



METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Vince Jones-Dixon (Chair)
Kim Harless
Gerritt Rosenthal
Gordon Hovies
Mary Nolan
Brett Sherman
Mark Shull
Sherry French
Sharon Meieran
Joe Buck
Duncan Hwang
Tim Rosener
Glen Yung
Pam Treece
Luis Nava

AFFILIATION

City of Gresham, Second Largest City in Multnomah County
City of Vancouver
Metro Council
Special Districts in Washington County
Metro Council
City of Happy Valley, Other Cities in Clackamas County
Clackamas County
Special Districts in Clackamas County
Multnomah County
City of Lake Oswego, Largest City in Clackamas County
Metro Council
Other Cities in Washington County
Clark County
Washington County
Citizen of Washington County

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ed Gronke
Alex Howard
Nadia Hasan
Ted Wheeler
Brian Cooper
Brian Hodson
James Fage
Susan Greenberg
Kirstin Greene
Terri Preeg Rigsby
Denyse McGriff
Thomas Kim
Carmen Rubio
Steve Callaway

AFFILIATION

Citizen of Clackamas County
Port of Portland
City of Beaverton, Second Largest City in Washington County
City of Portland
City of Fairview, Other Cities in Multnomah County
City of Canby, City in Clackamas County outside UGB
City of North Plains, City in Washington County outside UGB
Beaverton School Board, Governing Body of a School District
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
Special Districts in Multnomah County
City of Oregon City, Second Largest City in Clackamas County
TriMet
City of Portland
Largest City in Washington County

ALTERNATES PRESENT
Elizabeth Amira Streeter

AFFILIATION
Citizen of Multnomah County

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin Teater, Kelly Reid, Peter Swinton, Adam Barber, Megan McKibben, Laurie Petrie, Jessica Pelz, Christina Ghan, Kendy, Christina Deffebach, Jessica Engelmann, Jamie Stasny, Sandy Glantz

STAFF: Eliot Rose, Roger Alfred, Kim Ellis, Serah Breakstone, Jeff Kain, Malu Wilkinson, Eryn Kehe, Jaye Cromwell, Anne Buzzini, Connor Ayers, Eduardo Ramos

1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, CHAIR COMMUNICATIONS

MPAC Vice Chair Pam Treece called the Zoom meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Metro Staff Connor Ayers (he/him) called the role.

Metro Staff Roger Alfred confirmed that there were not enough members present to declare a quorum. Ayers remarked that this would prevent the committee from approving the consent agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

No members of the public chose to provide testimony on agenda items.

3. COUNCIL UPDATE

Metro Councilor Duncan Hwang (he/him) began by providing an update on Metro's Waste Prevention and Environmental Services (WPES) department, discussing solid waste fees, transfer stations, and the system facilities plan.

Councilor Hwang then commented on the public engagement guide, noting that this document is being updated.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

City of Sherwood Mayor Tim Rosener asked Councilor Hwang if there will be an opportunity for cities to weigh in on the WPES system facilities plan.

Councilor Hwang responded, remarking that there will be extensive public engagement for this project, including the cities' comments into the plan.

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Vice President Gordon Hovies noted that a new public safety dispatch center in Washington County.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 MPAC Consideration of MTAC Nominees

5.2 Consideration of the March 22nd, 2023 MPAC Minutes

As the committee was not able to reach quorum, the consent agenda was postponed until the following MPAC meeting.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 2040 Planning and Development Grants Update and 2020 Grantee Highlights

Vice Chair Treece introduced Metro Eryn Kehe and Serah Breakstone.

Key elements of the presentation and member discussion included:

Breakstone and Kehe provided a background on the 2040 Planning and Development Grants program, a program that seeks to implement Metro's 2040 Growth Concept by providing funding to projects that serve the region's planning goals. Staff noted that development focus has expanded to respond to local and regional priorities, including funding for new urban areas, community and economic development in the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), and planning for the development of equitable housing. Breakstone then discussed several organizations and programs that received funding through this grant. Staff explained the changes to grant categories and funding levels that are being made in this grant cycle. A timeline for the grant project was provided.

Kehe responded to a question about consultants and engagement that had been posted in the chat. She then answered another question that had been posted in the chat regarding the size of the grant pool.

Citizen of Multnomah County Amira Streeter asked for clarification on the grant projects that would fall under the "concept planning" category.

Breakstone explained that concept planning relates to high-level, early planning on areas that the jurisdiction would like to bring into the UGB. Kehe noted that public engagement is a large component of the concept planning stage.

Streeter recommended that staff breakdown grant spending by category.

Metro Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal questioned the number of small business incubators in the region and asked if they would be eligible for grants.

Kehe remarked that the idea is to support additional grants to nonprofit organizations.

Mayor Rosener questioned if staff is factoring in state legislation into the decision-making process for the project.

Kehe confirmed that they are considering state-level legislation into the development of the program.

Metro staff Malu Wilkinson responded to Councilor Rosenthal's question about whether the Metro Code would need to be changed to allow for the small business support called for in this program, noting that the Council changed the code in 2020 to allow for this kind of support.

6.2 Preliminary Analysis of Submitted RTP Projects

Ayers introduced Metro staff Kim Ellis (she/her) and Eliot Rose (he/him).

Key elements of the presentation and member discussion included:

Ellis began the presentation by providing context on this stage of the RTP process, noting that the purpose of this presentation is to share information, as well as discuss and receive initial feedback about the draft project list submitted by agency partners. She shared that a public survey has been launched gauging public opinion on the direction of the RTP. Rose gave context for what information this presentation shares, stating that it gives project list summaries, high-level assessment on each project's alignment with RTP goals, and a system analysis that quantifies how the RTP performs with respect to specific measures and targets. A brief quantitative analysis was provided for each key RTP goal area, displaying what percentage of RTP projects align with each goal. A timeline of the project's next steps was provided.

Mayor Rosener suggested that the next cycle of the RTP could adopt a more comprehensive transportation plan designed analyzing the needs of the system as a whole rather than including the projects that each jurisdiction proposes independently. He then spoke to the difficulties Sherwood faces with transit.

Rose noted that staff did perform a needs assessment as a part of the RTP process. He remarked that the system analysis of the plan will provide more information regarding transit travel times through each of the corridors.

City of Happy Valley Councilor Sherman remarked that he would like to see a more in-depth comparative process for the project list, asking staff if this is a component of the RTP process.

Ellis discussed the RTP process, stating that while the plan will continue to be advanced that staff is looking for direction on which projects will get the region towards its goals. She remarked that the system analysis will allow for more direct comparison between projects.

Councilor Sherman noted that staff had stated that equity and safety projects were being prioritized in the short term, asking if this prioritization is spurred by local jurisdictions reworking the projects to fit into a near term timeline, or if these projects are simply being advanced over others.

Ellis clarified that equity and safety goals are both being reformatted to be easily implemented as well as being accelerated over other projects.

Councilor Sherman recommended that staff make clear which projects serve to enhance already existing infrastructure or services compared to those that bring entirely new developments to the region.

Councilor Rosenthal remarked that projects that fail to meet the equity or safety goals of the project, along with not substantially serving the mobility or economic goals, should be removed from the project list. He commented that the vision for the region's transportation system moving forward is more than just the sum of the individual projects.

Rose noted that equity focused areas contain slightly less than half of the region's jobs and people, meaning that proportionally more projects in the RTP will address equity in some regard.

Councilor Sherman requested additional clarification on the process of deciding which projects address each of the goal areas.

Rose noted that it can be a useful tool to focus on comparing projects that fall into the same category, as these investments are likely to be more comparable.

7. **ADJOURN**

Chair Jones-Dixon adjourned the meeting at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeffrey Kain
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2023

| ITEM | DOCUMENT TYPE | DATE | DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION | DOCUMENT NO. |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------|---|---------------------|
| 6.1 | Presentation | 04/26/2023 | 2040 Planning & Development Grants – Program Update Presentation | 042623m-01 |
| 6.2 | Presentation | 04/26/2023 | 2023 Draft RTP Project Summaries and High-Level Assessment Results Presentation | 042623m-02 |