



JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)  
Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 2016  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jack Burkman  
Shirley Craddick  
Nina DeConcini  
Craig Dirksen  
Kathryn Harrington  
Tim Knapp  
Neil McFarlane  
Steve Novick  
Roy Rogers

AFFILIATION

City of Vancouver  
Metro Council  
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality  
Metro Council  
Metro Council  
City of Wilsonville, representing Cities of Clackamas County  
TriMet  
City of Portland  
Washington County

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Denny Doyle  
Diane McKeel  
Paul Savas

AFFILIATION

City of Beaverton  
Multnomah County  
Clackamas County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Kelly Brooks  
Jef Dalin  
Bart Gernhart  
Susie Lahsene  
John Ludlow

AFFILIATION

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Deffebach, Jeff Gudman, Andrew Hagedorn, Gerik Kransky, Alan Lehto, Jaimie Lorenzini, Brenda Perry, Andrew Singelakis, Eileen Stein, Joanna Valencia, Lydia White

STAFF: Alexandra Eldridge, Chris Ford, Elissa Gertler, Alison Kean, Frankie Lewington, Chris Myers, Jamie Snook, Randy Tucker, Malu Wilkinson

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

JPACT Chair Craig Dirksen called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 7:37 a.m.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION ON JPACT ITEMS**

Brenda Perry, City of West Linn – Councilor Perry thanked JPACT members who were involved in making STIP funding decisions. She noted that the City of West Linn was excited to be the recipient of STIP funding.

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

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

- Chair Dirksen informed JPACT that Mayor Denny Doyle was the 2016 recipient of the Heart of Washington County Award at the “A Taste of Washington County” celebration.
- Chair Dirksen reminded members that a letter was sent to ODOT on behalf of JPACT in regards to Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding.
- Chair Dirksen invited Clackamas County Chair John Ludlow and Ms. Kelly Brooks to recap the ribbon cutting of the Sunrise Expressway. Chair Ludlow shared that the expressway opened on July 1<sup>st</sup> and was the first highway built in the region in nearly 30 years.
- Chair Dirksen called on Councilor Kathryn Harrington to give an update on MPAC’s recent tour to Vancouver, Washington. Councilor Harrington noted that the former Boise Cascade land is being redeveloped and added that the Port of Vancouver spoke on the redevelopment of its waterfront amphitheatre. She noted that MPAC was able to tour Vancouver’s downtown on the new C-TRAN Vine BRT bus.
- Ms. Nina DeConcini gave an update on the Volkswagen emissions settlement. She noted that the state has to designate a recipient agency to evaluate the eligible programs for the \$65 million received from the settlement. She noted that an expert on diesel from Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) could come to JPACT to share more information if the committee was interested.
- Ms. Brooks shared that ODOT applied for a \$50 million Fast Lane Grant for a \$150 million I-205 project to seismically retrofit the Abernathy Bridge, but the grant was not received. She added that there would be a follow-up in Washington D.C. to learn which elements of the project application were successful and unsuccessful. Ms. Brooks shared that the Coos Bay Rail Line project in Congressman Peter DeFazio’s district was granted \$11 million.
- Ms. Brooks informed JPACT that the Connect Oregon VI Final Review Committee had prioritized a list of 75 applications to be approved by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC). She noted that the \$45 million grant program is not for highway projects, but for bike, pedestrian, transit, rail, and aviation projects.
- Ms. Susie Lahsene noted that Cathay Pacific Airways would be beginning freighter service in the region. She added that the new service would benefit Intel, Columbia Sportswear, and agricultural businesses in the state.
- Chair Dirksen noted that the August JPACT meeting would be cancelled.

### **4. CONSIDERATION OF THE JPACT MINUTES FOR JUNE 16, 2016**

MOTION: Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved and Mr. Neil McFarlane seconded, to approve the June 16, 2016 minutes.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

## 5. ACTION ITEMS

### **5.1 Resolution No. 16-4713**, For the Purpose of Endorsing the Proposed Range of Southwest Corridor High Capacity Transit Alternatives for Environmental Review and the Updated Project Purpose and Need Approved by the Southwest Corridor Steering Committee

#### *Key elements of the presentation included:*

Ms. Malu Wilkinson, Metro staff, thanked the Southwest Corridor Steering Committee and staff for their collaboration on the project. Ms. Wilkinson explained that she and Mr. Chris Ford would share what the steering committee had agreed upon during its June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Chris Ford noted that the proposed line would likely run parallel to 99W, and added that the project had yet to enter the environmental review process, leaving the location tentative. He added that the Southwest Corridor area was projected to have a greater than proportional amount of growth in comparison to the rest of the region. Mr. Ford stated that traveling on I-5 has become increasingly unreliable as congestion increases.

Mr. Ford noted that there had been a high level of community involvement and public engagement in the planning process which included community meetings and online surveys. He added that Metro had also developed an interactive online map as a community engagement tool. He shared that the project's background research began in 2011 the expected opening date would be in 2025.

Some of the options being considered are whether the line would run next to I-5 or next to Barbur Boulevard. He explained that many of the smaller projects would not be eligible for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts project grants.

The Project Purpose and Need have been updated for clarification, and the project is currently undergoing the environmental scoping process. He added that TriMet is developing an advanced project design to be used for environmental review. The project will develop corridor-wide strategies for housing and financing and "green" opportunities. He noted that the proposed Metro Council resolution, which expressed support for the direction provided by the Southwest Corridor Steering Committee, had already been approved by the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC).

#### *Member discussion included:*

- Commissioner Roy Rogers thanked Metro staff for their time and support and added that Washington County was in support of the SW Corridor Project. Commissioner Rogers stated that the project will be difficult, but it should not deter people from supporting it.
- Chair Ludlow stated that a majority of people use roads. He shared that he believed that most people would vote to spend the Southwest Corridor funding on the region's bottlenecks. Chair Dirksen responded that the region should not have to choose between improving roadways and improving transit options. He added that highway and transit projects compete for separate funds.
- Commissioner Novick noted that he was very supportive of the Southwest Corridor Project because it will reduce congestion. Mr. Neil McFarlane stated that TriMet was involved with

Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) and Portland Community College (PCC) to determine connectivity options.

- Mayor Tim Knapp noted that there is support in the Cities of Clackamas County Subcommittee for a system of alternatives.
- Councilor Craddick recommended a tour of the Southwest Corridor by JPACT members, especially for members whose jurisdictions are not directly linked with the project.

MOTION: Commissioner Roy Rogers moved and Commissioner Steve Novick seconded, to recommend the adoption of Resolution No. 16-4713 to the Metro Council.

ACTION: With 11 in favor, and 1 opposed (Ludlow), the motion passed.

**Please note**: Due to time constraints, Chair Dirksen proceeded to agenda item 6.2.

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

### **6.2 MAP-21 Rulemaking Updates and Next Steps**

Ms. Tyler Frisbee, Metro staff, shared that Metro was currently in a MAP-21 rulemaking process with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). She explained that at the time, MAP-21 system performance measures had no funding attached to them, although the federal government may attach the rules to future funding packages.

Mr. Frisbee stated that the proposed measurements mainly focused on congestion and vehicle speed while overlooking other measures, such as safety and accessibility. Ms. Frisbee discussed a draft letter to the USDOT that would recommend the inclusion of a variety of speed-based measures, in addition to broader air quality performance measures. Ms. Frisbee stated that JPACT would vote by email to approve a final letter to USDOT, due to the cancellation of the August JPACT meeting.

Mr. Tom Kloster informed JPACT that the rule would require metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) that share an urban area to consolidate into one MPO, even if they span across state lines. He clarified that this rule would possibly require Metro to adopt the same Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) as the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (RTC). He noted that staff was working with RTC to write comments to USDOT.

*Member discussion included:*

- Councilor Jack Burkman noted that the merging of MPOs was a point of concern and added that there is already a bi-state transportation committee for Oregon and Washington.
- Mayor Tim Knapp recommended that the draft letter be streamlined to properly convey the region's concerns and proposed alternatives.
- Ms. Brooks noted that ODOT will be sharing comments directly with USDOT.
- Commissioner Steve Novick noted that the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) did a review of the letter and agrees with Metro's position.
- Mr. Bart Gernhart shared his support of the concerns over the joint MTIP and RTP.

### **6.1 Oregon Transportation Forum (OTF) Update**

Chair Dirksen called on Mr. Drew Hagedorn to give JPACT a brief update on the Oregon Transportation Forum (OTF). Mr. Hagedorn discussed the OTF's strategy to pass a multi-modal transportation investment plan in the 2017 legislative session.

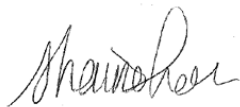
Mr. Hagedorn shared that the forum is composed of a broad array of stakeholders and has expanded in recent years – in addition to traditional members such as AAA, there are now more members from environmental groups and transit agencies. He noted that the value of the organization is to help the legislative assembly to develop a transportation investment package. He shared that OTF had three subcommittees: Revenue, Finance, and Strategy/Communications. He noted that the organization was working very closely with the governor's office.

**ADJOURN**

Chair Dirksen shared that he was convening the JPACT Finance Subcommittee on August 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the project pipeline and financial and legislative strategies.

JPACT Chair Dirksen adjourned the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Shaina Hobbs  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 21, 2016**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>
3.	Table	N/A	U.S. Department of Transportation Proposed FY 2016 FASTLANE Project Awards	072116j-01
3.	Pamphlet	06/30/16	Sunrise Expressway Grand Opening Program	072116j-02
3.	Photo	06/30/16	Sunrise Expressway Grand Opening Photo	072116j-03
3.	Photo	06/30/16	Sunrise Expressway Grand Opening Photo	072116j-04
3.	Table	N/A	Connect Oregon VI Final Review Committee Prioritized Funding Recommendation List	072116j-05
5.1	Resolution	07/18/16	Revised Resolution No. 16-4713	072116j-06
6.2	Table	N/A	MAP-21 Federal Rulemaking Review	072116j-07