



**METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)**

Meeting Minutes

November 09, 2016

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tim Clark  
Carlotta Collette  
Mark Gamba  
Jeff Gudman  
John Hayes  
Jerry Hinton  
Gordon Hovies  
Dick Jones  
Craig Prosser  
Loretta Smith  
Peter Truax  
Jerry Willey

**AFFILIATION**

City of Wood Village, Other Cities in Multnomah Co.  
Metro Council  
City of Milwaukie, Other Cities in Clackamas Co.  
City of Lake Oswego, Largest City in Clackamas Co.  
Forest Grove School District, Governing Body of a School District  
City of Gresham, 2nd Largest City in Multnomah Co.  
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Special Districts in Washington Co.  
Oak Lodge Water District, Special Districts in Clackamas Co.  
TriMet  
Multnomah County  
City of Forest Grove, Other Cities in Washington Co.  
City of Hillsboro, Largest City in Washington Co.

**ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Kathryn Harrington  
Marc San Soucie  
John Griffiths  
Emerald Bogue

**AFFILIATION**

Metro Council  
City of Beaverton, 2nd Largest City in Washington Co.  
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Special Districts in Washington Co.  
Port of Portland

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Sam Chase  
Bob Stacey

**AFFILIATION**

Metro Council  
Metro Council

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Adam Barber, Chris Deffebach

**STAFF:** Christopher Spencer, Roger Alfred, Ernest Hayes, Shaina Hobbs, Nellie Papsdorf, Elissa Gertler, Jamie Snook, Kim Ellis

**1. CALL TO ORDER, SELF INTRODUCTIONS, CHAIR COMMUNICATIONS**

MPAC Chair Tim Clark called the meeting to order at 5:06p.m. All attendees introduced themselves.

Mr. Craig Prosser gave an extended self introduction.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

### 3. **COUNCIL UPDATE**

- Councilor Carlotta Collette noted recent events with the Powell-Division Steering Committee and the agreement to a locally-preferred alternative. She added that the agreement would also need to be approved by Metro, TriMet, and Gresham City Council. She stated that Metro was committed to the corridor with Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and associated projects.
- Councilor Collette mentioned the recent voter passage of Metro's levy renewal ballot in all three counties. She mentioned that the annual report of levy work was available at the meeting.
- Councilor Collette shared that the Urban Growth Readiness Task Force met to discuss methods to allow flexibility in Metro's role in urban growth management. She continued to mention that changes in urban growth laws would need to be reviewed with the Metropolitan Transportation Alternatives Committee (MTAC) in order to ensure that the code language was consistent with Metro's six desired outcomes for the region.
- Councilor Collette noted the Willamette Falls Legacy Project and the potential design concepts. She added that there would be an upcoming open house with a presentation by Design Collective on the riverwalk design.
- Councilor Collette mentioned that it was MPAC Chair Tim Clark's last meeting. She gave recognition for his leadership in working with the MPAC committee members.

### 4. **MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Marc San Soucie mentioned updates on the recent voter turnout and that it was a close race. Mr. Craig Prosser highlighted receiving ballots from active military members stationed out of country. Chair Clark stated that this spoke to the importance of the recent election.

### 5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Consideration of October 12, 2016 MPAC Minutes**
- **MTAC Nominations**

MOTION: Mayor Peter Truax moved, and Councilor Marc San Soucie seconded, to adopt the consent agenda.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

### 6. **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **6.1 Appointment of MPAC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair**

Chair Clark called on Mayor Jerry Willey to discuss the appointment of the MPAC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair. Mr. Wiley made the recommendation that the committee appoint Mayor Denny Doyle.

*Member discussion included:*

- Councilor Marc San Soucie mentioned that a nominating committee was convened at the last MPAC meeting to make a nomination to fill the vacancy.
- Councilor Carlotta Collette noted that Mayor-Elect Ted Wheeler had expressed interest in taking a proactive role in both MPAC and JPACT.

MOTION: Mayor Peter Truax moved, and Councilor Jeff Gudman seconded, to adopt the Appointment of MPAC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

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

### **7.1 Equitable Housing and Development Grants Recommendations**

Chair Clark provided an update on the Metro Chief Operating Officer recommendations on the Equitable Housing Planning and Development Grants that Metro Council would be considering on December 1, 2016. He shared Metro's efforts to engage the region in discussions on potential regional policy solutions and strategies to deal with the affordable housing challenge. He introduced Metro Councilor Carlotta Collette and Metro Staff Mr. Gerry Uba to discuss recommendations.

*Key elements of the presentation included:*

Councilor Collette mentioned that affordable housing was a regional issue and that Metro was looking to work through the crisis. She mentioned that in February, Metro worked to dedicate money in a series of grants for community development. She mentioned her work as the Metro Council liaison to the grant program and the effort that was put in by staff and volunteers to address and meet the requirements of the grant applications.

Ms. Elissa Gertler, Metro Director of Planning and Development, spoke on Metro investments in the region for equitable housing. She mentioned that the meeting packet included a list of project recommendations for funding. She discussed several of the projects and the variety of approaches to address the issue. She continued to discuss different scenarios and methods to compare the effectiveness and cost achievability. She noted equity as an issue and a requirement of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategic Plan for the grant program. She concluded that the goal was to gain insight on the different methods moving forward.

*Member discussion included:*

- Councilor Collette mentioned Multnomah County as an applicant in the equitable housing program, but that they did not choose to move forward. She added that this allowed all applications received to be recommended for funding.
- Councilor Harrington advised that underserved communities should be engaged in the process of approving applications.

### **7.2 2018 Regional Transportation Plan: Project Update and Background for Regional Leadership Forum #3 (Connecting Our Vision and Values to Our Priorities)**

Chair Clark brought to attention the Regional Transit Strategy. He introduced Councilor Stacey to discuss the Regional Leadership Forums that Metro Council convened for MPAC and JPACT members. He introduced Ms. Kim Ellis, Metro staff, to lead the discussion.

*Key elements of the presentation included:*

Mr. John Williams, Metro Deputy Director of Planning and Development, explained that the regional transportation system was used to deliver a land use vision. He continued to mention that work would be done to ensure the vision and projects were serving communities. He stated that he would recap on the first two Regional Leadership Forums while Ms. Kim Ellis would discuss the agenda for the upcoming forum. He discussed the need for a Regional Transportation Plan as a federal requirement and certain challenges of safety, aging infrastructure, technology, and housing. He stated that the next forum would focus on transportation funding and investment.

Ms. Kim Ellis stated that leadership forums were a centerpiece on community engagement and that they helped build partnerships and long term relationships. She mentioned that there had been broad support for the priorities of the community and region and emphasized that there was a need to build a pathway towards funding. She noted that the Transit Snapshot highlighted challenges that people and businesses faced using transit. She added that the goal was to find general consensus and agreement to make recommendations to the Metro Council. She stated that the next forum was on December 2, 2016 and recommendations would be brought back in February of 2017.

*Member discussion included:*

- Mayor Willey asked clarifying questions on the focus of the upcoming forum and mentioned overcoming limitations of funding constraints. Ms. Ellis stated that the focus of the upcoming forum would be on developing a regional transit strategy and the need was to focus on what could be achieved with realistic funding goals.
- Mayor Truax mentioned the local gas tax as an option to consider observing as significant across the state.
- Mayor Mark Gamba noted Mayor Willey's concern on funding as a limitation and a need to have realistic aspirations. He mentioned that there was not a negative effect of having a robust plan and gave examples of Milwaukie having an unconstrained plan of building a walkable city.
- Councilor Jerry Hinton mentioned the need of local business involvement in the development of an effective plan. He asked clarifying questions about the Powell-Division project timing. Councilor Collette discussed the locally preferred alternative as having to first be approved by the jurisdictions, then a federal environmental review, and then a design and determination of complementary projects.
- Mr. John Williams mentioned that the intent was to come up with a robust plan matched with ambition in the region. He stated that the forums would help the decision making processes by identifying gaps and achievable outcomes.
- Ms. Kim Ellis mentioned that the current plan did not include road related maintenance and that there was underinvestment in the maintenance of the transit system. She stated that there was a need to develop a plan that could be compelling and a need for commitment to funding.

- Councilor Collette mentioned prior joint meetings used to identify what could be committed for investment. She stated a need for federal support and the importance of identifying financial constraints.
- Mr. John Griffith mentioned Intel and their role in smart car development and a corporate strategy to transportation.
- Mayor Gamba stated that members may need to have financial aspiration and to highlight new technology for inspiration to design a transportation concept for the future.
- Councilor Marc San Soucie mentioned room to explore new technologies and discussed certain impacts to the transit system.

### **7.3 2018 RTP: Regional Transit Strategy – Regional Transit Vision**

Chair Clark introduced the next item on the agenda to identify the regions High Capacity Transit priority areas as well as working with transit providers and regional partners to identify strategies and develop implementation plans to make transit more frequent, convenient, accessible, and affordable. He mentioned that the Regional Transit Vision was a collaborative effort and introduced Ms. Jamie Snook, Metro staff, to lead the discussion.

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

Ms. Jamie Snook mentioned how the Regional Transit Strategy supports the Regional Transit Plan. She discussed the development of past work with partners in the region to build a transit vision leading to implementation. She touched on how growth in the region was linked to congestion and emphasized that the idea was to focus on growth and how to align strategies with needs. She discussed the role of the Climate Smart Strategy and a need to make transit accessible and affordable. She stated one goal was to improve reliability and to make public transit competitive with automotive transit. She mentioned a list of transit providers and ways to align capital investment with service. She discussed enhancement corridors needing improvements so that the next generation transit authority could utilize a combination of transit modes. She stated a need to identify a clear process on what projects were ready to move forward to develop a shared strategy.

#### *Member discussion included:*

- Mayor Gamba mentioned a report on Powell-Division Bus Rapid Transit and if it was being designed with a separate lane or hybrid with current traffic lanes. Ms. Gertler mentioned that it would be a combination with a priority entrance lane in the corridor.
- Mayor Willey asked if service enhancement plans were coordinated or duplicated. Ms. Snook responded that they grew from the current service enhancement plan and street car expansion plan. She mentioned conversations with TriMet to develop a system in which the City of Portland was not the main transit hub.
- Mr. Craig Prosser built off Mayor Willey and highlighted the need for TriMet to identify areas for service enhancement plans.
- Councilor Marc San Soucie asked how to ensure that planning staff was able to provide correct input to integrate the regional transit strategy into their current planning framework. Ms. Snook stated that there was an open door policy in discussions with staff on gaining input and guidance, and that she was available to answer questions on large scale transit vision development.

## **ADJOURN**

*Closing remarks of MPAC members included:*

- Chair Clark mentioned that the November 23, 2016 MPAC meeting was cancelled and that there were no meetings scheduled for December 2016. He encouraged members to attend the 2016 Regional Leadership Forum on December 2.

MPAC Chair Tim Clark adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher Spencer  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 09, 2016**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
N/A	Memo	11/08/2016	Urban Growth Readiness Task Force recommendations	110916m-01
7.1	Handout	October 2016	Regional Housing Snapshot	110916m-02
7.2	PowerPoint	11/09/2016	2018 Regional Transportation Plan: Building the Future We Want	110916m-03
7.3	PowerPoint	11/09/2016	Regional Transportation Strategy: A Component of the 2018 RTP	110916m-04
N/A	Handout	November 2016	Parks and Nature 2015-16 Annual Report	110916m-05
N/A	Handout	November 2016	November Metro Hotsheet	110916m-06