguous land development to maintain compatibility between land uses. The plan includes creating safe multimodal transit options, completing gaps in sidewalks and bike networks, and

expanding transit services, such as shuttle routes for underserved areas. A reimagined Highway 212 as a complete street with multimodal improvements was central, alongside the development of a parallel facility to streamline freight traffic. They also discussed integrating feedback to reduce impacts on residential areas, promote community health, and align with regional goals.

JPACT Member Discussion:

Councilor Sherman expressed support, emphasizing the sheer number of people that live in this area that many think of as just a pass-through.

Rian Windsheimer expressed the importance of balancing community needs with regional infrastructure demands, emphasizing the opportunity for more thoughtful planning to improve connectivity and address growth, while expressing appreciation for collaborative efforts to refine the project beyond the initial 2020 plan.

Mayor Joe Buck asked for clarification on jurisdiction, and Stasny responded that most of it is in Happy Valley, but portions are in unincorporated Clackamas County, and that the state highway is controlled by ODOT.

Ali Mizrakhalili commented on the importance of integrating broad systems thinking into the design, highlighting considerations such as electrification infrastructure, tree coverage to mitigate heat islands, environmental monitoring, and the proximity of industrial areas to schools. Stasny agreed and confirmed that they are considering electrification and charging stations and a truck stop.

Commissioner Paul Savas expressed support for this project, thanked all the partners, and emphasized the need for more charging stations as well.

Mayor Callaway thanked project partners and staff for their work and asked to be kept in the loop as it moves forward.

Emerald Bogue applauded Clackamas County for consistently prioritizing this project and recognized it's importance.

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

6. MEMBER UPDATES

Priya Dhanapal shared that the 82nd Avenue Plan, set to be formally adopted by Council on December 4th, will serve as a guiding framework for future projects, with near-term improvements already underway and long-term planning in progress, while also noting plans for onboarding new elected officials starting December 7th.

Commissioner Savas brought up some safety concerns with the commute-shed as people are commuting into the region from further and further away, suggesting a commute-shed study going forward with ODOT and Metro. Chair Gonzalez agreed to talk to Metro and ODOT staff to look into this idea.

Carley Francis finished a project adding the first-in-the-region part-time shoulder lane on I-205 for bus use.

Ali Mirzakhali responded to Commissioner Savas' idea for a commute-shed study, pointing out what programs DEQ already has related to this idea. He also invited members to join the Diesel Emission Reduction Strategy forum.

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

7.ADJOURN

Chair Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 8:57AM.

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	11/21/2024	Fatal Crash Slide	112124-01
3.1	Presentation	11/21/2024	Transit Minute	112124-02
5.1	Presentation	11/21/2024	Regional Emergency Transportation Routes Phase 2 Presentation	112124-04
5.2	Presentation	11/21/2024	Sunrise Visioning Project Update Presentation	112124-05