



TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE
November 20, 2015
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Williams
Judith Gray
Nancy Kraushaar
Katherine Kelly
Eric Hesse
Chris Deffebach
Karen Buehrig
Don Odermott
Adrian Esteban
Cora Potter
Carol Gossett
Steve White
Jared Franz
Dave Nordberg
Joanna Valencia
Kelly Brooks

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Nick Fortey
Lynda David

AFFILIATION

Federal Highway Administration
Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Phil Healy
Jason Gibbens

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland
Washington State Department of Transportation

STAFF: Ted Leybold, Dan Kaempff, Kim Ellis, Grace Cho, Ken Lobeck, Jeffrey Raker, Jamie Snook, Lisa Hunrichs, Lake McTighe

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair John Williams declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Williams announced that TPAC citizen representative recruitment is open through December 11. Information is available on the Metro website and a notification will be sent out via email to TPAC and JPACT interested parties lists.

Mr. Eric Hesse noted that TriMet hired a new Chief Operating Officer, Doug Kelsey.

Ms. Kelly Brooks reminded members that November 20 is the deadline for grant applications and proposals for ConnectOregon and Region One Enhance proposals.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS.

There were no citizen communications.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE TPAC MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 30, 2015

MOTION: Mr. Hesse moved and Mr. Don Odermott seconded the motion to adopt the TPAC minutes from October 30, 2015.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

5. MTIP & RFFA POLICY UPDATE / WORK SESSION

Mr. Dan Kaempff and Mr. Ted Leybold came before the committee to request feedback and comments on the proposed public comment process on the 2018-2021 MTIP and 2019-2021 RFFA and to request a recommendation to JPACT to approve the process at their December meeting. Specifically, the committee was asked for feedback on the MTIP coordination policy, the RFFA policy questions, and the public comment process as a whole. Mr. Kaempff provided an overview of the policy update process to date, and noted that the policy is scheduled to be adopted in April 2016, which will lead to the investment solicitation, evaluation, and selection processes that will be completed by the end of 2016.

Committee members provided feedback and requested clarification on the policy process, public comment opportunities, and how the public would be engaged. Members also discussed the schedule, timing, and how to best illustrate tradeoffs that might be considered with the various funding scenarios. The discussion focused on a desire to create more flexibility in the types of projects eligible, but to not eliminate the ability to continue investing in active transportation and freight-specific projects as well.

Mr. Kaempff and Mr. Leybold noted that they would revise the presentation to clarify flexibility to fund a spectrum of projects, define the transit bond and transit capacity issues more fully for consideration. They also noted that the importance of clarifying for JPACT the policy questions and public comment questions, and noted that the public comments question must clearly describe the tradeoffs of the evaluation categories and the funding targets. In addition, they would provide information to clarify Step 1 programmatic information and how more funding might be potentially be provided through existing programs.

Mr. Kaempff and Mr. Leybold also clarified that questions regarding policy would be discussed and decided in March and April after the comment period is complete. They noted that there might be interest in hearing about what those Step 1 proposals would look like at an earlier date and would engage JPACT regarding that issue. The proposed schedule is:

- In December, JPACT will be asked to consider whether these are the appropriate policy questions, and if JPACT is in support of proceeding into the public comment period.
- TPAC and JPACT will have discussions soon to consider developing proposals for additional funding to support new high capacity transit projects, and possibly other project development work, ahead of the current allocation schedule.
- In March – JPACT will discuss options for adopting a policy direction and be provided additional details about Step 1 programs.

- In April – JPACT will consider adoption of a final policy direction.

6. WASHINGTON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUTURES STUDY

Ms. Chris Deffebach provided the committee with an update on the Washington County Transportation Futures Study. A review of the past 30 years has been conducted to learn about the county's growth and how major transportation decisions and investments have affected that growth. Two scenarios have been developed that will be tested to explore how the county could grow in the next 50 years. The first scenario is based on current trends and development, and the second scenario is based on a future with a stronger economy with increased emphasis on technology, trade, and transportation related jobs. The public will be asked to provide input on transportation issues that should be considered. Ms. Deffebach noted that the study will include assumptions about the growth boundary, the sequence for the reserves, and about funding. The study's findings will help evaluate the tradeoffs for investment choices in the longer term. This may provide areas for both agreement and disagreement on the study's findings, but the study will also allow the County to prioritize issues that need further evaluation.

Committee members appreciated the overview and asked for clarification about the desired outcomes. Ms. Deffebach clarified that the goal of the study is to identify transportation investments and evaluate how well they address challenges and meet the values that are important to the community (including mobility, connectivity, safety, efficiency, health, equity). Mr. Hesse noted that while the study is specific to Washington County, it could be helpful to coordinate and partner with those working on regional transit strategy for the region.

Ms. Deffebach added that the county's website provides an opportunity to sign up to receive regular updates. She will return with a further update on the project during Summer 2016.

7. VEHICLE ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT - RFFA 2014-2015

Mr. Caleb Winter and Mr. Leybold provided an update on project changes and requested feedback and direction from the committee. The first part of the project is underway and led by Portland State University in collaboration with Drive Oregon (\$200,000) and includes support for public education and outreach activities in partnership with other public and private organizations. The second part included an allocation of \$300,000 to increase the fleet of electric vehicles on the road, supporting a conversion from fossil-fuel vehicles. The work group anticipated taking advantage of a statewide EV purchasing program; however, this opportunity fell through.

Mr. Winter asked TPAC for feedback on how to proceed with the remaining \$300,000 of funding authority. The range of options might include:

- Return the funds to the next RFFA cycle.
- Options to reallocate for other EV-supportive projects with a proposal and selection process.

Committee members discussed options and agreed that a fair process should be put into place so that the funds are used on a project consistent with the purpose for which they were originally allocated. Mr. Winter and Mr. Leybold noted that they would return to the committee with a recommendation.

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- Chair Williams noted that the next meeting be held on December 18, 2015. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50. a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Hunrichs", with a stylized, flowing script.

Lisa Hunrichs, Planning and Development

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2015

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1	Agenda	11/20/15	11/20/15 TPAC Agenda	112015T-01
2	Work Program	11/13/15	2015/2016 TPAC Work Program	112015T-02
3	Meeting Summary	10/30/15	10/30/15 TPAC meeting summary	112015T-03
4	Memo	11/12/15	To: TPAC and Interested parties From: Ted Leybold, Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Planner and Caleb Winter, Senior Transportation Planner Re: Update on Vehicle Electrification Project - RFFA 2014-2015	112015T-04
5	Handout	Fall 2015	Washington County Transportation Futures Study	112015T-05
6	Memo	11/13/15	To: TPAC and Interested parties From: Dan Kaempff, Principal Transportation Planner Re: MTIP/RFFA DRAFT Policy Options for Public Comment	112015T-06
7	Handout	November 2015	DRAFT 2019-21 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation Policy Report	112015T-07
8	Handout	November 2015	2019-2021 Regional Flexible Fund Allocation Policy Update and Implementation Timeline	112015T-08