



TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE
Oct. 31, 2014
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kelly Brooks
Karen Buehrig
Lynda David
Chris Deffebach
Adrian Esteban
Carol Gossett
Judith Gray
Katherine Kelly
Nancy Kraushaar
Dave Nordberg
Cora Potter
Satvinder Sandhu
Karen Schilling
Steve White
Kathryn Williams
John Williams

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Mike Clark
Elissa Gertler
Carol Gossett
Susie Lahsene
Heather McCarey
Mychal Tetteh
Rian Windsheimer

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Alan Lehto
Ken Burgstahler
Peter Hurley
Don Odermot
Lainie Smith

AFFILIATION

Oregon Department of Transportation
Clackamas County
Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council
Washington County
Community Representative
Community Representative
City of Portland
City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.
City of Wilsonville, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Community Representative
Federal Highway Administration
Multnomah County
Community Representative
Port of Portland
Metro

AFFILIATION

Washington State Department of Transportation
Metro
Community Representative
Port of Portland
Community Representative
Community Representative
Oregon Department of Transportation

AFFILIATION

TriMet
Washington State Department of Transportation
City of Portland
City of Hillsboro, representing Cities of Washington Co.
Oregon Department of Transportation

STAFF: Kim Ellis, Tim Collins, Alexandra Eldridge, Dan Kaempff, Tom Kloster, Ted Leybold, Lake McTighe, John Mermin, Chris Myers, and Jessica Rojas.

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

Chair John Williams declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Williams updated members on the following items:

John Williams introduced John Mermin, who provided members with a recap from the Regional Transportation Plan workshop to assist in guiding local TSP updates. Mr. Mermin referred members to a memo included in the packet that summarized the workshop and a link to where all TSP materials can be found online at www.oregonmetro.gov/tsp also informed members that Metro staff have offered to meet individually with local staff this fall to discuss their TSP and if or how it would need to be updated to be consistent with the 2014 RTP.

Mr. Williams overviewed the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) materials with members, including the CSC assessment and final report that summarizes the findings of the health impact assessment. Mr. Williams also referred members to the Oregon Climate and Health Profile report covering climate change in Oregon and the impacts to human health.

An update on the Regional Travel Options (RTO) program was provided, Mr. Williams informed members that the RTO that is changing their format of their regular collaborative group meeting and will be holding a workshop to present travel options regionally. All jurisdictions and TDM organizations are encouraged to attend as RTO will be looking to gather input. The workshop will be held on Tues November 18th from 3 to 5pm contact Marne Duke or any RTO staff for more information.

Mr. Williams informed the committee that TPAC membership includes 6 citizen members and these are 2 year terms that alternate and 3 spots are open this year. Mr. Williams explained that the public process in receiving nominations and the Metro Council president will appoint from the nominations. Mr. Williams reviewed what seats will be open and the application period will run from Nov 3rd to Nov 21st. For more information contact Alexandra Eldridge. Members should expect anticipate an email with a link to materials next week.

Chris Deffebach updated members on the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant, which was recently received in collaboration with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the Regional Active Transportation management. Ms. Deffebach reviewed the project's focus in improving travel time and freight coordination, reducing incidents and improving reliability to the system. Ms. Deffebach overviewed where the road improvements would be located. Stacy Shettler was named as a resource in this effort. Kelly Brooks commented on the Tiger grant process and making all the facilities work, offering details from ODOT's role in the program. Ms. Brooks shared a video, "ODOT Real Time" with members outlining the improvements and warnings provided by the detection systems, explained that the TIGER grant would expand those efforts.

Alan Lehto provided an announcement from TriMet on service guidelines as TriMet receives direction from their board and changes to their service plan revisions. Mr. Lehto informed members that TriMet will have provide a document soon to cover what sort of considerations will take place so people can engage in an effective way. Members were informed that they should anticipate a follow up via email about potential presentations to receive feedback and comments.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON JPACT ITEMS

Citizen testimony was provided by Ron Swaren. Mr. Swaren was a part of a group of citizens that stood in opposition of the proposed Columbia River Crossing. Mr. Swaren distributed handouts that he has presented as alternatives to a 3rd bridge. Mr. Swaren presented an illustration of a western

arterial to the Columbia highway, stressed that it's not a western bypass. Mr. Swaren offered comments on traffic solutions and transit, freight mobility in consideration of development and employment trends. Mr. Swaren shared copies of a letter that he addressed to TriMet.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE TPAC MINUTES FOR SEPT. 26, 2014

MOTION: Ms. Cora Potter moved and Ms. Karen Schilling seconded to approve the minutes from September 26, 2014 with the following correction to a scrivener's error:

- Peter Hurley offered a correction that Judith Grey was present as a representative for the City of Portland.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

5. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AMENDMENT: BEHAVIOR-BASED FREIGHT MODEL

Chris Meyers provided an UPWP update, referred members to the meeting materials that overview the resolution, as an amendment to the FY 2013-15 UPWP Update to reprogram \$25,000 of Regional Flexible Funds from the Regional Freight/Passenger Rail Study to the Regional Over-Dimensional Truck Route Study.

Tim Collins of Metro gave an overview of the Regional Freight/Passenger Rail Study and the regional freight allocation and what the results of the amendment would mean. Approval would ensure that grants can be submitted and contracts executed so work can commence on this project between now and June 30, 2015, in accordance with established Metro priorities. Mr. Williams referred to TPAC for a recommendation.

Questions and comments included:

- Carol Gossett asked if there will be any public engagement.

Mr. Collins replied no.

- Kathryn Williams offered comments on the stakeholder advisory committee, in particular the emergency response committee and including their needs and feedback.
- Peter Hurley asked if there was draft list of commonly used routes.

Mr. Collins replied yes that is a part of the analysis that is being done, where the routes are currently.

- Mr. Hurley asked where the city of Portland routes will be.

Mr. Collins responded that members can follow up with him for more information.

- Katherine asked questions in regards to jurisdictions and streamlining.

Mr. Collins replied yes we are looking to streamline through an ODOT carrier group.

MOTION: Moved by Peter Hurley and seconded by Alan Lehto.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

6. CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES SCENARIOS PROJECT: CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS TO IDENTIFY PRIORITY TOOLBOX ACTIONS AND OPTIONS

Kim Ellis of Metro presented materials from the Climate Smart Communities Project informing members that she is seeking feedback on the proposed amendments and actions. Ms. Ellis referenced the materials that are draft form, including synthesized comments that will be summarize in a staff recommendation and will be available for distribution by the following Monday. Ms. Ellis shared the draft language with the committee and informed them that she will be seeking the committee's recommendation to JPACT at the next meeting.

Ms. Ellis reviewed the ordinance, including the legislative history from HB 2001, which provided the legal direction to the CSC work and the subsequent rulemaking by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) that directed the scenario planning process to be used to develop and select a preferred strategy, as well as the need to amend the Regional Framework Plan to implement that strategy. Ms. Ellis reviewed the timeline and key takeaways from the previous CSC phases.

Ms. Ellis reviewed the work that has been completed and offered what to expect in the future in terms of materials and the next steps in making a recommendation to JPACT.

Questions and comments included:

- Members asked questions in regards to wording and asked for clarification in the reduction of fuel reduction targets. Ms. Ellis clarified where the reduction comes from.
- Members asked clarifying questions about the strategy and the exhibits, and the recommendation process. Ms. Ellis explained the committee decision process.
- Peter Hurley asked questions about how the LCDC review is conducted. Ms. Ellis offered details of the LCDC review, expected timeline and adoption process, how it works and what is anticipated.
- Members asked how the public comments are being incorporated and how it will be revised. Ms. Ellis responded that the changes are shown in exhibit E in track changes format.
- Mr. Hurley asked questions about the short list of actions and where it would be incorporated. Ms. Ellis responded that is being sought as a recommendation, as it could be stand alone or be included in the staff report. Members discussed having the short list be an exhibit to the ordinance.
- Ms. Gossett asked about the “where as” #7 in tracking the progress and where the information would come from. Ms. Ellis reviewed what Metro is already required to monitor and report through scheduled updates to the Regional Transportation Plan and the Urban Growth Report and other state required reporting.

Ms. Ellis offered the intent of the framework amendments and what is included in the chapters, reviewed the goals and objectives, and summarized the staff recommendations to respond to public comments. Ms. Ellis shared feedback from MPAC, which was mixed. Some MPAC members expressed support for having some of the toolbox actions included in the Framework Plan as examples, which other members felt it provided too much detail given.

- Ms. Kelly offered comments in regards to the language used that could be potential red flags and offered what she supports.
- Ms. Kraushaar shared input from Clackamas County in regards to housing and jobs in face of climate change, shared suggestions on what to promote and offered suggestions on how to promote the idea of living close to where people work. Mr. Williams and Ms. Ellis offered to review the Regional Framework Plan to identify if there are additional language changes that could address that.
- Ms. Kraushaar asked what a zero vision strategy would look like. Ms. Ellis explained the zero fatality in transportation.
- Members offered comments on affordable housing and the lack of language in the goals to address that and asked questions as to how this committee considering those aspects.

Ms. Ellis referenced the short list dated Oct 23rd, provided details of the Oct. 15 MTAC discussion and referred members to a memo that summarizes the direction from JPACT and MPAC to define a short list of actions for 2015 and 2016. Ms. Ellis reviewed how the short list was drafted and the guiding principles identified at the September TPAC meeting. She reminded members that the principles included defining actions that will result in significant greenhouse gas remissions reductions and provide other benefits, are achievable but that require political will and collaboration among regional partners. Ms. Ellis reviewed the 3 actions identified: (1) advocate for more funding, (2) advocate for state actions needed to achieve the fleet and technology assumptions included in the Climate Smart Strategy and (3) seek opportunities to advance local and regional projects that combine the most effective greenhouse gas emissions reduction strategies, with the emphasis on the implementing the strategies together rather than individually. Ms. Ellis explained that short list is intended to demonstrate the region's commitment to work together to begin implementing the Climate Smart Strategy.

- Ms. Deffebach offered takeaways from the MTAC meeting and expressed that the work is fitting into actions that can be taken and offered her opinions in the goals.
- Mr. Hurley offered comments in regards to the discussions from the joint meeting and supplemental materials circulated and expressed concern about shorter versions of the documents as it lacks clarity and specificity and expressed a desire for previous language that offers more details on each of the actions.
- Members offered comments on the actions and asked for clarification in language. The committee expressed support for adding back some of the details from the MTAC review draft, particularly action #3.

7. OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGION 1 AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION (ACT)

Doug Bish of ODOT presented the All Roads Transportation Safety Plan funding for infrastructure improvements to members. Mr. Bish provided background on how safety funds have been distributed, shared where the crashes occur and how to reduce these injuries through investments. Mr. Bish provided a slideshow outlining details where the injuries are occurring, informed members that Portland Oregon averages 1700 fatal accidents a year.

Mr. Bish shared what the program offers. Takeaways included:

- ARTS are blind to jurisdiction.
- Proven safety counter measures like roundabouts and curved rods can reduce injuries.
- Hot spots are that can be identified by the number and severity of crashes that occurred.
- Using the systematic approach to look at low cost measures to reduce crashes.
- Reviewed the hot spot process that differs as potential areas for improvement and consider counter measures.
- Intersection improvements and bike pedestrian improvements will be looked at in the system.

Sue D'Agnese, the Region 1 Traffic Manager overviewed the process and timeline of ARTS. Ms. D'Agnese shared with members the 300% list, outlying the political uncertainties of the funding. She encouraged all technical staff to review the program details and informed members that she will work with a consultant to review the crashes and apply counter measure to develop an initial priority list.

- Members asked clarifying questions about the difference in the reviewing the data in how the list of data will be provided and how the measures will be applied.
- Mr. Bish responded that they will share how it was developed, with January applications will be made available.
- Members asked if there was a mailing list.
- Members offered comments on the process.
- Ms. D'Agnese responded on the process and how it will work, shared the difference in hot spots and what the appeal process could look like. Shared details of how the data will be incorporated and engagement with agencies to give site specific information, such as the counter measure and costs.
- Ms. D'Agnese shared that she anticipates offering concrete dates in December, but will seeking input.
- Members requested a brief summary for engagement.
- Ms. D'Agnese overviewed the details and possible dates or timeframes.
- Members offered comments in regards to the urban and rural context perceptions.
- Members asked questions about funding.
- Members asked questions about what restraints may exist in regards to the match.
- Ms. D'Agnese responded that she does not have the answer yet, someone has to pay the match and there are limitations at what can be done under counter measures.
- Members asked about application questions specifically.
- Ms. D'Agnese will share the application and process directly with each member and will overview the process and informed members that they will have the freedom to select something that isn't on the list.
- Members asked if there is a standing committee that they work with that brings in other jurisdictions?
- Mr. Bish responded that this is a part of the fix it program and that they do have a safety committee made of public figures who are citizens from across the state.

8. MOSIAC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT RESULTS

Oregon Mosaic Project Lucia Ramirez of ODOT and Sam Seskin CH2M Hill presented on ODOT's Mosaic (least cost planning) development project. Ms. Ramirez informed members that Mosaic

Provides a record of the processes that consider the climate impacts, locations, the cost benefit analysis and discusses the tradeoffs to inform the discussion. Mosaic doesn't specify the decision but provides information to weigh and consider. Mosaic is designed for the transportation planning scale and is not intended in project analysis, as more for an RTP or TSP process. Mosaic can help gauge where the impacts may be to look at different scenarios. Ms. Ramirez and Mr. Seskin overviewed the products developed and the results of testing the process, which Metro staffers assisted with.

Other takeaways included:

- Reviewed where members can learn more about mosaic and where it can be accessed. The site contains documentation of the process. A user guide is available and what can be found in the work book.
- Reviewed what is included in the web site and what costs and benefits analysis are available to evaluate demand management techniques of capital intensive projects.
- Tools for evidence based transportation investments. Reviewed how Mosaic evaluates and can refine the options by the bundle based on how stakeholders rate value. Mosaic can accommodate for values that can be assessed in monetary levels.
- Reviewed the prerequisites required in using mosaic. What its intended for and what it isn't intended for.
- Offered what they learn through takeaways and process.

Questions and comments included:

- Members asked questions as to how it would be used in TSP.
- Ms. Ramirez responded that it is good to use in looking at scenarios and offered details of how Mosaic can take bundles into consideration to help on developing the value, overviewed the features that can be gleaned and used in a TSP
- Members offered comments in ways that mosaic may have been used as a tool.
- Members asked about where other pilots have appended in Portland.
- Ms. Ramirez shared the results of what the process was like in assessing whether the tool was useful.
- Members requested the results from the pilot project to help members better understand how mosaic works.
- Members asked questions about the multiple benefit components.
- Ms. Ramirez invited members to visit the ODOT website for project history.

9. **ADJOURN**

Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 10:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jessica Rojas, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF OCT. 31, 2014

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
6	Handout	10/13/14	Short List of Regional Actions _CSC	10314t-01
5	PPT	N/A	PPT: UPWP Presentation	103141t-02
7	PPT	N/A	PPT: Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) All Roads Transportation Safety Program	103114t-03
8	PPT	10/31/14	PPT: Oregon Mosaic Project Outcomes	103114t-04