



TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE
August 28, 2015
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Williams
Chris Deffebach
Judith Gray
Nancy Kraushaar
Katherine Kelly
Eric Hesse
Kelly Brooks
Cora Potter
Joanna Valencia
Carol Gossett
Lynda David
Don Odermott
Adrian Esteban

AFFILIATION

Metro
Washington County
City of Portland
City of Wilsonville, representing Cities of Clackamas County
City of Gresham
TriMet
Oregon Department of Transportation
Community Representative
Multnomah County
Community Representative
Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council
City of Hillsboro, representing Cities of Washington Co.
Community Representative

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Michael Williams
Dave Nordberg
Susie Lahsene
Lanny Gower
Steve White
Jared Franz

AFFILIATION

Washington State Department of Transportation
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Port of Portland
Community Representative
Community Representative
Community Representative

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Phil Healy
Ken Burgstahler
Gary Schmidt

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland
Washington State Department of Transportation
Clackamas County

STAFF: Dan Kaempff, Ted Leybold, Chris Ford, Lake McTighe, Chris Myers, Caleb Winter, Kim Ellis, Grace Cho, Jamie Snook, Marne Duke, Ken Lobeck, John Mermin.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

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

There were no comments from committee members

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Mr. Ron Swaren asked the committee to consider information about the “Western Arterial Highway.” He suggested that a western industrial highway that would provide a network of routes with no transfers.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE TPAC MINUTES FOR JULY 31, 2015

MOTION: Ms. Nancy Kraushaar moved and Ms. Judith Gray seconded the motion to adopt the TPAC minutes from July 31, 2015.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

5. 2018 RTP AND 2018-2021 MTIP TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ANALYSIS WORK PLAN

Ms. Grace Cho and Ms. Kim Ellis, and Mr. Ted Leybold appeared before the committee to introduce Metro’s social equity analysis work program. Mr. Leybold noted the importance of improving how social equity is measured as part an integrated, analytic framework, especially for the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) updates over the next couple of years. This work is part of a three-pronged analysis approach that includes social equity, environmental, and economic considerations. This is a continuation of work begun during previous MTIP and RTP cycles, and addresses opportunities for improvement that were noted in the 2014 civil rights assessment. Ms. Ellis noted that this work is part of the overall draft 2018 RTP work plan and engagement plan that will be presented during the September TPAC meeting. The equity analysis work will be one of eight topical areas that will engage technical committees to contributing work towards the overall RTP update. Ms. Cho provided an overview of the equity analysis, discussed the draft work program, and solicited feedback from committee members.

Highlights of committee comments and discussion included:

- Importance of recognizing the variability of needs throughout the region.
- A preference to have a clear and common understanding of the definition of equity, as well as the difference between equity and equality. Additionally having clear and common definitions and thresholds for mapping different communities (e.g. communities with lower-income).
- Recognition of the following as possible topics for consideration to be included in the analysis: economic prosperity, education, timing, physical ability, gender, and access to jobs, opportunities and services.
- Understanding the coordination of the equity analysis work with Regional Transit Strategy work
- Consistency in data, data sharing.
- Confirmation the approach is looking at how to measure the effect of the investment in making progress towards equitable outcomes.
- Ability to share the tool across agencies / jurisdictions.
- Finding a way to ensure the work is both a measurement / analysis of equity as well as an outreach opportunity.
- Recognizing that this work builds a foundation and path forward, but is not all-inclusive.
- A preference to have the work result in best practices and policy development/ guidance/ refinement.
- Ensuring that the right people are at the table to discuss key issues.

- A suggestion that the work might include mapping tools to determine access and enhance transit services.

6. MTIP AND RFFA PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS REVIEW

Mr. Dan Kaempff reviewed the MTIP and RFFA Public Comment process. His presentation provided an overview of the process, and discussed a possible schedule for public comment.

Members discussed the options and provided feedback to staff. The committee discussion included questions about whether information gleaned from a public survey would provide enough useful information to help the policy decision about those themes without the context of more specific proposal language. Members also expressed that sufficient input has already been received to pursue the new policy themes. Following member discussion, Mr. Leybold summarized that TPAC's recommendation was to not pursue a public survey on potential new policy themes in the near term but rather to develop more detailed options based on those themes and other direction previously received. Coordinating committees and other scientific polling that has been previously done could be used to develop the policy proposals. A public comment period would be held in Spring 2016 prior to the development and adoption of a final policy. Metro staff agreed to present this approach to JPACT at their September meeting.

7. SW CORRIDOR PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Chris Ford provided an overview of recent and upcoming decisions on alignment, mode, and terminus for the SW Corridor project.

During the discussion that followed, committee members noted:

- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) would be at capacity very quickly.
- Cost is an issue, so it's critical to ensure return on investment.
- Boldness is key, and generations will be served by the forward thinking projects like this one.
- Reliability. BRT is reliable 80 percent of the time, but there is more variability in times because of traffic.
- Public engagement outreach is ongoing and issues are complicated. Public input is been key to the process. The next forum will be in Tigard in mid-October
- CTran has a new Bus Rapid Transit in the Vancouver area. Light rail is a nicer ride. Will there be less ridership on BRT? Investment in infrastructure is key.
- BRT has lower price tag, but there will need to be larger conversations about resources as the project proceeds.

8. **ADIURN** Chair Williams noted that the next meeting be held on September 25, 2015. The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Hunrichs, Planning and Development

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 28, 2015

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1	Agenda	8/28/15	8/29/15 TPAC Agenda	082815T-01
2	Work Program	8/25/15	2015 TPAC Work Program	082815T-02
3	Meeting Summary	7/31/15	7/31 TPAC meeting summary	082815T-03
4	Memo	8/20/15	To: TPAC and Interested Parties From: Grace Cho, Transportation Planner Re: Transportation Equity Analysis for the 2018 RTP and 2018-2021 MTIP	082815T-04
5	Schedule	8/28/15	2018 RTP and 2018-2021 MTIP -	082815T-05
6	Draft Work Plan	Summer 2015	Transportation Equity Analysis - Getting there equitably	082815T-06
7	Handout	Summer 2015	Civil Rights Assessment for the 2014 RTP and 2015-2018 MTIP	082815T-07
8	Flyer	Summer 2015	Getting there equitably	082815T-08
9	PowerPoint	8/28/15	Transportation Equity Analysis for the 2018 RTP & 2018-2021 MTIP	082815T-09
10	Memo	8/24/15	To: TPAC and Interested Parties From: Dan Kaempff, Principal Transportation Planner Re: RFFA Public Comment questions	082815T-10
11	Handout	8/28/15	2019-2021 Regional Flexible Fund Allocation Policy Update and Implementation Timeline	082815T-11
12	Powerpoint	8/28/15	RFFA Public Comment #1 Presentation to TPAC August 28, 2015	082815T-12
13	Memo and attachments	8/25/15	To: TPAC and Interested Parties From: Chris Ford, Investment Areas Project Manager Re: Southwest Corridor project update	082815T-13
14	Powerpoint	8/28/15	Southwest Corridor Plan Update	082815T-14