

JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)

Meeting Minutes

June 12th, 2025MEMBERS PRESENT

Shannon Singleton
Nafisa Fai
Paul Savas
Travis Stovall
Jef Dalin
Joe Buck
Rian Windsheimer
Ali Mirzakhali
Carley Francis
Anne McEnerny-Ogle
Juan Carlos Gonzalez
Christine Lewis
Leann Caver
Keith Wilson

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ashton Simpson
Curtis Robinhold
Sam Desue

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Dan Eisenbeis
JC Vannatta

AFFILIATION

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

AFFILIATION

Metro
Port of Portland
TriMet

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

JPACT Chair Juan Carlos Gonzalez called the meeting to order.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Wilsonville Mayor Shawn O’Neal spoke about transit representation on JPACT and subcommittees.

Dwight Brashear, SMART, spoke about transit representation on JPACT and subcommittees.

3. UPDATES FROM THE JPACT CHAIR

Chair Gonzalez provided information regarding the Safe Streets for All grant and called on Ted Leybold to present on Fatal Crashes and the Transit Minute.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Gonzalez stated that there were two items on the Consent Agenda:

4.1 Consideration of the May 15, 2025 JPACT Meeting Minutes

4.2 Consideration of the May 22, 2025 JPACT Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Paul Savas, Mayor Jef Dalin

ACTION: The motion passed

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Resolution No. 25-5495 For the Purpose of Endorsing the Locally Preferred Alternative for the 82nd Avenue Transit Project

Chair Gonzalez introduced Melissa Ashbaugh and Michael Kiser for a presentation on the LPA.

Mayor Wilson spoke about continuing to push this project forward.

Councilor Lewis spoke about the process of regular meetings with community and jurisdictional partners and the benefits of the project.

Commissioner Savas spoke about the county’s concerns about BAT lanes and diversion, but he and the county support the overall project. Councilor Lewis clarified for the record that BAT lanes are not in the LPA but will be considered at a later stage.

Windsheimer spoke about the benefits of the project and ODOT's support, and he joined Savas' concerns about BAT lanes.

Eisenbeis spoke about the Port's participation and their support for the project.

Mayor Dalin spoke about the need for this project and the county's support of it. He also noted the congestion challenges caused by the SE Foster Rd. lane-narrowing project, and he hopes this project avoids similar impacts.

Commissioner Singelton spoke about the county's support for the project.

Vanatta spoke about the partnership it took to make this happen and the benefits of the project.

Commissioner Fai noted the amount of work that goes into this kind of project, and she supports the project.

MOTION: Lewis, Vanatta

ACTION: The motion passed

5.2 Resolution No. 25-5504 For the Purpose of Endorsing the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Tualatin Valley Highway Transit and Safety Project

Chair Gonzalez introduced Kate Hawkins, Metro for a presentation on the LPA.

Commissioner Fai noted the amount of work and engagement that it took to get to this point, the eager involvement of the Board of Commissioners, and the benefits of the project.

Mayor Dalin spoke about the robust discussions at the planning meetings, the dangers of the corridor now, and how they all came together around the need for safety improvements.

Windsheimer spoke about his appreciation for the work of the partners, how the communities around this old farm-to-market road, and the need to adapt it to serve the community now.

Commissioner Savas acknowledged all the hard work put in by the jurisdictions.

Vanatta noted the enthusiasm for transit and the improvements that come with it.

Chair Gonzalez shared his gratitude for the work done by staff and his excitement to see the project move forward.

MOTION: Windsheimer, Vannatta

ACTION: The motion passed

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 RFFA Step 1A: Bond Discussion

Chair Gonzalez introduced Grace Cho and Jean Senechal-Biggs from Metro for a presentation.

Commissioner Savas acknowledged the work that has gone into this effort and the county's continued support for Sunrise Corridor.

Mayor Buck asked if staff could create a document that shows the timeline of the bond and how much of the money will go toward the projects vs. the administration of the bond. He also asked about risk in the out years for future cash flow.

Commissioner Singleton understands uncertainty is inevitable but feels everyone needs to support these projects across the region.

Vannatta thanked Metro staff for all their work on this effort.

Commissioner Savas asked for clarification on what "delegated authority status" is.

Mayor Dalin appreciates the regional nature of the bond package.

Commissioner Savas stated that he doesn't want to risk cutting funds for the projects based on the costs of the bonds.

Commissioner Singleton shared she must leave the meeting but will submit comments on the next agenda item, US DOT Certification Review of the Portland Area MPO.

6.2. US DOT Certification Review of the Portland Area MPO

Chair introduced Ted Leybold Metro to provide a presentation on the USDOT MPO Certification Review.

Mayor Wilson asked for clarification about the Unified Planning Work Plan.

Mirzakhali asked for clarification on the Title IX comments from USDOT.

Commissioner Savas thanked Councilors Gonzalez, Lewis, and Metro staff for meeting with him about this issue. JPACT members who represent transit providers don't have staff support or access to the data necessary to advocate for residents without transit service. He would like to see more space for this discussion, and he would like an additional seat on TPAC and quarterly meetings of a work group.

Chair Gonzalez asked Michelle Bellia, OMA, to explain the bylaws requirements for work groups. Bellia offered to research this and follow up.

Mayor Buck would also like to see a work group convened to discuss challenges of small transit providers. He also believes TriMet should have elected representation on JPACT. This is a good opportunity to update the bylaws.

Mirzakhilili asked for clarification about whether the problem is about representing people without transit or representation of small transit providers. Gonzalez, Leybold, and Savas weighed in on this discussion.

Savas noted we don't have a real idea of the scope of the problem, a commute shed study and/or level of service study would show us that. He would like information on where investments are being made, stating that we need better analysis and funding.

Gonzalez agreed we need to discuss increased access to transit and better funding.

Mayor Dalin shared that we need more conversation about resources going toward residents who don't have transit at all. He doesn't believe we have the right people convening on that.

Vannatta appreciates the comments but doesn't feel the coordination that is already happening is being acknowledged. Many of the small cities aren't in the MPO boundaries. He would like to present to JPACT on service that is provided. He listed committee meetings and studies that happen and are happening.

Buck responded that TriMet provides transit in a different way than the small, local transit provides transit. The small providers are saying they need more resources, and as their representative, he isn't supported.

Lewis says we're talking about service, but often JPACT is talking about infrastructure investments. She thinks we should figure out a way to talk about service, but it's different than JPACT's clear role of investing in infrastructure.

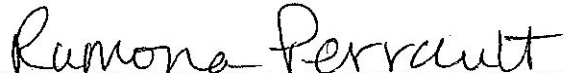
Savas agreed the region needs to talk about service, and we need to convene those conversations.

Gonzalez noted that if we were to convene a workgroup, he would want regional representation. He asked JPACT members to share their thoughts in the coming days.

8. ADJOURNED

Chair Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 9:05 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ramona Perrault". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ramona Perrault,
Engagement Committee Legislative Advisor, Metro