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JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)

Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor Christine Lewis (chair)
Commissioner Shannon Singleton
Commissioner Nafisa Fai
Commissioner Paul Savas
Mayor Jef Dalin
Mayor Joe Buck
Rian Windsheimer
Ali Mirzakhali
Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal
Councilor Ashton Simpson
Devin Reck
Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
Multnomah County
Washington County
Clackamas County
Cities of Washington County
Cities of Clackamas County
Oregon Department of Transportation
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Metro Council
Metro Council
Washington Department of Transportation
City of Vancouver

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Keith Kudrna
JC Vannatta
Dan Eisenbeis

AFFILIATION

Cities of Multnomah County
TriMet
Port of Portland

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Mayor Keith Wilson
Leann Caver

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

JPACT Chair Christine Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:32 am.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

3. JPACT CHAIR UPDATES

JPACT members congratulated Christine Lewis on her new role as JPACT Chair.

Chair Lewis introduced Anthony Cabadas to share the fatal traffic accidents that have occurred since the last meeting. Cabadas shared what regional partners are doing to create safer streets. Chair Lewis introduced Ally Holmqvist to present the Transit Minute.

Chair Lewis shared that the Regional Transportation Routes ETR Phase 2 Final Report was included in the packet, noting that they will be asked to consider approval at the May meeting. She noted the Future 50 information is also included in the packet. Chair Lewis shared that Metro has recently received its fully executed grant agreement to deliver targeted Safe Routes to School interventions at one high school cluster through Safe Streets for All Demonstration grant that was originally awarded in Fall of 2024.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of March 19, 2026, JPACT Minutes

MOTION: JC Vanatta moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mayor Dalin

ACTION: With all in favor, the consent agenda passed.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Resolution No. 26-5563 For the Purpose of Adopting the Regional Transportation Demand Management Strategy as a Topical Plan of the Regional Transportation Plan and Accepting Recommendations for Updates to the 2028 Regional Transportation Plan and Climate Smart Strategy

Noel Mickelberry and Grace Stainback presented the action item to JPACT members. They walked through the regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategy components and adoption materials and asked members if they had any questions.

JC Vanatta asked what they are seeing as obstacles in this work, and how they will help address it in policy. He noted that they have seen their own obstacles with the similar work they are doing at responded that affordability and personal safety came up many

times in their needs assessment. They also heard that employers are seeking more flexibility in administration of transit pass programming and options for workers who are working more hybrid schedules for or more unpredictable schedules.

Commissioner Singleton thanked the staff for working with Multnomah County on this project, expressing appreciation for their effort.

Councilor Rosenthal asked about travel behavior and what analyses they will be applying.

Presenters responded that the results of the Oregon Travel Study are the first statistically significant snapshot of travel behavior in our region, adding that this analysis is just wrapping up now.

Mayor Joe Buck asked how the targets are set, noting that there is no funding for these targets, nor is there a financial plan to meet them.

Presenters shared that the targets were defined by RTP for Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and system completion, so they are being responsive to that.

Mayor Buck asked how targeted universalism will impact the equity focus and lens they are using.

Ted Leybold shared that the implementation of targeted universalism is in its infancy so they will learn more about its impact later down the line.

Commissioner Savas asked if there is an opportunity to tap into navigation systems in cars to tell people where to go during emergencies. He asked how the staff plans to communicate the access to transportation.

Presenters responded that they would follow up.

Rian Windsheimer stated that this work is important for their regional strategy. He requested to make sure the plan is focused, achievable, and they account for funding. He asked for staff to come back as they start baselining.

Ali Mirzakhilili asked if policy 3 extends the place and event base to high energy demand days when they issue air quality advisories for ozone concerns. He noted that it would be excellent if they reduced VMT during those days.

Presenters appreciated the suggestion, noting that they will consider this as they move forward.

Mayor Dalin noted rush hour and asked what their attainable goals are, as well as what their returns on investment will be.

Councilor Rosenthal commented that this is a step in the right direction and that there will be a lot of refinement that will happen as the project moves forward. He noted that there are future vision issues that they need to address.

MOTION: Mayor Jef Dalin moved to approve Resolution no. 26-5563, seconded by JC Vanatta.

ACTION: With all in favor, Resolution no. 26-5563 was approved.

5.2 Consideration of 2023 Regional Transportation Plan Amendments to Include LPAs for Three Transit Projects (Ordinance no. 26-1536, Ordinance no. 26-1537, and Ordinance no. 26-1538)

Ally Holmqvist briefly presented the three ordinances to the JPACT members.

Commissioner Paul Savas clarified that the LPA is not related to the Bus Access Transit (BAT) lane discussion. He noted that separating these as two separate things is important to know in advance.

Vote on Ordinance no. 26-1536 For the Purpose of Amending the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan to Include the Locally Preferred Alternative for the 82nd Avenue Transit Project

MOTION: Commissioner Shannon Singleton moved to approve Ordinance no. 26-1536, seconded by Councilor Ashton Simpson

ACTION: With all in favor, the agenda item was approved.

Vote on Ordinance no. 26-1537 For the Purpose of Amending the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan to Include the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Tualatin Valley Highway Transit and Safety Project

Mayor Dalin stated that the LPA is universally supported, sharing that this is the best framework of a good plan. He shared concerns about money, expressing a desire to continue to bite off the pieces they can.

MOTION: Councilor Rosenthal moved to approve Ordinance no. 26-1537, seconded by Mayor Jef Dalin.

ACTION: With all in favor, Ordinance no. 26-1537 was approved.

Vote on Ordinance no. 26-1538 For the Purpose of Amending the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan to Include the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Montgomery Park Streetcar Extension

MOTION: JC Vanatta moved to approve Ordinance no. 26-1538 seconded by Councilor Simpson

ACTION: With all in favor, Ordinance no. 26-1538 was approved.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Unified Planning Work Program

John Mermin presented the work of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He defined the UPWP, discussed the contents of the document, addressed the recommendation from the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC), and shared next steps.

There was no JPACT member discussion.

6.2 Federal Reauthorization Update

Betsy Emery presented the updates on the federal reauthorization. She defined transportation reauthorization and discussed the key policy issues. Emery provided examples of marker bills, including the BASICS Act, BUILD Hubs Act, and Safe Streets and Roads for All Reauthorization and Improvement Act. She also mentioned the 2026 JPACT D.C. Trip.

JC Vanatta shared that quantifying the economic impacts of their transportation projects and investments will be important because jobs are so important. He emphasized the need to create jobs.

Commissioner Savas asked JC Vanatta to elaborate clarify what the capital construction projects are versus the operational projects. He asked which cuts proposed are operational. Commissioner Savas emphasized the importance of maintaining the projects they have.

JC Vanatta responded that the capital projects that are in process have been selected as a regional priority, and they have forecasted operational dollars for those. He noted that when they look at their federal formula funds that come from the Federal Government, they put that towards their operations. Vanatta added that they have been advocating for capital dollars which help defray purchases of buses, purchases of LRVs, and other capital expenses. He noted that they want to maintain some of those programs that are part of the reauthorization.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if there are implications for the prior commitments of the federal government to the interstate bridge and asked what the level of commitment is.

Betsy Emery responded that the provisions of reauthorization and the bills that have been introduced as marker bills do not have any connection to IBR specifically or obligations that the USDOT has made to projects across the country.

Commissioner Shannon Singleton noted that to keep bringing money back into the region, they need to keep the money once it is awarded. She urged JPACT members to support including language or criteria to support the regional economy, create jobs, fund projects that improve public safety, and are fiscally responsible. She shared Multnomah County's work to clarify definitions of emergency events and resiliency, noting that they have shared draft language and are with federal delegation and minority staff to move that forward.

Chair Lewis emphasized that the BASIS Act is an important bill that the National Association of MPOs has asked MPOs to consider endorsing. She shared that there will be a draft letter to their congressional delegation expressing support for the bill, and she will bring this draft to the May JPACT meeting. She asked for members to share input with her and staff.

6.3 Update on the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project

Taylor Steenblock and Emily Miletich presented an update on the project's milestones, progress, and plans for the future. They discussed the key upcoming activities, the range estimated cost, and the RFFA bond share status and plan.

Commissioner Singleton expressed appreciation for the work, noting that they have continued to center their values and use data to inform what the next steps are for the project. She added that they will be ready when the federal government is ready to invest again in this type of infrastructure.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

JC Vanatta shared that they have put a lot of work into their trip planner and it now includes all the shuttles that are in the various areas of their district. He added that the shuttles in Tualatin, Forest Grove, and Clackamas County are part of their trip plan. He noted that they have included C-Tran for the first time. He encouraged people to test out this first phase. Vanatta added that diesel fuel prices are going up in the region.

Councilor Simpson congratulated Chair Lewis for being the new chair.

Chair Lewis welcomed Gerritt Rosenthal to JPACT.

Dan Eisenbeis welcomed Chair Lewis as the new chair. He added that the new exit lanes are open at PDX Airport.

Commissioner Paul Savas discussed the electrification of vehicles, noting that they talked about the RTP update and got an idea of the timeline at Clackamas Coordinating Committee. He shared concerns about the capacity of their roads if they are planning for more electric vehicles.

8. ADJOURN

Seeing no further discussion, Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Georgia Langer, Legislative Coordinator