

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

Meeting Minutes

February 26th, 2025**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Vince Jones-Dixon
Elana Pirtle-Guiney
Candace Avalos
Jerry Hinton
Keith Kudrna
Brett Sherman
Sherry French
Beach Pace
Allison Tivnon
Tim Rosener
Miles Palacios
Kristin Greene
Wil Fuentes
Ty Stober
Dan Eisenbeis
Gerritt Rosenthal
Duncan Hwang
Mary Nolan

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Terri Preeg-Riggsby
Omar Qutub
Joe Buck
Denyse McGriff
Ed Gronke
Pam Treece
Luis Nava
JT Flowers
Brian Hodson
James Fage

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Nafisa Fai
Cathy Keathley
Mike Mitchell
Jim Duggan
Laura Kelly

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County
City of Portland
City of Portland
City of Gresham
City of Fairview
Other Cities in Clackamas County
Special Districts Clackamas County
Largest City in Washington County
Second Largest City in Washington County
Other Cities in Washington County
Special Districts Washington County
Oregon Dept of Land Conservation and Development
Clark County
City of Vancouver
Port of Portland
Metro Council
Metro Council
Metro Council

AFFILIATION

Special Districts
Citizen of Multnomah County
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Citizen of Clackamas County
Washington County
Citizen of Washington County
Trimet
City in Clackamas County Outside the UGB
City in Washington County Outside the UGB

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Oregon Dept of Land Conservation and Development

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

MPAC Chair Brett Sherman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
Chair Sherman 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. COUNCIL UPDATE

Chair Sherman introduced Metro Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, who provided an update on future housing funding, housing development, planning grants, and community enhancement grants.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATE

There were no committee member updates.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Sherman stated that there were two items on the consent agenda: Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) Nominations for Member/Alternative Member Positions and Consideration of the January 22, 2025 MPAC Minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Vince Jones-Dixon moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Nafisa Fai.

ACTION: The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 MPAC Intro/Workplan Review

Malu Wilkinson and Eryn Kehe presented on Metro and MPAC's role in the region, highlighting Metro's purpose, issue areas, project goals, and decision-making processes.

Chair Sherman inquired about how members and interested parties can get more information or become more knowledgeable about funding and goals for housing and transportation.

Wilkinson responded that Metro staff would determine the right time to discuss federal infrastructure dollars and staff would provide an update on the State Legislative Session at a future meeting.

6.2 82nd Avenue Transit Plan LPA

Metro staff Melissa Ashbaugh, Brian Harper, and Kelly Betteridge presented on the 82nd Avenue Transit Plan Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) and the Equity Development Strategy.

Chair Sherman inquired about how often Frequent Express (FX) lines run and the general distance between stops.

Jesse Stemmler, TriMet, responded that TriMet is in the process of adopting standards; the stations presently average every third of a mile, however this depends on a variety of factors.

Mayor Tim Rosener asked about the funding sources and clarification on whether this is for capital improvements and not operations.

Melissa Ashbaugh and Jesse Stemmler provided information about the funding stack.

Councilor Candace Avalos expressed concerns about displacement asked if investments are being made to address and combat displacement.

Brian Harper provided information about current programs and ongoing work with local and regional partners.

Dan Eisenbeis expressed appreciation for Metro staff and their involvement with the Port of Portland as well as consideration of anti-displacement efforts.

Mayor Keith Kudrna asked if the project will also improve pedestrian walkways between shelters.

Jesse Stemmler answered that safer walkways and crossings will be developed and there is collaboration with the City of Portland to improve accessibility.

Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal mentioned the TV Hwy LPA was just adopted by its committee and spoke to the similarities and differences with 82nd Avenue.

Council President Elana Pirtle-Guiney recommended developing a back-up plan in case federal funds do not come through for the project and asked how the project will affect Line 72.

Melissa Ashbaugh answered there will be a new Line 72 from Swan Island to Parkrose Transit Center with a connection to the new FX bus line.

Chair Sherman wondered what other areas might be next on the list for improvements.

Jesse Stemmler stated TriMet is working with Metro on the High-Capacity Transit plan.

Deputy Director Kristin Greene celebrated the project's stabilization strategies and emphasized that addressing displacement is a major challenge. Greene offered the Department of Land Conservation and Development's anti-displacement toolkit as a resource.

Malu Wilkinson highlighted that a High-Capacity Transit strategy was adopted as part of the Regional Transportation Plan. Wilkinson noted that it is a long-term, collaborative effort to leverage federal funds for these projects, and despite the uncertainty, the timeline allows staff to continue to move forward and be ready when the funds are there.

Kelly Betteridge added that there is momentum for the project and noted there are various paths to successful outcomes.

7. ADJOURN

Councilor Mary Nolan expressed optimism for the newly appointed MPAC committee members and their leadership. Chair Sherman shared this appreciation and thanked everyone for their participation and engagement.

Chair Sherman adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emma McIntosh". The script is cursive and fluid.

Emma McIntosh,
Recording Secretary