

JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)

Meeting Minutes
June 26th, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT AFFILIATION

Shannon Singleton Multnomah County
Paul Savas Clackamas County
Keith Wilson City of Portland

Travis Stovall

Jef Dalin

Joe Buck

Cities of Multnomah County

Cities of Washington County

Cities of Clackamas County

Rian Windsheimer Oregon Department of Transportation

Carley Francis Washington State Department of Transportation

Anne McEnerny-Ogle City of Vancouver
Juan Carlos Gonzalez Metro Council
Ashton Simpson Metro Council
Christine Lewis Metro Council

MEMBERS EXCUSED AFFILIATION

Nafisa Fai Washington County

Sam Desue TriMet

Curtis Robinhold Port of Portland

Ali Mirzakhalili Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Leann Caver C-Tran

<u>ALTERNATES PRESENT</u> <u>AFFILIATION</u>

JC Vanatta TriMet

Michael Orman Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Scott Patterson C-Tran

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Chris Smith spoke about the Interstate Bridge Replacement project and the Montgomery Streetcar Locally Preferred Alternative.

Ryan Monterra spoke about the Montgomery Streetcar Locally Preferred Alternative.

Jim Shalin spoke about the Interstate Bridge Replacement project.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR

Gonzalez provided updates on MPO Certification/Transit Representation on JPACT and polled the group on the format for the July meeting; it was decided to hold the meeting inperson/hybrid.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Consideration of the June 12, 2025 JPACT Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Lewis, Vannatta **ACTION**: Motion passed

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Resolution No. 25-5505 For the Purpose of Endorsing the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Montgomery Park Streetcar Extension

Metro staff presented on the LPA.

Commissioner Savas supports the project, but he doesn't believe it's a regional project on moving people. He is excited about the housing it will spur.

Mayor Dalin agrees. He will support the project, but Washington County does see this as a Portland project. He also asked about rail vs. bus and cost of service. Portland staff provided relevant details.

Ford will be voting yes on the project.

Councilor Lewis supports the project for its transit and community development benefits.

Vannatta noted the operational costs, which are very important considerations for transit agencies, and stated this is better for operational costs. He is also excited about unlocking land and housing development.

MOTION: Lewis, Vannatta

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 State Legislative Update

JPACT received a presentation by the following panel: Anneliese Koehler, Metro; Tom Powers, Multnomah County; Miles Pengilly, TriMet; Carly Sylva-Gabrielson, Washington County; Trent Wilson, Clackamas County; and Derek Bradley, Portland.

Wilson confirmed the road user charge was still in the draft legislation.

Councilor Lewis thanked the Government Affairs staff for their collaboration during a disappointing session. She asked about the amendment that relies mostly on our existing funding mechanisms and the timeline of those revenues being realized.

Commissioner Savas shared that the County and its cities sent a letter to leadership requesting a workgroup on transit and advocating for more transit in underserved areas. The original intent of HB 2017 was to provide new service, but he stated that instead the funding has been diluted to backfill for operations and maintenance. He asked TriMet to confirm its commitment to expanding transit.

Pengilly noted TriMet's budget challenges and shared that the increases in the current transportation package will provide for maintenance of current service and some expansion of shuttle service to areas that are underserved. Commissioner Savas shared that he doesn't believe TriMet's budget prioritizes underserved areas.

Mayor Dalin asked the panel if they believe we'll get a package this session.

Gonzalez asked about the status of funding for Safe Streets, high speed rail, and projects that will leverage federal funding.

Vannatta thanked staff for their hard work and noted it's a good example of how we work together. He also replied to Savas that the current budget wouldn't include expansion of service that would be funded through the transportation package. He shared TriMet would work with the small providers to expand service with the increased STIF funding should the legislation pass.

6.2 Interstate Bridge Replacement MTIP Amendment

JPACT received a presentation from Jean Senechal Biggs, Metro; Greg Johnson, IBR Project; Ray Mabey, IBR Project; Lynn Valenter and Ed Washington, Co-Chairs of the IBR Community Advisory Group.

Commissioner Savas shared his concern about what increasing costs of the project will do to the toll rate and the impacts of higher rates on diversion to I-205.

Wilson is hopeful that the bridge will be built soon. He would like to have more discussion about the project's impacts on the travel shed.

Commissioner Singelton asked about a low-income toll discount.

Councilor Lewis asked for clarity on the timeline for construction.

6.3 28-30 Regional Flexible Fund Allocation Step 2 Draft Allocation Package for Discussion

Commissioner Savas acknowledged everyone's hard work and supports the package.

Councilor Lewis appreciates it's a regionally balanced package and acknowledged the partnership of jurisdictions that took cuts to make the package work.

Commissioner Singelton shared that the County believes the package reflects the goals of the program and supports the package.

Mayor Dalin thanked those who provided feedback and those who facilitated engagement.

7. MEMBER UPDATES

Councilor Simpson shared there is a new bus line in East County and thanked TriMet for that investment.

Vannatta noted TriMet launched a new micro-transit service for seniors and those with disabilities.

8. ADJOURN

Chair Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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