

JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)

Meeting Minutes

April 17th, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shannon Singleton
Nafisa Fai
Paul Savas
Travis Stovall
Jef Dalin
Joe Buck
Rian Windsheimer
Sam Desue
Ali Mirzakhali
Anne McEnery-Ogle
Juan Carlos Gonzalez
Ashton Simpson
Christine Lewis

AFFILIATION

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

Keith Wilson
Curtis Robinhold
Carley Francis
Leann Caver

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
Port of Portland
Washington State Department of Transportation
C-Tran

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Angelita Morillo
Heidi Lueb
Brett Sherman
Chris Ford
JC Vanatta
Emerald Bogue
Michael Orman
Devin Reck
Scott Patterson

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

JPACT Chair Juan Carlos Gonzalez (he/him) called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
Chair Gonzalez called the roll and declared a quorum.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Metro staff Ramona Perrault read aloud the instructions for providing public testimony.
There was none.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR

Metro staff Ted Leybold provided the update on fatal traffic accidents.

Commissioner Fai inquired about the source of the data.

Leybold answered that the data comes from ODOT, which gets their information from police reports.

Commissioner Savas thanked ODOT for safety improvements being made and reported that Clackamas County was seeing urban level congestion. He shared that the county is doing everything it can with its limited resources to address those safety issues.

Metro staff Ally Holmqvist gave the Transit Minute report.

Mayor Dalin pointed out the east and west sides of the region were cut off the map.

Rian Windsheimer expressed appreciation for Fai's comments and the information being shared. He stated that it is often difficult to know the details of these crashes, and that ODOT does have a process to review fatal crashes to consider how to address safety improvements. He noted that speeding and alcohol are often factors in these crashes.

Dalin thanked ODOT for the installation of rapid flashing beacons and encouraged more communication about these crossings.

JPACT Chair Gonzalez provided updates on the JPACT Transportation Package Memo and the special JPACT meeting scheduled for May to discuss the projects being considered for RFFA Step 1.A.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

4.1: Resolution No. 25-5481 For the Purpose of Adding, Amending, Or Canceling Three Projects to the 2024-27 MTIP to Meet Federal Project Delivery Requirements, **4.2:** Resolution No. 25-5466 For the Purpose of Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Unified Planning Work Program and Certifying that the Portland Metropolitan Area is in Compliance with Federal Transportation Planning Requirements, and **4.3:** Consideration of the March 20, 2025 JPACT Meeting Minutes.

Savas requested to pull Resolution No. 25-5455 from the consent agenda due to the request of Clackamas County and SMART to review JPACT membership, which had not happened yet.

Leybold noted that when Clackamas County submitted its comments during the recertification process, Metro responded that it would bring the recertification report back to JPACT for discussion.

Savas recommended postponing consideration of the UPWP until the structural problem of missing transit engagement could be addressed.

MOTION: Savas moved to approve the consent agenda without Resolution No. 25-5466, seconded by Mayor McEnerny-Ogle.

ACTION: The consent agenda was approved.

Following the 5.1 Public Testimony Opportunity, Chair Gonzalez returned to Resolution No. 25-5466 For the Purpose of Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Unified Planning Work Program and Certifying that the Portland Metropolitan Area is in Compliance with Federal Transportation Planning Requirements.

Chair Gonzalez called on Ted Leybold to provide information on this item.

Leybold described what the UPWP is. He explained Federal Hwy Administration and Federal Transit Administration requested we submit the UPWP quickly due to lay-offs and the new Administration.

Commissioner Savas objected again and emphasized the commitment to revisit transit membership on JPACT should be met before considering UPWP.

Leybold explained that recertification and UPWP are two different issues, and staff will be bringing the recertification back to JPACT.

Gonzalez asked Leybold about the urgency and consequences of delaying.

Leybold explained our jurisdictions could have a delay in federal funding if the UPWP has not been passed by the end of the fiscal year.

Gonzalez stated the MPO recertification and the UPWP are two different things. We will meet our commitment for revisiting the recertification item.

Savas noted Clackamas County followed Metro staff's instructions to submit comment on MPO recertification, then were criticized for doing so. He expressed that the committee is not meeting the commitment it made to revisit that.

Chair Gonzalez reiterated that UPWP and the recertification process are two different things, and that conversation is on its way.

Savas read aloud the title of the item.

Councilor Lewis stated that in order to have a UPWP, a body must be recognized, and Metro is recognized as an MPO due to the recertification. Lewis announced that she will work with the Chair on

ensuring recertification is considered. Lewis asked what was discussed at TPAC and noted Mayor McEnerny-Olge's line-item amendment in the meeting chat.

Leybold replied that TPAC recommended adopting the UPWP as proposed, and Metro will schedule time to report back on recertification. He raised concerns that not passing the UPWP will affect all projects that receive federal funds, regardless of jurisdiction.

Savas noted that the recording will show that a commitment was made to bring this back, and he will be voting no.

Dalin asked if the MPO status has changed or been reconfigured.

Leybold answered that Metro is still digesting the recommendations, but nothing has changed in the MPO/Council structure.

Chair Gonzalez expressed appreciation for Savas' position but stated that it was necessary to pass this today. He announced that it would come back to JPACT membership at another meeting. He called for a motion.

MOTION: Mayor Stovall moved, seconded by Councilor Simpson

ACTION: The resolution was approved 13-1, with Commissioner Savas voting no.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 28-30 Regional Flexible Fund Allocation Step 1A.1 and Step 2 Public Testimony Opportunity

Grace Cho made a brief presentation on the item.

Chair Gonzalez opened the public hearing.

Councilor Brett Sherman advocated \$12.5 for Sunrise Corridor.

Bob Hastings supported funding for Burnside Bridge.

Jill Rundle supported funding for Sunrise Corridor.

Gary Woods opposed Step 2 funding for King City's application for the Westside Trail.

Michael Walter supports funding for Sunrise Corridor.

Zachary Lauritzen supported funding for 82nd Ave.

Dick Davis supported funding for SW Montgomery.

Tyler Smith supported funding for Burnside Bridge.

Diana Helm supported funding for Sunrise Corridor.

Thomas Ngo supported funding for 82nd Ave.

Randall Friesen supported funding for Burnside Bridge.

Jasmine Co supported funding for 82nd Ave.

Lorne Bulling supported funding for Burnside Bridge.

Mark Linehan supported the Prescott bike lanes application for funding.

Jay Jones supported funding for Sunrise Corridor.

Amy Farrara supported funding for Sunrise Corridor.

E'an Todd supported the 223rd proposal for funding in Step 2

Sara Iannarone expressed concerns about the state transportation package and the risk of losing funding.

Juan Pedro Moreno Olmeda supported funding for TV Highway Corridor

Mayor Heidi Lueb supported the North Dakota Creek bridge project in Step 2

Piyawee Ruenjinda supported funding for TV Highway Corridor

Maria Delores Torres supported funding for TV Highway Corridor

Maria Rodriguez Cuamatzi supported funding for TV Highway Corridor

Chair Gonzalez closed the public hearing and noted that folks have until the end of the month to submit testimony.

5.2 Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill - Initial Regional Priorities

Metro staff Betsy Emery gave a presentation on the Reauthorization Bill and JPACT's priorities.

Mayor Dalin provided that big increases in taxes on EVs makes it difficult for low-income folks to transition to electric vehicles and would prefer a more gradual approach.

Commissioner Fai asked if we're working with OAC to get their feedback to include in our input. She noted that there is overlap in priorities and recommended telling a complete Oregon story.

Sam Desue expressed appreciation for the CIG program call-out and shared that the increases in transit funding in the last bill have been important.

Commissioner Savas expressed there isn't time to vet this in a responsible way today and would like for this to come back to JPACT or that he could be allowed to submit comments in writing.

Ali Mirzakhali stated it is hard to formulate a strategy in a short time, considering the Administration's priority to expand fossil fuel energy infrastructure doesn't align with the goals for decarbonization. He noted that it is important to request flexibility in funding so local governments can invest funds according to their priorities.

Emery offered to connect with Savas and explained she has worked with his staff on this document; April 30 is when the comment portal closes. Emery highlighted that staff could submit an amended version later, and she will come back in May with a refined version for adoption. She added that this will also inform the JPACT trip to DC.

5.3 Tualatin Valley Highway LPA Update

This item was postponed due to time constraints.

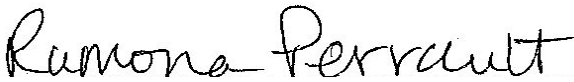
6. MEMBER UPDATES

There were none.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Ramona Perrault,
Committee Legislative Advisor, Metro