



**METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)**

Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2015

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ruth Adkins  
Sam Chase  
Tim Clark, *1st Vice Chair*  
Jeff Gudman  
Jerry Hinton  
Dick Jones  
Keith Mays  
Anne McEnerny-Ogle  
Wilda Parks  
Martha Schrader, *2nd Vice Chair*  
Loretta Smith  
Peter Truax, *Chair*  
Jerry Willey

**AFFILIATION**

PPS, Governing Body of School Districts  
Metro Council  
City of Wood Village, Multnomah Co. Other Cities  
City of Lake Oswego, Clackamas Co. Largest City  
City of Gresham, Multnomah Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City  
Oak Lodge Water District, Clackamas Co. Special Districts  
Washington County Citizen  
City of Vancouver  
Clackamas County Citizen  
Clackamas County  
Multnomah County  
City of Forest Grove, Washington Co. Other Cities  
City of Hillsboro, Washington Co. Largest City

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Carlotta Collette  
Marilyn McWilliams

**AFFILIATION**

Metro Council  
Tualatin Valley Water District, Washington Co. Special Districts

**ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Carrie MacLaren  
Luis Nava  
Marc San Soucie

**AFFILIATION**

Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development  
Washington County Citizen  
City of Beaverton, Washington Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tom Armstrong, Carol Chesarek, Chris Deffebach, Mark Gamba, Eric Hesse, Jeannine Rustad

**STAFF:** Nick Christensen, Andy Cotugno, Alexandra Eldridge, Alison Kean, Nellie Papsdorf, Ramona Perrault, Randy Tucker, Nikolai Ursin, John Williams, Ina Zucker

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

MPAC Chair Peter Truax called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 5:10 p.m.

**2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS**

All attendees introduced themselves.

### **3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were none.

### **4. COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilor Bob Stacey notified MPAC members on the following items:

- The Metro Council has appointed Councilor Carlotta Collette to MPAC as Councilor Kathryn Harrington will be moving to the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT).
- An update on the Solid Waste Roadmap: The multi-year program of planning, which aims to determine how to best handle waste in the Portland Metro area, will result in decisions starting in late 2015 and continuing into 2016. Councilor Stacey noted that there will be a forum at the Westside Economic Alliance on February 19 which will include discussion with representatives from the solid waste industry as well from Metro and local government. Following the discussion, the Roadmap will be discussed at MPAC in February or March.
- Governor John Kitzhaber has approved using lottery funds to construct the Willamette Falls Riverwalk as part of the Willamette Falls Legacy Project and a request for design proposals was released on January 23. Councilor Stacey noted that Metro's Natural Areas program is managing the riverwalk's construction and the request for proposal (RFP) process. Design team finalists should be selected for interviews by the end of March.
- The next round of Nature in Neighborhoods grants will be accepted through April 21. \$600,000 in grants will be available for community projects and programs across the region that restore habitats and connect residents to nature close to home.
- Metro's Community Planning and Development Grants will be available in upcoming months. Councilor Stacey explained that program staff plans to hold a pre-application meeting with potential applicants in early March with letters of intent due from communities by March 26.

Chair Truax welcomed the following new MPAC members and alternates for 2015: Oregon City Mayor Dan Holladay who will represent Clackamas County 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City, Oregon City Commissioner Carol Pauli and Clark County Commissioner Jeanne Stewart who will represent Clark County.

### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **5.1 Consideration of December 10, 2014 Minutes**

#### **5.2 2015 Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) Appointments**

MOTION: Wilda Parks moved and Councilor Jeff Gudman seconded, to approve consent agenda items.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

## 6. ACTION ITEMS

### 6.1 Election of 2015 Officers

The 2015 MPAC Nominating Committee composed of MPAC members Councilor Tim Clark, Mayor Doug Neeley, and Commissioner Marilyn McWilliams proposed the following nominations for the 2015 MPAC officers:

Chair: Mayor Pete Truax, City of Forest Grove, Washington Co. Other Cities  
1st Vice Chair: Councilor Tim Clark, City of Wood Village, Multnomah Co. Other Cities  
2nd Vice Chair: Commissioner Martha Schrader, Clackamas County

MOTION: Mayor Jerry Willey moved and Councilor Jeff Gudman seconded, to approve the nominations of the 2015 MPAC officers.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

### 6.2 Resolution No. 15-4597

Metro Policy Advisor Andy Cotugno introduced the resolution to endorse the recommendations for transportation funding developed by the Oregon Transportation Forum (OTF) over the last year. He explained that the hallmark of the process was to develop consensus amongst a diverse array of related organizations around an all-modes transportation package.

Andy Cotugno defined the structure of the OTF's plan, explaining that it mirrors the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) approach to distinguishing in their spending plans the expenditures as "fix it" (operating and maintaining the existing system) or enhance (multi-modal improvements to the system). He noted that there are recommendations included in the package for both fix it and enhancement projects. He noted that the package also includes policy recommendations for better future decision making and more efficient delivery of transportation planning.

*Member discussion included:*

Members discussed youth access to transit as included in the proposal and how it would apply to young people around the region. Mr. Cotugno explained that Portland Public Schools and the City of Eugene are the only parties that provide this access so far and that the proposal's recommendations could apply this statewide.

Members discussed the last paragraph of the resolution that speaks to preserving and expanding existing options and removing existing restrictions on local and regional revenue-raising authority. Members discussed existing restrictions in terms of gas taxes and upcoming expirations of some of these taxes and other fees, as well as the potential for time-limited, project-specific taxes to support multi-modal investments.

Ms. Wilda Parks noted the importance of the transportation funding issue at MPAC and the significance of MPAC's involvement in the project. She requested that MPAC be listed as recommending the adoption of the resolution. Mr. Cotugno responded that MPAC will be added if the committee agrees to endorse the resolution.

Members discussed the structure of funding distribution. Mr. Cotugno noted that transportation funding is in high demand across the state, and that many of these needs come from rural areas. Metro Legislative Affairs Manager Randy Tucker added that an estimate of covering transit needs around the state is \$75 million dollars.

MOTION: Ms. Parks moved and Councilor Marc San Soucie seconded, to approve the recommendation of Resolution No. 15-4597.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

## **7. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **7.1 Metro's 2015 State Legislative Agenda**

Mr. Randy Tucker introduced the 2015 Metro Council Legislative Priorities, explaining that it summarizes the specific measures that Metro will be promoting during the upcoming state legislative session if accepted by the Metro Council. He noted that the Metro Council updates its lists of principles every couple of years to give guidance on legislative issues.

Mr. Tucker gave an overview of some of the main items on the agenda. He explained that both the OTF's transportation funding recommendations and the Willamette Falls Legacy Project would be part of the legislative priorities. He also provided information on Brownfield cleanup and redevelopment efforts currently taking place, including a coalition formed to offer broad support and proposals that have arisen from the collaborative effort. He noted that there was also a coalition working on industrial site readiness that could affect industrial development and job creation as well. Mr. Tucker also alerted members to the urban growth management principles articulated on the agenda, and explained that the Metro Council is not proposing proactive legislation on land use at this time.

Mr. Tucker explained that all of the priorities listed are collaborative or multiparty conversations. Mr. Tucker stated that at the last Westside Economic Alliance breakfast, he noticed a number of the legislative agendas presented shared many common platforms with the one the Metro Council will be considering.

#### *Member discussion included:*

Members asked questions regarding the technical amendments to House Bill 4078 reserves map. Mr. Tucker responded that the changes proposed are entirely technical (making edits for items that were misnamed or misnumbered, etc.) and are intended to carry forward the intent of the bill.

Members discussed funding in terms of Metro's transportation goals and greenhouse gas reduction plan, as well as the efforts being made to secure financial support. Mr. Tucker explained that exact funding requirements have not yet been determined and will depend on funding made available by the legislature.

### **7.2 2015 Work Program and Urban Growth Management Decision 2015 Timeline**

MPAC Chair Peter Truax introduced the 2015 MPAC Work Program and the 2015 timeline for the urban growth management (UGM) decision. He pointed out that this was an opportunity to review the proposed topics slated for discussion in upcoming meetings.

Deputy Director John Williams, Metro Planning and Development, gave an overview of the 2015 work program and timeline. He explained that in the beginning of each year, MPAC takes the opportunity to look ahead and provide direction to staff in terms of work for the upcoming year.

Mr. Williams noted that the UGM decision would be a prominent part of MPAC's work in 2015. He gave a brief overview of the Urban Growth Report (UGR) and explained that it provides information for committee members and the Metro Council to use when making a decision regarding urban growth management. He explained that the timeline aims to eventually lead to the adoption of a final urban growth management recommendation, including if there is a need regionally for expansion and where from among the urban reserves that would come from. He also noted that while a number of other discussions are on the agenda regarding the UGR (such as urban housing, how to plan for housing affordability, and other related topics) not all of these issues need to be resolved for a UGM decision to be made.

Mr. Williams went over highlights of the proposed timeline:

- In late February, MPAC will be talking to the City of Portland and discussing their comprehensive plan. Mr. Williams explained that presentations from other jurisdictions will be scattered throughout the year to get a thorough view of regional issues and varying plans to address them. Mr. Williams asked for volunteers from the committee to represent their jurisdictions.
- In March, MPAC will have a discussion about the residential preference survey.
- Further into spring and summer, MPAC will discuss the city of Damascus. Mr. Williams noted that the Metro Council recommended that MPAC wait for their vote in March to discuss what is happening in that area.
- Mr. Williams suggested that in summer MPAC take tours of cities like Wilsonville, Sherwood and others to see what they have been doing in their communities.
- In fall, the initial recommendation on the growth management decision will take place, followed by a series of discussions concerning each aspect of the decision and the November UGM recommendation.

Mr. Williams pointed out that there will also be other topics on the MPAC agenda, such as transportation funding and Climate Smart Communities projects. He expressed interest in hearing comments and suggestions from MPAC members as the committee moves forward.

*Member discussion included:*

Mayor Willey inquired about combining proposed MPAC meetings, as several of them focus on UGM decision topics. John Williams responded that it would depend on group discussion and the MPAC Coordinating Committee. He expressed interest in hearing from committee members on how they would like MPAC meetings to be structured.

Members commented on the UGM process and how to fully take advantage of the discussions in order to thoughtfully consider modifications. Members also pointed out the necessity of a long-term vision on urban growth management and expansion in order to be fully prepared to make a UGM decision in November.

Councilor Marc San Soucie volunteered his time and staff to talk about new opportunities and share with MPAC members what the city of Beaverton has been doing.

## 8. MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATION

- Councilor Jeff Gudman requested that MTAC review Metro's current requirement for local jurisdictions to provide Metro notice of proposed land use actions 45 days before the first hearing on a proposed land use code or amendment. He requested that this deadline be changed to match the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) notice requirement, which was recently changed from 45 to 35 days, and explained that this change would improve the efficiency of land use planning throughout the region. There were no objections from committee members.
- Chair Peter Truax proposed cancelling the March 11 MPAC meeting since it coincides with the National League of Cities convention in Washington D.C. which a number of MPAC members will be attending. The meeting was cancelled with no objections.

## 9. ADJOURN

MPAC Chair Peter Truax adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nellie Papsdorf  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JAN. 28, 2015**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>6.1</b>	Memo	12/22/15	Proposed 2015 MPAC Officers	012815m-01
<b>6.2</b>	Brochure	01/28/15	2015 Transportation Funding and Policy Recommendations	012815m-02
<b>7.1</b>	Handout	01/28/15	Metro Council Legislative Priorities 2015	012815m-03
<b>7.2</b>	Handout	01/28/15	2015 MPAC Work Program	012815m-04
<b>7.2</b>	Worksheet	01/28/15	Growth Management Decision, Topics and Timelines 2015	012815m-05
<b>8.0</b>	Handout	01/28/15	Metro Hotsheet, Project Updates January 2015	012815m-06