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JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)

Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2024

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Juan Carlos González
Christine Lewis
Paul Savas
Nafisa Fai
Carley Francis
Jesse Beason
Mingus Mapps
Ashton Simpson
Joe Buck
Shawn Donaghy
Anne McEnery-Ogle
Ali Mirzakhali

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
Metro Council
Clackamas County
Washington County
Washington State Department of Transportation
Multnomah County
City of Portland
Metro Council
Cities of Clackamas County
C-Tran
City of Vancouver
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Steve Callaway
Sam Desue
Rian Windsheimer
Travis Stovall
Curtis Robinhold

AFFILIATION

Cities of Washington County
TriMet
Oregon Department of Transportation
Cities of Multnomah County
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

JC Vannatta
Emerald Bogue
Jef Dalin

AFFILIATION

TriMet
Port of Portland
Cities of Washington County

OTHERS PRESENT: Jaimie Lorenzini, Mary Baumgardner, Laurie Lebowsky-Young, RTC Web-Mtgs, Derek Bradley, John Charles, Frank Stevens, Carmen Merlo, Chris Smith, Miles Pengilly, Mat Dolata, Jess Zdeb, Jean Senechal Biggs, Michael Orman, Tara O'Brien, Tom Powers, Katie Mangle, Margi Bradway, Margi Bradway, Glen Bolen, Stephen Roberts, Jeff Owen, Erin Doyle, Jamie Stasny, John Mermin, Shoshana Cohen, Bryan Blanc, Trent Wilson, Monica Krueger, Shelley Richards, Sara Ryan, Allison Boyd, Jeff Gudman, Gregg Snyder, Josie Tecum, Matthew Hampton, Brett Sherman, Katherine Kelly, Jessica Pelz, Tom Markgraf, Brenda Bartlett, Cynthia Castro, Bob, Ashley Bryers, Karen Buehrig, Eric Hesse, Sarah Iannarone, Mark Ottenad, Chris Ford, Scott Langer, Taylor Steenblock, Jamie Snook

STAFF: Connor Ayers, Jemeshia Taylor, Tom Kloster, Betsy Emery, Ted Leybold, Michelle Bellia, Jaye Cromwell, Eliot Rose, Victor Sin, Ken Lobeck, Jake Lovell, Caleb Winter, Jason Nolin, Tim Collins, Kate Hawkins, Ally Holmqvist, Grace Cho, Malu Wilkinson, Ramona Perrault, Kim Ellis, Anneliese Koehler, Marielle Bossio

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

JPACT Chair Juan Carlos Gonzalez (he/him) called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.

Chair Gonzalez called the role and declared a quorum.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Metro staff Connor Ayers read aloud the instructions for providing public testimony.

No members of the public provided testimony.

Chair Gonzalez moved onto the next agenda item.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR

Metro Planning and Development Department Deputy Director Malu Wilkinson (she/her) shared the names and ages of traffic victims during the month of December:

Randolph James Stitt, 72, Courtney Towne Decius, 73, Unidentified, Andrew Vilegas, 12, Sharon Airhart, 74, Unidentified, Jepthe Cruz Cortes, 21, McKenzie Libro, 18, Unidentified, Unidentified, David Wayne Becker, 63, Unidentified, Nancy Ann Wheeler, 85, Fleetwood Mars Mozee, 37, Mitchell Scott Barr, 24, Unidentified

Chair Gonzalez provided an update on JPACT DC Trip.

Chair Gonzalez moved onto the next agenda item.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Gonzalez noted that there were two items on the consent agenda, the Consideration of the December 14, 2023 JPACT Minutes and Resolution No. 24-5380, For the Purpose of Adding or Amending Eight Projects to the MTIP to Meet Federal Delivery Requirements.

MOTION: City of Portland Commissioner Mingus Mapps moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by C-

Tran Chief Executive Officer Shawn Donaghy.

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

Seeing no further discussion, Chair Gonzalez moved onto the next agenda item.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant: Preliminary Climate Action Plan

Chair Gonzalez introduced Metro staff Eliot Rose to present.

Rose discussed the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG), the Climate Partners' forum, and the forum's members. He explained the different rounds for planning and funding, the CPRG implementation grants, and the difference between the CPRG and Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP). Rose mentioned how coordination is critical, the PCAP actions and the PCAP 5-month timeline. He noted what they have learned, the initial screening criteria and the screening results. Rose discussed next steps, the planned PCAP engagement, the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP).

Clackamas County Commissioner Paul Savas posted a link to an article on stop-and-go traffic and CO2 emissions in the meeting chat. He explained that stop-and-go traffic causes higher CO2 emissions and recommended that staff consider incorporating the information in the article.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 1 Policy and Development Manager Chris Ford asked Rose for a copy of the draft plan.

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Air Quality Administrator Ali Mirzakhilili noted that DEQ's priority climate action plan is out for comment and put the link for the plan in the meeting chat. He explained that the EPA will not fund both of DEQ's and Metro's applications, so it is important to coordinate.

Chair Gonzalez asked about coordinating with the City of Portland and on the need to leverage environmental investments.

Commissioner Mapps mentioned that there may be synergy between the Clean Energy Fund and the CPRG. He will follow-up with City of Portland staff and Commissioner Rubio.

Chair Gonzalez mentioned two major BRT projects and some other transportation improvements. He asked if there is any potential for these resources to help with major capital projects.

Rose noted the complexity of transit finance and explained why these grants should be used for capital investments.

Commissioner Savas raised concerns about the metrics to evaluate projects in the RTP. He mentioned that they need to make sure that what is implemented or adjusted does not end in a negative result. Commissioner Savas asked Mirzakhilili if there can be local testing stations.

Mirzakhilili explained that the EPA requires measurable CO2 greenhouse gas reductions. He explained that the staff are reviewing the applications should be mindful of actions that might reduce emissions in one sector and advertently increase emissions from other sectors. Mirzakhilili mentioned that they can expand of the use of DEQ's sensor technology.

Commissioner Savas explained that there are other by-products from tail pipe emissions that have a direct relationship to CO2. He suggested that these other by-products can be easier to measure than CO2 and can be used to indirectly determine if there is an improvement.

Mirzakhilili discussed the vehicle inspection program in the Metro area and the importance of ensuring that the pollution control equipment in cars is operating efficiently.

Chair Gonzalez suggested finding a nexus that will allow them to invest in safety and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Seeing no further discussion, Chair Gonzalez moved onto the next agenda item.

5.2 Regional Freight Delay and Commodities Movement Study

Chair Gonzalez introduced Metro Staff Tim Collins to present.

Collins discussed the national E-commerce trends and their impacts in the region. He noted the Corridor Level Commodity Flow findings for 2020 and mentioned examples for Tiers 1 and 2. Collins discussed the RTP Regional Mobility Policy, the Commodities Movement Study (CMS), and the Travel Time Reliability Index (TTRI). He explained the mobility and reliability issues related to speed and travel time reliability for several locations in the region. Collins mentioned four regional freight policy questions and explained what lessons they have learned for each of the questions. Lastly, Collins mentioned the final report outline and some of the recommendations.

Commissioner Savas mentioned trucks and that the heavier the vehicle, the more significant the actual volume of emissions output is. He noted that if traffic moved at a steady speed, it would help reduce CO2 output.

Collins discussed the issue of multiple slowdowns throughout the day and mentioned the new mobility policy.

Port of Portland Director Emerald Bogue noted the statewide significance of their system and the importance of efficiency. She asked about diversion of freight onto arterials and about safety.

Collins noted that the study was not focused on diversion, but on the regional freight network. He mentioned that the new freight study will look at land ready for larger distribution centers and the impact of those centers on traffic in the area.

Mirzakhilili asked about the equity issues that were considered, such as air quality impacts. He raised concerns about community objections to the placement of warehouses and asked how this was included in the report. Mirzakhilili also asked how mobility pricing policy can be used to impact when freight shows up onto the road.

Collins mentioned that the equity impacts are unequal because those living next to industrial areas are more impacted than the rest of the region. He added that the scope of the study did not look at environmental

impacts specifically.

Metro Councilor Christine Lewis mentioned that it was notable how staff determined the type of commodity on each corridor and in which direction.

Metro Councilor Ashton Simpson commented on the tension between land use and transportation about how to serve the community. He suggested that they discuss how to engage with communities before putting distribution centers in them.

Collins added that there needs to be more work done to determine the potential impacts to neighborhoods and to the retail centers.

Seeing no further discussion, Chair Gonzalez moved onto the next agenda item.

5.3 Regional Transportation Priorities and Funding

Chair Gonzalez introduced Metro Staff Anneliese Koehler and others to present.

Koehler gave an overview and the goal of the presentation. Tom Powers, Multnomah County explained the history of the state transportation package. Carmen Merlo, Port of Portland discussed the decreased fuel tax funding and possible revenue sources. Derek Bradley, City of Portland described some of the challenges of 2025 State Transportation package. Miles Pengilly, TriMet mentioned some of the opportunities for transportation package. Erin Doyle, Washington County discussed the early themes and framing of the package. Koehler noted what they anticipate for the year ahead including, the tentative state process and JPACT's process. Trent Wilson, Clackamas County mentioned the key takeaways including the need to build legislative support.

Chair Gonzalez thanked the panelists for their presentation.

Commissioner Savas commented on how Seattle and the Seattle area has spread their investments across all modes. He also mentioned that the I-205 project and the need to follow through on packages.

Multnomah County Commissioner Beason asked how they can engage their legislature delegations and what a new funding model would look like. He mentioned that he is enrolled in OReGO and that it is a clunky process.

Koehler noted that transportation is not a top priority for the legislators' constituents in the region. She explained the importance of telling their legislative partners about the urgency and need for the 2025 transportation package.

Koehler added that OReGO does not have many people enrolled and that the program would need to be modernized. She mentioned other funding mechanisms like charging for electricity or possibly through an Oregon sales tax.

Ford mentioned some recent Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation (R1ACT) meetings about transportation funding. He posted a link to those meetings in the meeting chat.

TriMet Executive Director of Public Affairs JC Vannatta asked how this process aligns with the JPACT transportation funding subcommittee recommended in the RTP.

Koehler explained that staff is determining what the subcommittee or recommendation would look like but that there may be a lot of coordination. She mentioned that the 2025 package is the most immediate component of the overarching conversation.

Wilkinson explained that defining the region's approach to the 2025 package will help inform the larger conversation.

Chair Gonzalez thanked everyone for staying at the meeting longer.

Seeing no further discussion, Chair Gonzalez moved onto the next agenda item.

6. UPDATES FROM JPACT MEMBERS

There were no updates from the JPACT members.

7. ADJORN

Chair Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 9:32 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jemeshia Taylor".

Jemeshia Taylor
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2024

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
3.0	Presentation	1/18/2024	December Fatal Crash Slide	011824-01
5.1	Presentation	1/18/2024	EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Presentation	011824-02
5.2	Presentation	1/18/2024	Regional Freight Delay and Commodities Movement Study Presentation	011824-03
5.3	Presentation	1/18/2024	2025 State Transportation Package Presentation	011824-04