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JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)

Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2020

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shirley Craddick (Chair)
Craig Dirksen
Bob Stacey
Tim Knapp
Doug Kelsey
Roy Rogers
Jessica Vega Pederson
Anne McEnerny-Ogle
Denny Doyle
Paul Savas
Nina DeConcini
Scott Langer
Temple Lentz
Chloe Eudaly
Rian Windsheimer
Carley Francis

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
Metro Council
Metro Council
City of Wilsonville, Cities of Clackamas County
TriMet
Washington County
Multnomah County
City of Vancouver
City of Beaverton, Cities of Washington County
Clackamas County
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ)
Washington State Department of Transportation
Clark County
City of Portland
Oregon Department of Transportation
Washington State Department of Transportation

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Temple Lentz
Karylenn Echols

AFFILIATION

Clark County
Cities of Multnomah County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Jamie Kranz

AFFILIATION

Cities of Multnomah County

OTHERS PRESENT: Glen Bolen, Lucinda Broussard

STAFF: Margi Bradway, Carrie MacLaren, Nubia Milpas Martinez, John Mermin, Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara, and Jaye Cromwell

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

JPACT Chair Shirley Craddick called the virtual zoom meeting to order at 7:30 am.

Chair Craddick thanked members for their patience and provided instructions on how to properly participate in the virtual meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Doug Allen testified on the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) for the Portland Metropolitan Area. He shared concerns about Metro's involvement in the program as well as the proposed costs.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR AND JPACT MEMBERS

Chair Craddick expressed her condolences for everyone affected by the wildfires in Oregon. She introduced Margi Bradway to provide an update on recent fatalities caused by traffic accidents. Chair Craddick explained that these updates were a request from the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC).

Ms. Bradway shared the names and ages of victims of traffic accidents: Dylan, 27, Daquiri, 28, Troy, 55, Timothy, 44, Nolan, 67, and an unknown person. She noted that traffic accident updates would become a regular practice at JPACT meetings.

Chair Craddick welcomed Councilor Jamie Kranz and Mayor Shane Bemis.

Mayor Tim Knapp spoke on a recent traffic fatality in the city of Gresham, the victim was an unnamed 16-year-old.

Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson shared updates on the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project. She noted that the public comment period for the community advisory committee ended. She explained that 580 public comments were received, and the committee selected the Long Span Replacement option as the preferred alternative.

Commissioner Paul Savas expressed appreciation for the inclusion of recognizing traffic fatalities.

Rian Windsheimer expressed appreciation for the inclusion of recognizing traffic. He provided updates on the Statewide Transit Improvement Program (STIP) and MTIP.

Doug Kelsey shared an update on the Steel Bridge Project. He expressed appreciation for everyone involved in the project.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Roy Rogers moved and Mayor Denny Doyle seconded to adopt the consent agenda.

ACTION: With all in favor, motion passed.

5. INFORMATION AND ITEMS

5.1 Metro Jurisdictional Transfer Project Update

Chair Craddick introduced John Mermin, Metro staff, and Glen Bolen, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) staff, to present on the Regional Framework for Highway Jurisdictional Transfer.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Ms. Bradway provided a brief background on the Highway Jurisdictional Transfer. Mr. Mermin provided an overview of the Highway Jurisdictional Transfer project. He stated that the updates sought to address safety and equity issues within the jurisdictional transfers, create a framework for regional action on jurisdictional transfer, and served as an opportunity to address issues related to classifications, cost estimates and mechanisms for transfer.

Mr. Bolen outlined the evaluation approach of the project. He explained that the approach consisted of technical evaluations and readiness evaluations. He reviewed the top 11 corridors based on the evaluations.

Mr. Bolen briefly listed components of the report: a policy framework, evaluation methodologies, findings, needs and deficiencies assessment, and a cost estimating methodology. He noted that the next steps of the report would be for JPACT and the Metro Council to accept the report and carry it forwards to the next Regional Transportation Plan update.

Member discussion included:

- Rian Windsheimer noted that two jurisdictional transfers were completed since the report was published.
- Commissioner Roy Rogers noted that Washington County had not agreed to take on Tualatin Valley Highway.
- Commissioner Jessica Vega Peterson expressed appreciation for the report and asked if the report would be shared with the Oregon state legislature.
- Commissioner Paul Savas emphasized the importance of considering freight movement throughout the region.

5.2 ODOT Tolling Project Update & Metro Regional Congestion Pricing Study Update

Chair Craddick introduced Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara, Metro staff, and Lucinda Broussard, ODOT staff, to present on the ODOT Tolling Project and the Metro Regional Congestion Pricing Study Update.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Ms. Mros-O'Hara reviewed the coordination efforts of the Regional Congestion Pricing Study. She stated the study goal: to understand how the region could use congestion pricing to manage traffic demand and climate goals without adversely impacting and potentially improving safety and equity. She noted that the pricing study arose from the Regional Transportation Plan.

Ms. Mros-O'Hara outlined the planning structure of the pricing study. She explained that the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) was the technical advisory committee for the study, JPACT provided policy insight and kept regional partners informed, and the Metro Council provided overall guidance and insight.

Ms. Broussard stated the purpose of the I-205 tolling project was to Manage congestion on I-205 between Stafford Road and OR 213 and raise revenue to fund congestion relief projects. She summarized the outreaching efforts of the project. She shared that 26 community briefings were conducted throughout the region. She added that West Linn and Oregon City had shared the most public comments on the project. She briefly reviewed the next steps for the I-205 comments.

Member discussion included:

- Mayor Savas asked for clarification on the boundaries of the Regional Congestion Pricing Study. He raised concerns about the study's potential impact on Clackamas County.
- Commissioner Rogers asked for clarification on the reductions fees within the I-205 tolling project.
- Kelsey asked a clarifying question about the project's overall budget. Mr. Bolen noted that ODOT's presentation to TPAC will describe the project scope, tasks and overall budget.
- Councilor Kranz highlighted the importance of sharing the project outcomes of the pricing study and the tolling project with community members.
- Councilor Bob Stacey expressed appreciation for the regional approach of congestion pricing.
- Doug Kelsey expressed appreciation for the regional congestion pricing study.
- Tim Knapp raised concerns about the tolling project and its impact on the I-15 toll.
- Councilor Craig Dirksen provided an update on vehicle milage fees in Oregon.
- Commissioner Chloe Eudaly expressed appreciation for the regional congestion pricing study. She noted that east Portland launched an e-bike program. She raised concerns about the implementation of congestion pricing in Portland.
- Nina DeConcini shared an update on wildfire aftermath hazard materials.

6.0 ADJOURN

Chair Craddick adjourned the meeting at 9:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nubia Milpas Martinez
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
5.1	Presentation	09/17/20	Regional Framework for Highway Jurisdictional Transfer Project update	091720j-01
5.2	Presentation	09/17/20	Regional Congestion Pricing Study	091720j-02
5.2	Presentation	09/17/20	Next Steps on I-5 and I-205 Toll Projects	091720j-02

