



Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT)  
June 16, 2016  
Metro Regional Center, Rooms 370 A & B

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jack Burkman  
Nina DeConcini  
Craig Dirksen, *Chair*  
Denny Doyle  
Kathryn Harrington  
Tim Knapp  
Neil McFarlane  
Diane McKeel  
Paul Savas  
Jeanne Stewart  
Kris Strickler

AFFILIATION

City of Vancouver  
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality  
Metro Council  
City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington County  
Metro Council  
City of Wilsonville, representing Cities of Clackamas County  
TriMet  
Multnomah County  
Clackamas County  
Clark County  
Washington Department of Transportation

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Kelly Brooks  
Jef Dalin  
Susie Lahsene

AFFILIATION

Oregon Department of Transportation  
City of Cornelius, representing Cities of Washington County  
Port of Portland

OTHERS PRESENT: Drenda Howatt, Doug Kelsey, Nancy Kraushaar, Stephan Lashbrook, Alan Lehto, Jaimie Lorenzini, Brenda Perry, Gary Schmidt, Michael Williams

STAFF: Grace Cho, Kim Ellis, Alexandra Eldridge, Elissa Gertler, Dan Kaempff, Frankie Lewington, Ted Leybold, Randy Tucker, John Williams

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

JPACT Chair Craig Dirksen called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 7:35 a.m.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were none.

**3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Chair Dirksen, JPACT Members, and staff provided updates on the following items:

- Chair Dirksen informed JPACT members that Region 1 ACT members approved the project recommendations for the 2019-2021 STIP Enhance non-highway funding program. The

ACT's recommendation included full or partial funding for five MPO area projects and one City of Hood River project.

- Chair Dirksen informed JPACT that the next phase of the MTIP/RFFA discussion would include project selection for Step 2 funds. He stated that at the end of June, Metro would be hosting a meeting to describe the allocation and decision process to local jurisdictional staff. Chair Dirksen stated that the JPACT Finance Subcommittee would reconvene within the following months to re-focus priorities. JPACT discussed the membership of the JPACT Finance Subcommittee.
- Chair Dirksen informed JPACT that the Legislature's Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization will travel around Oregon during the summer to discuss state and local transportation needs and will to the region on September 19.
- Chair Dirksen stated that the Rail~Volution conference would be taking place in San Francisco from October 9-12 and a Transportation 4 America conference would take place in Sacramento from November 16-18. He also encouraged JPACT members to attend the EcoDistricts summit in Denver from September 13-15.
- Ms. Nina DeConcini noted a town hall meeting about air toxics held by House Speaker Tina Kotek at University of Portland on June 20.
- Councilor Jack Burkman informed the committee that the Washington State Transportation Commission visited southern Washington and was given a tour of SR-14. He added that the commission would be attending a Tri-State Transportation Commission Meeting on June 17.

#### 4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Consideration of the April 21, 2016 Minutes**
- **Consideration of the May 19, 2016 Minutes**

MOTION: Mayor Denny Doyle moved, and Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded, to adopt the consent agenda.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed. Councilor Jeanne Stewart abstained.

#### 5. **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **5.1 Resolution No. 16-4705, For the Purpose of Amending the 2015-18 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and the 2015-16 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to Include the New Interstate 205: Stafford Road to OR 99-E Widening Project**

Chair Dirksen called on Mr. Ken Lobeck, Metro staff, to give a presentation on Resolution No. 16-4705.

*Key elements of the update included:*

- Mr. Lobeck stated that the project proposes to widen I-205 between Stafford Road and OR 99-E, and the estimated cost is \$275-\$300 million. Mr. Lobeck explained to the committee that \$2.5 million of FAST Act National Highway Freight Program funds were awarded for planning.

- Mr. Lobeck noted that the proposal is only to add the project to the planning phase of project development because the project is not in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Financially Constrained list.
- He informed the committee that the project would add two through lanes to I-205 and would add a fourth lane to the Abernathy Bridge to separate through and local traffic. The project would also complete seismic upgrades to the Abernathy Bridge.
- Mr. Lobeck noted that the project will have to go through an air conformity analysis in order to be added to the RTP Financially Constrained list.

*Member discussion included:*

- Ms. Kelly Brooks noted that the OTC approved the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment in the spring, and Mr. Lobeck added that TPAC approved the project at its April meeting.
- Audience member West Linn City Councilor Brenda Perry stated noted that a large portion of the project goes through West Linn and stated that the City of West Linn should be involved in the planning process for the project.
- Commissioner Paul Savas noted that the project is significant because it would redirect congestion from I-5, which serves as an economic engine for Clackamas County. Mayor Knapp stated that between Tualatin and Wilsonville, there are approximately 50,000 full time jobs, and most of the employees are commuters. Mayor Knapp added that his community would be in support of moving forward with the project.

MOTION: Mayor Doyle moved, and Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded, to approve the resolution.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

## **6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Congestion Management/Air Quality (CMAQ) Funding**

Chair Dirksen called on Ms. Kelly Brooks, ODOT, to give an update on Congestion Management/Air Quality (CMAQ) funds.

*Key elements of the updated included:*

- Ms. Brooks informed JPACT that Eugene and Salem petitioned the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for CMAQ fund eligibility in April, and both cities were found to be eligible. Ms. Brooks added that the total amount of CMAQ funding for the state will remain the same, although it will be divided between more parties.
- Ms. Brooks shared that the next steps of the process would include technical meetings beginning in July and extending into August. She added that a policy level discussion would most likely take place after Labor Day.
- Chair Dirksen stated that CMAQ funding is a significant source for regional flexible funds. He asked Metro staff to create a summary of discussion and submit to ODOT staff.
- Commissioner Savas asked how the CMAQ funding formula was created. Ms. Brooks stated that the formula correlates with population although it is not the only metric used in the formula.

- Commissioner Savas asked how much CMAQ funding is at risk to lose, and Chair Dirksen answered that the region may stand to lose approximately \$3 million per year.
- Councilor Jeanne Stewart informed the committee that the CMAQ formula is from 2006 and added that there have been considerable changes in population over the past ten years, so the formula may need to be revisited.
- Commissioner Diane McKeel expressed her concern that the timeline for the funding process is too short. She asked who will be involved in making the final CMAQ funding decision. Chair Dirksen noted that the discussion is mostly being undertaken by ODOT Salem.
- Mr. McFarlane stated that CMAQ funds have been used very effectively in the Portland metropolitan area. He suggested a close monitoring of the issue and recommended to defer the item to JPACT Finance Subcommittee.
- Councilor Harrington shared that RFFA funds have a powerful impact on the region's air shed through local projects and added that it was the MPO's responsibility to demonstrate this impact to the OTC.
- Mayor Doyle noted that the region is under mandates that other regions are not, such as Climate Smart, and added that it may be a good point to highlight for the OTC.
- Ms. Brooks shared that there is no predetermined outcome for the funds, and encouraged JPACT members to quickly become involved in the process, as other areas in the state are communicating their CMAQ funding needs.

**MOTION:** Mayor Knapp moved, and Commissioner Paul Savas seconded, to authorize Metro staff to draft a letter requesting that ODOT extend the CMAQ funding process deadline.

*Discussion:* Committee members discussed the inclusion of a summary of the meeting to be included in the letter to ODOT.

**ACTION:** With all in favor, the motion passed. Ms. Kelly Brooks abstained.

Councilor Kathryn Harrington asked staff to add CMAQ to the July 21 JPACT agenda for further discussion. Councilor Stewart asked for Metro staff to find out more about the current CMAQ funding formula before the next discussion.

## **6.2 2018 RTP Update: Project Update**

*Key elements of the update included:*

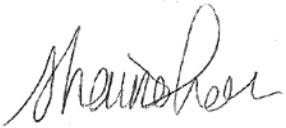
- Chair Dirksen reminded JPACT of the Regional Leadership Forum in April. He added that the next forums would take place on September 23 and December 2. He noted that the September forum will focus on the region's vision for the future and transportation funding, and the December forum will focus on defining regional priorities to guide updating the RTP policies, projects and strategies.
- Chair Dirksen asked members about their key takeaways and recommendations for the next forum.
- Councilor Harrington shared that she received feedback that attendees appreciated seeing community and business leader participate at the forum.
- Ms. Lahsene asked whether there were plans to conduct polling for the types of transportation in the RTP update. Ms. Elissa Gertler noted that the RTP planning process included a large amount of public outreach, although it may not necessarily be polling.

- Committee members discussed the possibility of including cities outside of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) in discussions about the RTP update.

**ADJOURN**

JPACT Chair Craig Dirksen adjourned the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shaina Hobbs".

Shaina Hobbs  
Recording Secretary