

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shusheela Jayapal
Vince Jones-Dixon
Terri Preeg Riggsby
Mark Shull
Denyse McGriff
Brett Sherman
Pam Treece
Ed Gronke
Steve Callaway
Gordon Hovies

Luis Nava
Kirsten Green
Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong
Diana Perez
Omar Qutub
Mary Nolan
Christine Lewis

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ted Wheeler
Brian Cooper
James Fage
Mark Watson

Temple Lentz
Brian Hodson
Peter Truax
Carmen Rubio
Thomas Kim
Gerritt Rosenthal
Nadia Hasan

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County
City of Gresham, Second Largest City in Multnomah County
Special Districts in Multnomah County
Clackamas County
City of Oregon City, Second Largest City in Clackamas County
City of Happy Valley, Other Cities in Clackamas County
Washington County
Citizen of Clackamas County
City of Hillsboro, Largest City in Washington County
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Special Districts in Washington County
Citizen of Washington County
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
Port of Portland
City of Vancouver
Citizen of Multnomah County
Metro Council
Metro Council

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
City of Fairview, Other Cities in Multnomah County
City of North Plains, City in Washington County outside UGB
Hillsboro School District Board of Directors, Governing Body of a School District
Clark County
City of Canby, City in Clackamas County outside UGB
City of Forest Grove, Other Cities in Washington County
City of Portland
TriMet
Metro Council
City of Beaverton, Second Largest City in Washington County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Anthony Martin
Laura Kelly
Jules Walters

AFFILIATION

City of Hillsboro, Largest City in Washington County
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
West Linn, Other Cities in Clackamas County

OTHERS PRESENT: Beth Vargas Duncan, Bill Holmstrom, Carol Johnson, Cody Meyer, Colin Cooper, David Berniker, Eben Polk, Evan Manvel, Glen Bolen, Jamie Lorenzini, Jamie Stasny, Juff Gudman, Jules Walters, Kelly Sherbo, Kevin Young, Laura Kelly, Laura Terway, Laurie Petrie, Leah Navarro, Megan McKibben, Miranda Bateschell, Monique Smiley, Paige Spence, Phillip McCreary, Rick Winterhalter, Shirley Craddick, Tara O'Brien, Ted Reid, Tom Armstrong, Warren Johnson.

STAFF: Carrie MacLaren, Connor Ayers, Eduardo Ramos, Elissa Gertler, Estee Segal, Holly Stirnkorb, Kim Ellis, Ina Zucker, Jaye Cromwell, Marissa Madrigal, Ramona Perrault, Robyn Stowers, Roger Alfred, Stellan Roberts, Tom Kloster.

1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, CHAIR COMMUNICATIONS

MPAC Chair Joe Buck (he/him) called the virtual Zoom meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Metro Staff Connor Ayers (he/him) called the role. Chair Buck declared a quorum.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

3. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Christine Lewis (she/her) provided an update on a potential Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) exchange process. Tigard asked Metro for a review of a UGB expansion. She explained that COO Marissa Madrigal recommended that Metro Council approve the expansion request through a UGB exchange. The UGB exchange process has not previously been used at Metro. Councilor Lewis then updated MPAC on Metro's housing bond in the past few months. She explained that the Good Shepard Apartments in Happy Valley have broken ground and the housing development project Nueva Esperansa in Hillsboro is also moving forward. She highlighted that Metro has 1,000 apartments under construction and another 1,800 in permitting and design.

Mayor Peter Truax (he/him) expressed concern for the city that would be losing land from the UGB if Tigard were to gain land in the potential UGB exchange process.

Councilor Lewis explained that Council has not yet discussed this UGB exchange and that MPAC will discuss this in more detail in June.

Mayor Steve Callaway (he/him) asked if all the land being swapped has to come from the same area or if it can be split up into multiple sections.

Councilor Lewis responded by explaining that she does not have an answer because Council has not discussed the topic.

Metro Staff Elissa Gertler (she/her) explained that this is the type of discussion that Metro is hoping for in June.

Mayor Callaway stressed that the area is so many housing units behind so any and all housing progress is important. He stated that he is looking forward to the deeper discussion.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Buck reminded MPAC that the quarter one supportive housing services progress report is included in today's meeting packet.

5. CONSTENT AGENDA

MOTION: Mayor Truax moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Pam Treece (she/her) seconded.

ACTION: Commissioner Denyse McGriff abstained, with all else in favor, the consent agenda passed.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Climate Friendly Equitable Communities Rule Making Update

Chair Buck introduced Metro Staff Elissa Gertler (she/her) and Oregon Department of Land Conversation and Development (DLCD) staff Kirstin Green (she/her) to present.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Elissa explained that these rules will begin being adopted in May and will have influence on regional land use and transportation planning.

Kirstin introduced the presentation, explained that this is building on climate smart communities, and introduced other DLCD staff members that will present.

Bill Holmstrom, DLCD, discussed Transportation System Plans (TSP) and deadlines for implementing both major and minor TSP updates.

Evan Manvel (he/him), DLCD, discussed parking reform and implementation dates for two phases of parking reform mandates.

Kevin Young, (he/him), DLCD, discussed the equivalent of Climate Friendly Areas within the Metro boundary and explained implementation rules for remaining undesignated 2040 Centers.

Bill discussed Metro-specific rules, explaining that additional flexibility is being provided in the Portland Metro area because of the additional coordinating bodies.

Kevin and Evan presented the implementation schedule as it would relate to Metro jurisdictions.

Kirstin presented the rulemaking schedule.

Member discussion included:

Councilor Brett Sherman (he/him) asked how frequent a bus must travel be to make an area considered a transportation corridor.

Evan explained that a bus must arrive every 15 minutes or better or the most frequent transit line in a community as long as it is at least once an hour to be considered a transportation corridor.

Councilor Sherman expressed concern with one-size-fits all mandates that affect cities that are different than Portland. He explained that these parking requirements are not fair to people living in suburban apartment complexes as commute times via transit are too long so owning a car is still necessary.

Evan responded by explaining that the market is what drives parking while government regulations are a smaller piece as these regulations do not limit parking from being built.

Kirstin stressed that the goal with this change is to deregulate the provision of parking.

Mayor Callaway explained that Washington and Clackamas counties share a larger percentage of TriMet's service area than percent of service, he voiced that applying this parking deregulation everywhere in the region is great if transit service distribution was more even.

Commissioner McGriff agreed with Councilor Sherman's comments and suggested a broader discussion with interested parties to discuss these rules.

Kristin explained that they would be happy to schedule this discussion with elected leadership on the topic.

Chair Buck asked what the coordination with cities has been like for implementing these rules.

Evan explained that they have had dozens of meeting with Metro area jurisdictions.

Kristin explained that there have also been a number of forums of Metro area planners.

6.2 Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan & Ridwell Update

Chair buck introduced Metro staff Estee Segal (she/her) to present to MPAC.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Estee Segal introduced the presentation, explained the role of the Garbage and Recycling System Facilitates Plan, the plan's approach, project timeline, expected engagement internal and external audiences, and the Regional Waste Plan's values and principles. Estee gave examples of outcomes given the values to conserve natural resources and provide excellent service and equitable system access. Estee then highlighted next steps for the System Facilities Plan.

Member discussion included:

Commissioner McGriff stressed the importance of advancing environmental literacy.

Mayor Callaway asked how different policies and approaches between counties will come together as part of the process and outcome.

Estee responded by highlighting that this plan is about facility needs and determining what role the public, private and nonprofit sector should play in the region in providing services to manage materials better. She explained that the System Facilities Plan is specifically facility and infrastructure focused.

Commissioner Shull asked how the project will consider the potential cost to build, operate and renovate facilities and how will this be reflected in the outcomes document.

Estee explained that cost and financing is a part of phase four of the System Facilities Plan, but they are only in the first few phases now.

Commissioner Pam Treece addressed Mayor Callaway's previous comments by noting a meeting regarding franchise agreements and Ridwell services in relationship to haulers, which she noted is a very different piece than is currently being explored.

Chair Buck introduced Warren Johnson (he/him) to present to MPAC.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Metro Staff Warren Johnson (he/him) provided updates on the Ridwell facility license.

Member discussion included:

Chair Buck asked how many garbage and recycling facilities Metro owns and how privately owned facilities are considered in this plan.

Estee explained that the goal for the System Facilities Plan is to look at all private, public and nonprofit facilities in the region to see where gaps in services are.

6.3 Work Plan and Public Engagement Plan for the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan Update

Chair Buck introduced Metro Staff Kim Ellis (she/her) to present to MPAC.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Kim outlined the purpose for today's presentation, what the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is, explained that the RTP is a key tool for implementing the 2040 Growth Concept, how partners and the public have been engaged since October, the RTP timeline, and five key policy topics which are: safe and healthy arterials policy, regional congestion pricing policy, climate smart strategy, high capacity transit strategy, and regional mobility policy. Kim then explained how the community and partners will be engaged moving forward and dove into phases two through five of the RTP which are: phase two - data and policy analysis, phase three - revenue and needs analysis, phase four - build RTP investment strategy, and phase five - public review and adoption process. Kim discussed potential policy topics for future MPAC discussion.

Member discussion included:

Chair Buck voiced the importance of breaking down these larger policy discussions into smaller more manageable topics in order for MPAC to be most effective. He asked MPAC members which particular, specific policy items within RTP topics are they most interested in.

Council Sherman expressed interest in the emerging trends analysis as this can change the way he thinks about some of the decisions that MPAC makes. He explained that he hopes this can be tied into regional congestion pricing and expanding high capacity transit.

Mayor Truax voiced interest in three key subjects that are planned for upcoming meetings, these are: climate smart, transportation equity analysis, and congestion pricing.

Luis Nava expressed concern with the amount of people who were reached through the public engagement process. He also asked about the Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC) participation in the RTP public engagement process.

Kim agreed with Luis' concern about the amount of people that were a part of the community leader's forum and explained that they will continue to work to remove barriers to participation. Kim then explained that this public engagement plan was not presented to PERC but it was brought to Metro's committee on racial equity and it aligns with the public engagement guidelines created by PERC.

Luis voiced concern that only two Washington County Community Members were interviewed, the rest of the interviewees were elected officials.

Chair Buck asked if there is a way to gain access to who is participating in Metro's public engagement so local jurisdictions can reach out to those same community leaders.

Kim explained that reports on who participates does get reported.

Ed Gronke explained that the average citizen in unincorporated Clackamas County believes that Metro is a distance operation within Portland. So, while difficult, communication with these people still needs to improve.

Mayor Truax asked about MPAC meeting in-person next meeting.

Connor Ayres explained that the Metro Regional Center is not currently capable of supporting such a large group for a hybrid meeting.

Mayor Callaway reminded everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Buck adjourned the meeting at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stellan Roberts

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Recording Secretary

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2022

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
6.1	Presentation	4/27/2022	Climate Friendly Equitable Communities Rule Making Update Slides	04272022-01
6.2	Presentation	4/27/2022	Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan & Ridwell Update Slides	04272022-02
6.3	Presentation	4/27/2022	Work Plan and Public Engagement plan for the 2023 RTP Update Slides	04272022-05