



Metro Policy Advisory Committee
May 8, 2013
Metro Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Amanda Fritz
Andy Duyck
Annette Mattson
Bill Turlay
Bob Grover
Bob Stacey
Craig Dirksen
Craig Prosser
Denny Doyle
Doug Neeley
Jerry Willey
Jody Carson, *1st Vice Chair*
Kent Studebaker
Loretta Smith, *Chair*
Maxine Fitzpatrick
Peter Truax, *2nd Vice Chair*
Sam Chase
Tom Imeson
Wilda Parks
William Wild

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
Washington County
David Douglas School Board, Governing Body of School Districts
City of Vancouver
Citizen, Washington Co. Citizen
Metro Council
Metro Council
TriMet
City of Beaverton, Washington Co. 2nd Largest City
City of Oregon City, Clackamas Co. 2nd Largest City
City of Hillsboro, Washington Co. Largest City
City of West Linn, Clackamas Co. Other Cities
City of Lake Oswego, Clackamas Co. Largest City
Multnomah County
Citizen, Representing Multnomah Co. Citizen
City of Forest Grove, Washington Co. Other Cities
Metro Council
Port of Portland
Citizen, Representing Clackamas Co. Citizen
Oak Lodge Sanitary District, Clackamas Co. Special Districts

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Charlie Hales
Charlynn Newton
Josh Fuhrer
Marilyn McWilliams
Martha Schrader
Steve Stuart
Tim Clark

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
City of North Plains, City in Washington Co. Outside the UGB
City of Gresham, Multnomah Co. 2nd Largest City
Tualatin Valley Water District, Washington Co. Special Districts
Clackamas County
Clark County
City of Wood Village, Multnomah Co. Other Cities

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Jennifer Donnelly

AFFILIATION

Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation and Development

STAFF: Maria Ellis, Robin McArthur, Andy Cotugno, Kelsey Newell, Nick Christiansen, Ramona Perrault, Grace Cho, Ina Zucker, Kim Ellis, Patty Unfred, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, Councilor Shirley Craddick

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Loretta Smith called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 5:06p.m.

2. SELF INTODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

All attendees introduced themselves.

3. CITEZEN COMMUNICATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no citizen communication or non-agenda items discussed.

4. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Craig Dirksen provided an update on the following items:

- The U.S. Department of Transportation has announced another round of Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant funding. JPACT will discuss the endorsement process at their May 9th meeting and applications for JPACT consideration must be at Metro by 9 a.m. Friday, May 10th. Metro staff will evaluate each application based on TIGER criteria and meet with an applicant team within the following week. JPACT will have a special meeting on Thursday, May 30th, to endorse one regional priority application;
- There is a Regional Transportation Plan open house on Thursday, May 23rd, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Metro Council Chambers to help finalize the regional strategy that will make it easier and safer to walk, ride a bicycle and access transit;
- Metro Council President, Tom Hughes, will deliver that State of the Region address on Friday, May 17th, at 12:15 p.m. at the City Club of Portland.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- **Consideration of the April 10, 2013 minutes**

MOTION: Mr. William Wild moved, Commissioner Amanda Fritz seconded, to approve the consent agenda.

ACTION: With 12 members in favor and 1 abstention, Mr. Craig Prosser, the motion passed.

6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Councilor Craig Dirksen a legislative update on the following items:

- The reaming bills in the legislature are to be scheduled for work sessions no later than May 20th and will have to passed out of committee no later than May 31st. These deadlines do not apply to the Revenue or Ways and Means committees;
- SB 845, the Azalea Project, is in the Senate Rules Committee where it is waiting for resolution on reserves litigation;
- HB 3067, Area 93 passed unanimously by the House and will be heard in the Senate next week;
- HB 3316, TriMet board bill, is being heard Wednesday, May 8th;

- HB 2453, VMT for 55MPG or better vehicles, has a work session in House Revenue on Wednesday, May 8th and will then go to Ways and Means. The fate of HB2453 is still unclear, especially with Senator Bruce Starr endorsing a bill that would allow drivers to opt in to a road usage fee. This bill, SB 810, has gone to Ways and Means;
- HB 2945, Clackamas Co. rural Area Commission on Transportation (ACT), was moved to the House Rules committee. ODOT opposes this bill and negotiations are underway with answering whether and how to create one or more ACT's for the Portland region;
- SB 246 and SB 253, industrial site readiness bills, have been sent to the Ways and Means committee;
- MPAC's letter of support for the Willamette Falls Legacy Project has been included in the packet being distributed to key legislator. It is expected to have a hearing in the coming weeks.

7. CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES SCENARIOS PROJECT: RECOMMENDED PHASE 2 INVESTMENT CHOICES AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

Councilor Craig Dirksen provided a brief background to the CSC Scenarios project and noted that they have taken all comments into consideration thus far. Councilor Dirksen stated that Ms. Kim Ellis would further continue the discussion as well as seek a recommendation from MPAC to the Metro Council. This recommendation will allow staff to begin analysis work in testing different strategies which will eventually inform the decision of choosing which elements from the 3 scenarios should be included in the preferred scenario.

Ms. Kim Ellis stated that Phase 3 of the process is scheduled to begin this fall with release of the Phase 2 findings report. She also explained that the first 3 of 8 case studies provided to committee members show actions being taken now in communities across the region that will help the region meet its targets. The case studies are intended to highlight the great work that has been or is being done in the region already. Ms. Ellis spoke briefly on the 3 investment choices to be tested this summer, noting what each scenario will achieve. She stated that although each scenario covers a range of options, local-adopted land use visions are the foundation for all of them. Ms. Ellis noted that there have also been some refinements to the scenarios, including the assumptions for state policies and actions that better align with Statewide Transportation Strategy. She stated that other recommended refinements include new measures related to jobs; housing affordability and transportation cost burden; UGB growth; and travel patterns related to commute trip length. Next steps include MPAC and JPACT recommendations to the Metro Council. The Metro Council would then discuss the recommendations on May 16th, and take final action on those recommendations on June 6th.

Member discussion included:

- Members asked if percentages will be added to each in the evaluation criteria. Ms. Kim Ellis stated that percentages have not been added for the purpose of weighting the outcomes of a certain scenario; she explained that is a policy decision that staff have recommended each member make for themselves when considering the results of the evaluation this fall. Ms. Robin McArthur stated that eventually, this information could be developed if MPAC and JPACT agreed to this collectively;
- Members noted that there are different ways to meet each of these scenarios and different jurisdictions will have to learn how to deal with issues that affect them. Ms. Ellis stated that

there will be future conversation that looks at tailoring approaches to fit the needs of different jurisdictions;

- Mayor Jerry Willey stated that he feels this project is of importance, but citing a recent *Portland Tribune* article, he also stated that we need to educate the public on what this project intends to accomplish. He stated that this project is going to have to be a balance of cost, versus benefits, versus financial feasibility. Mayor Willey stated that local governments can still design and anticipate for growth through various methods and that one cannot just put sole emphasis on greenhouse gas reduction. He expressed concern about what the real cost of getting to the emissions reduction target will be and cautioned that the plans we have in place may be sufficient to get the region “close enough” given the uncertainty of the future;
- Members inquired as to how this project is going to incorporate social equity without implying that there is a transfer of money from one county to another. He stated that the majority of people are on board with this project for the greater good, but social equity’s influence on the overall discussion is concerning;
- Councilor Jody Carson stated that Clackamas County is in support of this project, but feels that there are still more recommendations to be made, before making the final decision. She noted that there should also be some more discussion with the state on how to meet the program’s target goals;
- Members expressed support of instead of picking just one scenario, choosing multiple options that work from each scenario to create the best possible outcome;
- Members expressed the need to engage the unincorporated areas within the UGB about this project and provide residents of these areas with opportunities to shape the preferred scenario.

MOTION: Mayor Doug Neeley moved, Commissioner Amanda Fritz seconded, to recommend the Metro Council move forward with the Phase 2 evaluation of the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios project.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

8. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT INITIATIVE: REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE ENTERPRISE (RIE)

Mr. Tom Imeson gave a brief overview of the CII and RIE. Mr. Imeson stated that the CII intends to focus on 4 key areas; the Regional Infrastructure Enterprise, development ready communities, school facilities planning, and a transportation legislative agenda. The purpose of focusing on these areas is to facilitate infrastructure investment that catalyses living wage job creation, private investment and economic development. Mr. Imeson spoke about the functions of the RIE, the phased development approaches, and the delivery of services structure.

Metro Councilor Bob Stacey stated the Metro Council was very appreciative of the work CII has been doing thus far. Although, this is an effort to develop shovel ready land, there are still more questions than answers at this point. Councilor Stacey stated that the Metro Council will consider investing in the project, both monetarily as well as through staff resources. We still need to ask what value this will bring to the region. Councilor Stacey stated that it is unknown as to how big this project will grow, therefore, any advice or guidance would be beneficial.

Mr. Adam Davis sought feedback from MPAC on the CII RIE.

- Members asked about funding for phase 2. Mr. Imeson stated that a group will be created to oversee the efforts to secure a revenue stream. Mr. Davis also suggested focusing currently

on phase 1. He used the analogy of walking before running in regards to the current state of the project;

- Members expressed concerns with the governance of the RIE board – specifically, the need for more local and county representation, concerns with larger agency representation, and coordination with ongoing local efforts. Mr. Davis stated that the governance structure will be a top priority in moving forward with the process. Mr. Imeson stated that while local elected officials will serve on this board, no one will be elected to the board;
- Members stated that social equity needs to be taken into account during project selection. In terms of equity, broad representation on the RIE board will provide the best outcomes;
- Members inquired about the use of public/private partnerships for projects. Mr. Imeson stated that public/private partnerships could work very well, not only on larger projects, referencing the light rail project to the airport, but also on smaller projects as well. Mr. Davis stated that the CII is very much interested in seeking small and large projects alike;
- Commissioner Amanda Fritz stated that even in larger public/private partnerships, referencing the airport light rail project, that public agencies still funded the majority of projects costs;
- Mr. Bob Grover stated that he feels that public infrastructure projects are being made more expensive than they need to be. He referenced the Cornelius Pass project, stating how it was originally intended to be completed in one phase, but instead, was completed in two. Mr. Grover stated that private companies can complete projects at a lower cost than public agencies can. He suggested a reevaluation of public infrastructure projects;
- Members stated that although this is a regional effort, there have been many successful projects completed at the local level. It was noted that smaller jurisdictions will benefit from having access to this type of project funding. It was also stated that no matter the funding source, jurisdictions will have to support projects by being shown the benefit of those projects. Members noted that community education and outreach is crucial;
- Mr. Adam Davis and Mr. Tom Imeson stated that with the suggestions provided by MPAC, they feel confident in moving forward to phase 1.

9. MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Annette Mattson noted that 2 of the 3 principals of the year are from the David Douglas School District.

10. ADJOURN

Councilor Jody Carson adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe Montanez
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR May 8, 2013

The following have been included as part of the official public record:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Doc. Type</u>	<u>Doc. Date</u>	<u>Doc. Description</u>	<u>Doc. Number</u>
7	PowerPoint	N/A	CSC Scenarios Project	50813m-01
8	PowerPoint	N/A	CII RIE	50813m-02