



Meeting minutes

Meeting: **Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) and Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) workshop meeting**

Date/time: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Place: Virtual conference meeting held via Zoom

Members and Guests Attending

Affiliate

Tom Kloster, Chair	Metro
Katherine Kelly	City of Gresham
Jeff Owen	TriMet
Jennifer Donnelly	Department of Land Conservation & Development
Anne Debbaut	Department of Land Conservation & Development
Chris Deffebach	Washington County
Ramsey Weit	Housing Affordability Organization Representative
Lynda David	SW Washington Regional Transportation Council
Jaimie Huff	City of Happy Valley
Glen Bolen	Oregon Department of Transportation
Carol Chesarek	Multnomah County Citizen Alternate MTAC
Adam Barber	Multnomah County
Eric Hesse	City of Portland
Tom Armstrong	City of Portland
Laura Weigel	City of Hillsboro
Jean Senechal Biggs	City of Beaverton
Denny Egner	City of Milwaukie, Clackamas County MTAC
Seth Brumley	Oregon Department of Transportation
Jeannine Rustad	Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District
Tom Bouillion	Port of Portland
Darci Rudzinski	EMEA, CCBA & WEA, MTAC
Ezra Hammer	Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland
Theresa Cherniak	Washington County
Karen Buehrig	Clackamas County
Jamie Stasny	Clackamas County
Peter Hurley	City of Portland
Jaimie Huff	City of Happy Valley & Cities of Clackamas County
Don Odermott	City of Hillsboro and Cities of Washington County
Garet Prior	City of Tualatin and Cities of Washington County
Mike Coleman	Port of Portland
Glenn Koehrsen	Community Member, TPAC
Gladys Alvarado	Community Member, TPAC
Idris Ibrahim	Community Member, TPAC
Jennifer Campos	City of Vancouver, WA
Joy Fields	
Luke Pelz	City of Beaverton
John Russell	
Bob Kellett	Portland Bureau of Transportation

Brandon Crawford
Carine C.
Leigh Crabtree
Lidwien Rahman
Jennifer Dill
Max Nonnamaker
Mariah Danielson
Michael Rock
Miranda Bateschell
Peter Swinton
Sara Wright
Schyler
Wayne Kittelson
William Farley
Judith Gray
Kimberlya
Lucia
Three phone callers

Oregon Department of Transportation
TREC
PSU

Oregon Department of Transportation

Oregon Environmental Council

City of Lake Oswego
Fehrs & Peers

Metro Staff Attending

Kim Ellis, Principal Transportation Planner
Lake McTighe, Senior Transportation Planner
Caleb Winter, Senior Transportation Planner
John Mermin, Senior Transportation Planner
Cindy Pederson, Manager II, Research Center
Pamela Blackhorse, Program Asst. III
Walle Brown, Planning Intern
Beth Cohen, Strategic Planning Mgr., Parks
Jes Larson, Principal Regional Planner
Metro Land Use & Urban Development
Marie Miller, TPAC & MTAC Recorder

Ted Leybold, Resource & Development Manager
Matthew Hampton, Senior Transportation Planner
Clint Chiavarini, Senior GIS Specialist
Ally Holmqvist, Senior Transportation Planner
Molly Cooney-Mesker, Sr. Public Affairs Specialist
Tim Collins, Senior Transportation Planner
Ted Reid, Principal Regional Planner
Juan Carlos Ocana-Chiu, Manager I, Parks & Nature
Emily Lieb, Principal Regional Planner
Jake Lovell, Planning Intern

1. Call to Order, Meeting Format Overview and Introductions

Chairman Tom Kloster called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Introductions were made. The meeting format held in Zoom with chat area, screen name editing, mute/unmute, hands raised for being called on for questions/comments, and voting for action items were among the logistics reviewed.

2. Committee and Public Communications on Agenda Items

- Denny Egner, City of Milwaukie noted that the Urbanism Next Conference has been rescheduled to an online format. A good slate of presenters and programs has been developed for this online conference schedule for May 14. Registration costs \$125 per/person and are now open at <https://www.urbanismnext.org/conference>. The registration covers both the conference and additional webinars in the future. Mr. Egner encouraged members and others to review and attend. The link to register for the conference will be sent out to members and interested parties.

3. Minutes Review from MTAC/TPAC Feb. 19, 2020 workshop

No corrections or additions were noted to the February 19, 2020 Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) and Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) workshop meeting.

4. Regional Mobility Policy Update Background Research Report (Kim Ellis, Metro, Lidwien Rahman, ODOT, Jennifer Dill, TREC, Max Nonnamaker, PSU)

Kim Ellis, Lidwien Rahman, Jennifer Dill and Max Nonnamaker presented an update on the Regional Mobility Policy project and research to date. The purpose of the project was to update the policy on how the region defines mobility and measures success for the Portland area transportation system and recommend amendments to the RTP and Oregon Highway Plan Policy 1F for the Portland area.

The two-year timeline for the project was presented. In 2020, stakeholder outreach and public engagement will focus on development and testing mobility policy approaches using case studies. A consultant team is being created with lead staff presented. Next steps:

Spring 2020

- Finalize IGA and consultant contract
- Finalize background report
- Refine project schedule and engagement approach

Summer – Fall 2020

- Engage partners on current approaches, 2018 RTP mobility performance, best practices, evaluation criteria and potential mobility measures to test

Max Nonnamaker presented the review process that resulted in 70 documents reviewed so far, and 40 mobility measures to test. The analysis of these measures would include definition, spatial scale, examples of usage, applicable to 2018 RTP goals, mode of transportation, planning applicability and data and analysis and availability. Examples of the measure being tested included time-based travel time, urban form measures, and capacity-based Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT).

Comments from the committees:

- Eric Hesse thanked the project team for the work done and presentation. It was asked if the list of mobility measures was available to view. Ms. Ellis confirmed it was, with more information on the measures and how they will be evaluated at oregonmetro.gov/mobility. It was noted that the City of Portland was working on parallel efforts with mobility standards policy updates plans.
- Jeff Owen asked if, regarding the list of mobility measures, these efforts would help highlight travel time my mode connections in the region. Ms. Ellis concurred that travel time reporting is currently in the RTP and could be included in the measure evaluations.
- Chris Deffebach appreciated the efforts with the progress made to date in the measures. It was suggested that reviewing the full range of measures before they get narrowed in the report was possible. Ms. Ellis noted this was intended to be just the starting point and the final list of measures is not final yet. The project team is interested in hearing input and additional information with further opportunities to refine the list before it is narrowed down.

- Jeannine Rustad noted that jurisdictions, agencies and organizations are now sometimes working with less resources, and would advise to allot adequate time for projects relative to our resources. It was agreed regional partners are working through challenging times and can adjust to expectations and deliverables with communications and staying informed together.

5. **Metro Parks & Nature Updates** (Beth Cohen & Juan Carlos Ocana-Chiu, Metro)

Beth Cohen provided an overview of the past two bond measures in 1995 and 2006, their programs and implementations, and a look ahead to the refinement period with the programs. The biggest portion of the 2006 bond measure earmarked \$168 million for land acquisition from willing sellers. More than 6,000 acres have been acquired and protected – significantly surpassing the original goal. Thanks to voters, Metro has been able to conserve some of the last swathes of native prairies, wetlands and other valuable habitat – home to rare plants and endangered or threatened fish and wildlife. Other properties fill gaps in regional trails, providing key connections for commuters, bicyclists and joggers.

Voters support from 1995 and 2006 bond measures:

- Natural area land acquisition (\$278 million)
 - 14,000+ acres
 - 100 miles of streams
- Local community investments (\$84 million)
 - Local parks, trails and natural areas
 - Nature in Neighborhood grants
- Metro capital projects (\$33 million)
 - Nature parks
 - Regional trail projects
 - Fish habitat restoration

Spending from the 2006 natural areas bond measure is winding down, and voters in November 2019 approved a new \$475 million bond measure to continue investments to protect land, improve parks and natural areas, support community projects and more.

While continuing to build on past investments, projects supported with bond money will include an emphasis on advancing racial equity, deepening community engagement and reducing the impacts of climate change. The work is guided by the Parks and Nature System Plan, a long-term strategic plan and framework, and the Parks and Nature Department’s Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan. The action plan, completed in late 2018, comprises more than 80 actions aimed at improving economic, environmental and cultural equity. With the passing of the 2019 bond measure, the work is just starting. Parks and nature staff will spend late 2019 and early 2020 to connect with community members and develop a work plan to implement the bond measure.

Juan Carlos Ocana-Chiu noted priorities for parks are being sought with the local share program. Most of the funds available in the program would be reimbursement based. Capital grants from bond funding will align to policy, procedure and implementation. It was encouraged to have jurisdictions and partners start thinking of ideas for projects so they are more project ready. Chairman Kloster asked if the bond funding was being proposed with an economic stimulus lens now in light of COVID-19 and

affects in our region. This was acknowledged as interest to help excel investments, noting that the 2019 bond was tied to publicly owned capital assets for projects. Leveraging bond funding to help economically in the region, especially for more planned projects ready now is important.

Comments from the committee:

- Jeannine Rustad appreciated the presentation and information. Ms. Rustad noted her board is well underway in discussions with review of their local share priorities list. It was asked when this list is presented to Council for approval, what are the expected consistencies on meeting criteria and public engagement.

Juan Carlos Ocana-Chiu reported that specific criteria is still being developed, with added challenges to staffing that will lead the creation of criteria and guidelines on the alignment of programs and show engagement with the public. The expectation is a balance from community engagement in the work identified from the priority lists along with legislative specific language to advancing racial equity. He envisions negotiations of IGAs with each of the park providers that receive shared local funds.

- Katherine Kelly noted that Gresham has been working on their priority lists, and wanted to confirm the mid-summer deadline in the presentation. Ms. Cohen noted mid-summer was preferred with at least preliminary lists to give a sense of project scope and funding requests before final lists are made. It was asked that park providers submit their approved lists to Juan Carlos Ocana-Chiu during the summer for an early start on reviews.

Ms. Kelly asked if more information on shared fund criteria and access to nature would be provided, and if a graphic of the local bond elements with timelines shared soon. It was noted these materials are now in development and expected to be presented to Council mid-May or June 2020. Jurisdictions and parks providers were encouraged to consider how projects are meeting the three required criteria legislated from the bond; racial equity, community engagement and climate resilience.

- Jeff Owen asked what the role of MTAC and TPAC would be regarding walking trails, if supporting, endorsing or recommending potential lists of projects. Ms. Cohen noted email distribution lists where information is provided frequently, with regional trails forum and Parks & Nature bond email group lists. Trails mapping and prioritization tools are being developed, with additional transportation input from stakeholders and public engagement. Information will be provided at future TPAC and MTAC meetings to help inform committees on projects.
- Chris Deffebach noted that Washington County is working on the local share project lists, but the bulk of funding goes to other program areas. It was not clear how decisions would be made on the priority lists provided, if opportunities to comment on decisions, and what role an advisory committee or oversight committee would play in these decisions. Ms. Cohen noted these elements are still being developed and offered to come back to the committees with specifics. Juan Carlos Ocana-Chiu noted that internal guidelines help decision makers with the local share programs. Grants are presented to a review committee for recommendations that

are brought to Council for approval. Land acquisitions are reviewed and have refinement in target areas before going to Council for approval.

- Glen Bolen noted that roughly 1/3 of the money was land investments. Given the economic challenges currently, was there any consideration toward moving more funds to capital investments to leverage more economic benefit in the region. Ms. Cohen noted the conditions of meeting the criteria set by Council could help develop economic growth, and work from restoration and stabilization efforts were good use of public funds.
- Jeannine Rustad offered to share impacts from COVID-19 with project bids and land appraisals that address economic significance to the region.

6. Housing Bond Measure, Implications and Communications Update (Jes Larson & Emily Lieb, Metro)

Emily Lieb provided an update on implementation process of the regional affordable housing bond. The bond measure passed in Nov. 2018, with the past year forming implementation strategies with core values from stakeholder meetings held through 2019. Work completed in 2019 included:

- Metro Work Plan adopted
- Community Oversight Committee appointed and launched
- Early project commitments
- Local engagement and implementation strategies
- Intergovernmental agreements

Four Metro affordable housing bond phase 1 projects were shown. Local implementation strategies for the region included development plans with location priorities, anticipated number of projects, and selection/criteria process. Advancing racial equity strategies included COVID participation goals, workforce expectations, low-barrier screening, affirmative marketing, and community engagement strategies and expectations.

It was noted the bond did not create a project list for funding, but to design a funding process with strategies to implementation.

1. Local project selection and Metro concept endorsement
2. Final approval following project refinement
3. Developer agreement and funding disbursement
4. Restrictive covenant or regulatory agreement

Project solicitations have come from Beaverton, Clackamas County, Washington County, and Hillsboro. The City of Gresham and City of Portland are expected during 2020. Metro Council selected an Oversight Committee which provides diverse and expert knowledge in not only housing development but in business, non-profit and community involvement.

Jes Larson provided an overview of the public opinion research that explored voter support for affordable housing. The poll was taken in 2019 to find out how voters were feeling about the current housing challenges in the region. The poll showed 59% of voters supported the housing bond, including a majority of voters in each county. Graphics that showed effectiveness of messages, messages of special circumstances, resident concerns, and opportunities to engage on the issue.

It was noted that the poll taken prior to COVID-19, when asked if providing affordable housing was going in the right or wrong direction 41% responded right direction and 47% wrong direction. Three months later responses were 50% right direction and 40% wrong direction. From recent polls and research, Metro is finding opportunities to share messages of community participation and common ground for public leadership with affordable housing throughout the region.

It was noted the presentation would be included online for viewing. Committee members can contact Ms. Lieb and Ms. Larson directly with questions and input. More updates on the Housing Bond measure will be provided at future committee meetings.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned by Chair Kloster at noon.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Miller, MTAC and TPAC Recorder

Attachments to the Public Record, MTAC and TPAC workshop meeting, April 15, 2020

Item	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1	Agenda	04/15/2020	04/15/2020 MTAC and TPAC workshop meeting agenda	041520M-01
2	MTAC/TPAC Workshop Work Program	04/08/2020	MTAC/TPAC workshop Work Program, as of 04/08/2020	041520M-02
3	MTAC Work Program	04/08/2020	MTAC Work Program, as of 04/08/2020	041520M-03
4	Minutes	02/19/2020	Meeting minutes from February 19, 2020 MTAC/TPAC workshop meeting	041520M-04
5	Presentation	04/15/2020	Investing in Parks and Nature	041520M-05
6	Presentation	April 2020	Regional affordable housing bond implementation update	041520M-06
7	Presentation	04/15/2020	Regional mobility policy update	041520M-07
8	Handout	04/07/2020	Regional Mobility Policy Background Report Potential Mobility Measures	041520M-08
9	Handout	04/07/2020	Regional Mobility Policy Background Report Bibliography of documents reviewed	041520M-09