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JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)

Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Keith Wilson
Carley Francis
Leann Caver

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Heidi Lueb
Brett Sherman
Chris Ford
JC Vanatta

GUEST

Priya Dhanapal

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
Metro Council
Port of Portland

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
Washington State Department of Transportation
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Cities of Washington County
Cities of Clackamas County
Oregon Department of Transportation
TriMet

City of Portland

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.

Chair Gonzalez noted the video of a car/motorcycle collision that went viral. Jef Dalin and Paul Savas related their personal stories about riding motorcycles and shared how dangerous it can be with drivers of cars who don't see them or who target motorcycle riders.

Metro staff Ally Holmqvist gave the Transit Minute report.

Chair Gonzalez provided the following updates:

- Reminder of the upcoming special JPACT meeting on May 22
- Interstate Bridge Replacement MTIP amendment in July
- Handed the floor to Catherine Ciarlo to share context and upcoming steps on MPO Certification

Savas advocated for a retreat to discuss the certification report and how JPACT is working

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

4.1 Resolution No. 25-5493 For the Purpose of Adding or Canceling Two Projects to the 2024-27 MTIP to Meet Federal Project Delivery Requirements

4.2 Consideration of the April 17, 2025 JPACT Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Savas, seconded by Anne McEnerny-Ogle

ACTION: The consent agenda was approved.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Regional Priorities for the Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill

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

Savas is fine with the letter. He stated that legislation improving gas efficiency has led to decreasing funds in the Highway Fund. Savas supports advocating for a replacement of the gas tax, such as Vehicles Miles Traveled (VMT), if there is support for that.

Christine Lewis agreed with Savas and supports the letter and adding this priority. She would like to see a tracker of all the projects that have been put on the back burner due to the federal cuts.

Emery has been watching the committee discussion re: funding sources. Many Republicans have started to support VMT, which is new.

Priya Dhanapal federal funding is critical, but this conversation highlights how important it is to having funding sources at the regional level.

Gonzalez is feeling interested in working on policies that help us deliver projects we want on a faster timeline. He was in DC last week and met with an official from US Dept of Transportation. One of the messages he heard was there is a willingness to invest, but we may need to talk about the projects in a different way, such as economic value and impact.

Nafisa Fai asked if there an opportunity to testify to Congress on what is in our letter, and wondered what advocacy looks like for JPACT in DC. Emery responded that Congressional committees entertain invited testimony, while the way others engage is through meeting with members of the committees and committee staff.

MOTION: Savas motioned to approve the letter with addition of VMT, seconded by Dalin

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation: Step 2

Grace Cho provided a presentation on RFFA Step 2.

Ali Mirzakahlili asked for clarification on TPAC recommendation and noted the difficulty of balancing the different factors. Gonzalez agreed and asked if Mirzakahlili would weigh factors in a particular way. He responded that he would like to better understand the consequences of these choices.

Savas agrees and would like to see the product of each of the sieves, including how long the projects have been in waiting.

Lewis appreciates the work TPAC put in. She noted that every project has roughly a million dollars between the amount of the request and the cost of the project but isn't seeing anything on dollars already in. If there are dollars in and it's a construction project, she believes it should cause the project to rise to the top. Community expectations are high after federal funding passed, even though it is now being cut.

Dalin supports TPAC recommendation and wants to listen to public comment. He agrees with acknowledging funding is identified already, then stated that all parts of the region need to benefit from this funding, and the coordinating committees need to be allowed to recommend on those projects. Dalin also values balancing readiness and planning.

Dhanapal agrees with staying the course on the program direction.

Joe Buck agrees with Dalin that coordinating committee feedback is paramount. He believes it would be helpful to know the counties' weight to inform a recommendation.

Shannon Singleton asked if there is some technical support for projects to score higher in the future. Additionally, she agrees with the TPAC recommendation.

Lewis wants a deeper look at the projects.

Gonzalez suggested it may be necessary to add a special JPACT meeting to do that.

Gonzalez supports TPAC's recommendation, but has been thinking about the region's economy, and the Thriving Economy factor appeals to him. Thinking about bond conversation, and if there is a project in the Step 2 bucket that is tied to the Step 1 bucket, he wonders whether it should be set aside for other projects. Gonzalez would like more feedback on weighing leveraged funds.

Fai noted Washington County has robust feedback and will submit those in writing. WCCC would like this package to be informed by public comment.

6.2 Tualatin Valley Highway LPA Update

Jess Zdeb, Metro staff, provided a presentation.

Gonzalez noted how projects like this require years of public engagement, study, and reports to move forward. He participated in that work even before he was elected. He's proud of this work and thanked staff for believing in this project.

Sam Desue agreed with Gonzalez. TriMet is excited for this project and looking forward to continued partnership, stating that the funding plan is achievable if we all do our part.

Rian Windsheimer acknowledged the partnership and hard work. He asked what we can do and what is achievable, noting the difficulty of making such choices. Windsheimer expressed that it's going to make things safer and better, and it's achievable.

Dalin recognized all the community involvement over the years and thanked ODOT for the current work to make this corridor safer. He explained that this project will make the service more humane, and everyone agrees on the concept even though they are still discussing the details.

Savas can relate to Gonzalez' passion for a project. He noted that it's years and years of work to move a project.

Gonzalez recognized project Co-Chair Rosenthal, who was also in attendance.

6.3 Montgomery Park Streetcar Extension LPA Update

Metro and PBOT staff presented on the project.

Desue noted TriMet is excited about the extension of the Streetcar and that this project will bring economic development and more housing.

Dhanapal described this project as a combination of engagement and work that supports regional goals.

Lewis asked about RFP for wireless cars. After staff provided more details, Lewis further asked if the plan is to get this newer technology in anticipation of the rest of the system also upgrading. Staff affirmed that is the plan.

Gonzalez expressed his support for the project and the activation of housing and economic development.

6.4 Community Connector Transit Study: Policy Framework and Assessment

This item was postponed due to time constraints.

MEMBER UPDATES

There was none.

ADJOURN

Chair Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 9:27 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