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JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)

Meeting Minutes

December 19th 2024

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nafisa Fai
Paul Savas
Travis Stovall
Steve Callaway
Joe Buck
Rian Windsheimer
Sam Desue
Ali Mirzakhilili
Carley Francis
Anne McEnerny-Ogle
Leann Caver
Juan Carlos Gonzalez
Ashton Simpson
Christine Lewis

AFFILIATION

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
Washington State Department of Transportation
City of Vancouver
C-Tran
Metro Council
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MEMBERS EXCUSED

Jesse Beason
Mingus Mapps
Curtis Robinhold
Duncan Hwang

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County
City of Portland
Port of Portland
Metro Council

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Lori Stegmann
Priya Dhanapal
Jef Dalin
Chris Ford
JC Vannatta
Michael Orman
Scott Langer
Scott Patterson

AFFILIATION

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ashley Bryers, Jamie Stasny, Adriana Antelo, Allison Boyd, Anthony Cabadas, Ashley Bryers, Brenda Bartlett, Cindy Pederson, Cody Field, Eric Hesse, Jeff Owen, Katherine Kelly, Lauri Lebowsky-Young, Mark Ottenad, Michael Orman, Mike Southwick, Scott Langer, Shoshana Cohen, Stephen Roberts, Tara O'Brien, Taylor Steenblock, Tiffany Gehrke, Trevor Sleeman, Jeff Gudman, Karen Buehrig, Eric Frank, Mike Hintz, Sarah Iannarone, Kate Hawkins, Alan Lehto

STAFF: Ted Leybold, Georgia Langer, Sam Hart, Michele Bellia, Ramona Perrault, Catherine Ciarlo, John Mermin, Ken Lobeck, Betsy Emery, Victor Sin, Tom Kloster, Ally Holmqvist, Blake Perez, Grace Cho, Jake Lovell, Jaye Cromwell, Lake McTighe, Gerritt Rosenthal, Dan Kaempff, Caleb Winter, Madeline Steele, Malu Wilkinson, Gabriela Lopez, Matt Binh Ina Zucker, Kim Ellis

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 Georgia Langer read aloud the instructions for providing public testimony.

Mark Ottenad – Ottenad, the Public and Government Affairs Director for the City of Wilsonville and the South Metro Regional Area Transit Agency (SMART), request that their transit agency receive a direct seat at the JPACT table, citing the lack of transit operator representation in the committee.

Dwight Brashear – Brashear, the transit director for the City of Wilsonville, reiterated Ottenad's testimony and urged the committee to ensure small transit providers have a voice on JPACT.

There being no testimony, Chair Gonzalez moved onto the next agenda item.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Gonzalez introduced Ted Leybold who shared the fatal traffic accidents that have occurred since the last meeting.

Chair Gonzalez introduced Ally Holmqvist, Senior Transportation Planner, to present the Transit Minute. Holmqvist provided updates on ridership numbers and trends, noting some improvements and changes that TriMet has introduced recently.

Chair Gonzalez also provided a summary of applications received for RFFA Step 2 allocation process. He noted that Metro received 24 applications for requests of a total of \$139 million, and described where committee members could find a summary of these applications. He also spoke on representation at JPACT and promised to take the topic up at a future meeting to discuss further.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Gonzalez noted that there were two items on the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 25-5448 For The Purpose Of Adding Or Amending A Total Of Eleven Projects To The 2024-27 MTIP to Meet Federal Project Delivery Requirements, and the consideration of the November 21, 2024 JPACT Minutes.

MOTION: Mayor Anne McErerny-Ogle moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Ali Mizrakhalili.

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 RFFA: Step 1A.1 Project evaluation results and building of bond scenarios

Chair Gonzalez introduced Grace Cho (she/her), Principal Transportation Planner, Metro, to discuss the topic.

Staff pulled up the PowerPoint presentation.

Presentation Summary:

Cho outlined the progress and context of the regional flexible fund allocation process, emphasizing the development of a new project bond proposal guided by principles focusing on transit projects, regional transportation plan goals, and funding leverage. The presentation reviewed technical evaluations of nine candidate projects across three categories, assessing alignment with bond principles, RTP goals, and project delivery feasibility. Key findings highlighted varied project performance based on development status, funding strategies, and project scale. Next steps include scenario development, financial assessment, and public comment, aiming for final recommendations in spring. She noted that discussion seeks input to refine bond scenarios meeting program objectives and balancing trade-offs.

JPACT Member Discussion:

Mayor McErerny-Ogle asked why the IBR wasn't included, and Cho explained that the IBR project did not apply.

Commissioner Lori Stegmann expressed her honor of representing Multnomah County and voiced support for leveraging bond revenue to advance RTP goals, highlighting the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge project's regional significance, funding leverage, and alignment with equity, while advocating for higher project scores and emphasizing the importance of selecting implementation-ready projects across all program categories to maximize RTP outcomes.

Commissioner Paul Savas thanked Commissioner Stegmann for her service and wished her luck in her next endeavors. He also pointed out that the scoring system for this application process downplayed large-capacity projects in Clackamas. Cho described the evaluation framework that was applied for the project.

Priya Dhanapal suggested evaluating bonding, which can be a costly funding mechanism, and recommended being as strategic as possible with these funds.

Mayor Joe Buck asked if the decision to move forward or not on this project a Metro staff decision, and Ted Leybold

explained that the flexible funds decisions are chosen by the Metro Council.

Mayor Steve Callaway brought up the TV Highway project as one of the most important if improving safety is the priority.

Sam Desue agreed with Priya and urged a cautious approach to bonding with the incoming federal administration.

Commissioner Nafisa Fai commented that Washington County infrastructure needs to keep up with its growing population, noting the importance of the TV Highway project as well.

Margi Bradway appreciated the way Metro organized the bond funding into three buckets and suggested not comparing apples to oranges but to look at the apples and oranges in each of those three buckets.

Councilor Christine Lewis expressed support of doing work on these corridors, and to be cautious cutting projects before we know what the funding environment will be like.

Commissioner Savas noted the areas that have received a lot of large project funding, and the areas that have continued to receive very little, like the Sunrise Corridor in Clackamas County.

Ali Mirzakhilili expressed some confusion over the selection process. Cho clarified the process and how projects will be prioritized.

Councilor Ashton Simpson supported discussions and hoped to uplift the priority of safety and transit access for people in poverty.

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

5.2 Safe Streets for All Update

Chair Gonzalez introduced Lake McTighe (she/they), Principal Transportation Planner, Metro, to present on the topic.

Staff pulled up the PowerPoint presentation.

Presentation Summary:

McTighe described the annual safety update, highlighting ongoing efforts in regional transportation safety through initiatives like the Safe Streets for All project. They emphasized the progress made with safety action plans in Washington County, Multnomah County, and Tigard, as well as advancements in systemic safety analysis to proactively address crash risks. While traffic deaths remain a challenge, McTighe noted successes in data-driven strategies, securing grants, and regional collaboration to improve safety, including updates to the Regional Transportation Safety Strategy and the development of a crash prediction model. Despite setbacks,

they expressed optimism in the potential of targeted, cost-effective interventions to reduce fatalities and serious injuries.

JPACT Member Discussion:

Mayor Callaway asked if there was any data for distracted drivers, specifically cell phones, and McTighe responded that they do not because it is difficult to track but they are working on finding ways to acquire that information. He also asked if there is any information on people using neighborhood roads to avoid freeways and causing increased danger, and McTighe said they did not have that data but appreciated the suggestion.

Commissioner Savas acknowledged and thanked Mayor Callaway for his service to JPACT. He also mentioned the positive impact of traffic patrols on a decrease of traffic accidents and asked if that is being included in this research.

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

6. MEMBER UPDATES

Seeing none, Chair Gonzalez moved onto the next agenda item.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 9:30AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sam Hart

Sam Hart,
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF September 19, 2024

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
3.0	Presentation	12/19/2024	Fatal Crash Slide	121924-01
3.1	Presentation	12/19/2024	Transit Minute	121924-02
5.1	Presentation	12/19/2024	RFFA: Step 1A.1 Project evaluation results and building of bond scenarios Presentation	121924-03
5.2	Presentation	12/19/2024	Safe Streets for All Update Presentation	121924-04