



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Aug. 14, 2014
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jack Burkman
Carlotta Collette
Shirley Craddick
Nina DeConcini
Craig Dirksen, Chair
Denny Doyle
Donna Jordan
Neil McFarlane
Diane McKeel
Steve Novick
Roy Rogers
Paul Savas

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ed Barnes
Shane Bemis
Jason Tell
Don Wagner
Bill Wyatt

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Lisa Barton-Mullins
Bart Gernhart
Susie Lahsene
Jeff Swanson
Rian Windsheimer

AFFILIATION

City of Vancouver
Metro Council
Metro Council
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Metro Council
City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County
City of Lake Oswego, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
TriMet
Multnomah County
City of Portland
Washington County
Clackamas County

AFFILIATION

Clark County
City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
Oregon Department of Transportation
Washington Department of Transportation
Port of Portland

AFFILIATION

City of Fairview, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
Washington Department of Transportation
Port of Portland
Clark County
Oregon Department of Transportation

STAFF: Beth Cohen, Andy Cotugno, Elissa Gertler, Alison R. Kean, Tom Kloster, Ted Leybold, Jill Schmidt, Randy Tucker, Nikolai Ursin, and John Williams.

1. CALL TO ORDER, DECLARATION OF A QUORUM & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Craig Dirksen declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON IPACT ITEMS

There were none.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Dirksen and committee members shared updates on the following items:

- Chair Dirksen thanked those who attended the T4America policy breakfast hosted in July to discuss how the Portland-metropolitan region can improve access to jobs.
- The JPACT Finance Subcommittee, convened by Chair Dirksen, will focus on the potential 2015 legislative transportation package. The first meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m. on Aug. 21 at Metro Regional Center.
- On July 10, JPACT recommended that Metro Council adopt the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan, 2015-2018 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, and Regional Active Transportation Plan. Metro Council adopted the plans in July 2014.
- Metro will host a joint meeting with JPACT and Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) on Nov. 7 to discuss the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project draft approach, including potential refinements and recommendations to Metro Council.
- Councilor Shirley Craddick provided information on the 2014 Rail-Volution Conference Sept. 22-24 in Minneapolis, Minn.
- Councilor Carlotta Collette provided an update on the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) Task Force considering creation of an ACT for the Portland-Metropolitan region. She provided a chart with four proposed options for the composition of the ACT and stated that the commission formed will change the makeup of JPACT, but not necessarily as JPACT regularly meets. The Task Force will meet on Sept. 22 to discuss whether ODOT Region 1 should be represented by one or two ACTs.
- Mr. Paul Savas stated that the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee cancelled the Sept. 4 meeting due to the holiday earlier in the week.
- Mr. Rian Windsheimer updated members on the recruitment for an ODOT Region 1 Manager.
- Mr. Jack Burkman discussed his handout [Advisory Vote # 1] regarding Clark County Board of Commissioners consideration of Resolution 2014-07-27 for a toll-free East County Bridge. Ms. Susie Lahsene stated that Port of Portland has many concerns and questions that will be shared with the Clark County Board of Commissioners.
- Mr. Roy Rogers offered to share information regarding Washington County tax-break negotiations with interested members.
- Mr. Neil McFarlane stated that Orenco Park and Ride would be temporarily closed for construction beginning Aug. 31.
- Chair Dirksen recognized Washington County Commissioner Roy Rogers as the longest-serving County Commissioner continuing to serve in the State of Oregon. Commissioner Rogers was first elected to the Washington County Board of Commissioners and sworn into office in 1985.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Don Wagner (Or Denny Doyle) moved and Ms. Donna Jordan seconded to approve the Aug. 14 Consent Agenda, which consisted of:

- Consideration of the minutes for May 30, 2014; and
- Consideration of the minutes for July 10, 2014.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

4 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING INITIATIVES

Chair Dirksen introduced Congressman Earl Blumenhauer and summarized regional conversations on establishing more stable transportation funding at the federal level and development of a state framework for investments in our transportation system.

Congressman Blumenhauer discussed the need for a federal commitment to transportation funding and argued that an increase in the gas-tax would begin to address current funding issues. He distributed an article from The Atlantic titled "Driving the Highway Trust Fund into the Ground," which challenges Congress to complete a long-term transportation funding plan. Congressman Blumenhauer shared his commitment to forming such a plan and stated that Congress should not adjourn until reaching a six-year framework for transportation funding.

Congressman Blumenhauer thanked the region for continuing to support Rail-Volution, a transportation summit that started in Portland, Oregon.

Member comments included:

Members discussed household investments in infrastructure relative to leisure spending and overall public perception of government spending. Members acknowledged public interest to know how funds will be distributed in advance of supporting tax increases and to see the results of infrastructure investments after implementation.

Mr. Burkman shared the state of Washington's experience with public feedback following an increased gas-tax.

Mr. McFarlane stated that Portland is not currently a leader in transportation planning since other regions are investing more aggressively in transportation. He urged JPACT committee members to consider opportunities for regional transportation initiatives.

Members discussed the relationship between jobs and transportation. Mr. Savas stated that the region needs to remain competitive as its unemployment rate increases.

5 ADJOURN

Chair Dirksen adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jill Schmidt, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF AUG. 14, 2014

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
3.0	Handout	N/A	ODOT Region 1 ACT Options	81414j-01
3.0	Handout	N/A	Advisory Vote #1; Toll-Free East County Bridge Advisory Vote	81414j -02
5.0	Handout	8/8/2014	"Driving the highway Trust Fund Into the Ground"	81414j -03