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JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)

Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2023

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Juan Carlos González (Chair)
Christine Lewis
Ashton Simpson
Travis Stovall
Anne McEnerny-Ogle
Paul Savas
Nafisa Fai
Susheela Jayapal
Carley Francis
Sam Desue
Mingus Mapps
Ali Mirzakhali
Steve Callaway

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Curtis Robinhold

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Chris Ford JC
Vannatta
Chris Warner
Emerald Bogue

AFFILIATION

Oregon Department of Transportation
TriMet
City of Portland
Port of Portland

OTHERS PRESENT: Annadiana, Allison Boyd, Brenda Bartlett, Chris Deffabach, Cody Fields, Dave Roth, Don Odermott, Dwight Brasher, Dave Roth, Eric Hesse, Glen Bolen, Jamie Lorenzini, Jean Senechal Biggs, John Mermin, Jules Gustafson, Karen Buehrig, Kate Hawkins, Katie Selin, Katherine Kelly, Lisa Hunrichs, Lucia Ramirez, Laurie Lebowsky, Mark Dorn, Mark Ottenad, Matchu Williams, Mathew Hampton, Mel Krnjaic Hogg, Mike McCarthy, Neelam Dorman, Nick Fortey, Scott Langer, Sarah Paulus, Shawn Donaghy, Shoshana Cohen, Tara

STAFF: Ally Holmqvist, Andy Shaw, Anne Bussini, Brianna Dolbin, Caleb Winter, Craig Beebe, Grace Cho, Jaye Cromwell, John Mermin, Kim Ellis, Lake McTighe, Malu Wilkinson, Marielle Bossio, Michelle Bellia, Matt Bihn, Ramona Perrault, Ted Leybold, Tom Kloster, Connor Ayers, Carrie MacLaren, Margi Bradway.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

JPACT Chair Gonzalez (he/him) called the virtual Zoom meeting to order at 7:30 am.

Chair Gonzalez called the role and declared a quorum.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Sarah Lannarone, Street Trust, testified on agenda item 5.4, encouraging members to be creative in their thinking when discussing the carbon reduction program, by exploring pilots such as ODOTS innovation mobility program.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR

Metro staff Margi Bradway (she/her) shared the names and ages of traffic victims during the month of December:

Penny A. Griffith, 68, Lourdes Turcios Garcia, 40, Paula Chamu Sanchez, 20, Isreal Gonzales Sanchez, 65, Deanna Dixon, 60, David Belen, 48, David W. Northcutt, 50, Christopher Alexander Rios, 18, David Joseph Lamb, 39, and 6 unidentified victims.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Mayor McEnerny-Ogle moved to approve the consent agenda seconded by Commissioner Mapps.

ACTION: With all in favor, consent agenda passed.

5. Information/Discussion Items

5.1 JPACT Overview

Key elements of the presentation included

Margi Bradway (she/her), Metro, described the structure of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the MPO boundary, the role of the Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPACT), the Metro MPO committee process, primary functions of the MPO, details of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the Metropolitan transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP), the Climate Smart Strategy, regional coordination on federal and state priorities, 2022 RTP workshops, 2023 RTP vision and goals, and major work coming in 2023.

Commissioner Saves reiterated the decision-making relationship between Metro and JPACT.

Commissioner Fai highlighted the extensive number of subjects listed on the workplan and stressed the need for adequate time to have sufficient discussions without being rushed.

5.2 2023 RTP: Finding from the Equitable Transportation Funding Research Project

Chair Gonzalez introduced Margi Bradway (she/her), Metro, Lake McTighe, Metro, Theresa Carr, Nelson/Nygaard, and Aria Wong, Nelson/Nygaard

Key elements of the presentation included

Lake described the equitable transportation funding research report. Lake then explained how equity and equitable funding are defined in the report.

Theresa described how transportation planning and funding practices disproportionately burden and harm low-income households, people of color, and people with disabilities.

Aria explained the six characteristics used to assess equity by revenue source. Aria then explained key trends and findings, long-term community impacts due to fines and penalties, and the burden of being underbanked related to our transportation system.

Theresa highlighted the recommendations four foundational principles, and then explained the recommendations: fair and equitable public outreach, equitable revenue collection, and equitable revenue disbursement.

Commissioner Savas asked if the economic analysis is calculated outside of the Metro boundary.

Theresa explained the analysis looked at national and state data. Explaining that individuals pushed outside of the urban area due to cost constraints are forced to spend more on transportation and have less options available to them.

Commissioner Fai asked how the Equitable Transportation Funding findings will be included in the RTP.

Margi explained the project is intended to serve as collective knowledge for all agencies and is not meant for lobbying.

Commissioner Jayapal asked if the necessity of fines were considered in the report.

Mayor Dalin highlighted being mindful of the value of exemptions.

Commissioner Savas explained those living outside of the Metro boundary are essentially being penalized for having to travel into the metro area

Ali reiterated that it would be helpful to know the levers JPACT has. He explained transportation issue will not be solved by eliminating car registration fees when car cost takes up approximately 28% of an individual's income. He further emphasized that providing accessible affordable transit options is the solution.

5.3 High-Capacity Transit (HCT) Strategy Update: Corridor Investment Readiness

Ally explained the High-Capacity Transit (HCT) policy framework and vision, key transit tools, network vision, community and regional engagement, readiness for investment, corridor prioritization, corridor categorization, proposed corridor tiers, future engagement, and next steps.

Commissioner Savas spoke to the lack of transit options and ridership in specific areas of Clackamas County such as Sunny Side Drive. He stressed that the HCT framework of ranking burdens areas that fall into this category, creating an unfortunate cycle that results in minimal transit options.

Ally explained that HCT needs a higher level of investment due to cost, high density, major travel patterns, and mix uses such as destinations.

JC reported that with hiring efforts, TriMet is on track to restore service with their forward together concept.

5.4 Carbon Reduction Program Introduction & Proposal

Chair Gonzalez introduced Grace Cho, Metro, Ted Leybold, Metro, Susanne Carlson, ODOT, Rye Baerg, ODOT

Key elements of the presentation included:

Ted described the creation of the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), funding for project, and policy objectives.

Susanne explained the CRP funding categories, federal requirements to identify CRP strategies and projects, state agency partnerships, and project timelines.

Ted highlighted Metro's Climate Smart Strategy role in the CRP, CRP proposed investment areas, and program timeline.

JC expressed TriMet's hope to have funding for zero emission buses included in the CRP funding.

Mayor Dalin expressed that the funding is a once in a lifetime opportunity to make transformational change. He explained that regional partners should decide how to spend the funds together or split it according to jurisdiction.

Margi explained that the funding cannot be sub allocated due to the federal requirement that it must be criteria driven.

Councilor Lewis stressed that funding should be focused on the portfolio of projects that are on the cusp of funding.

Councilor Simpson explained he would like to see more work being done around 181st due to the GHG affecting communities of color and lack of transit options.

Commissioner Savas stated that charging stations should be required in all new housing developments.

Margi explained that a lot of work is being done at the state level to transform the fleet.

Commissioner Fai asked for local government opportunity to propose projects and said investments should reflect reduction in GHG levels.

6 UPDATES FROM JPACT MEMBERS

There were none.

7 ADJORN

Chair Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 9:30

Respectfully Submitted,

Brianna Dolbin

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Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF January 19, 2022

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
3.0	Presentation	1/19/2023	Fatal Crash Slide	1192023-01
5.1	Presentation	1/19/2023	JPACT Overview	1192023-02
5.2	Presentation	1/19/2023	RTP Equitable Funding	1192023-03
5.3	Presentation	1/19/2023	High-Capacity Transit	1192023-04
5.4	Presentation	1/19/2023	Carbon Reduction Program	1192023-05
2.	Testimony	1/19/2023	TriMet Letter to Mayor Fitzgerald	1192023-06
2.	Testimony	1/19/2023	Sharon Nasset	1192023-07