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JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (JPACT)

Meeting Minutes

January, 2021

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shirley Craddick (Chair)

Juan Carlos González

Christine Lewis

Roy Rogers

Jessica Vega Pederson

Anne McEnerny-Ogle

Paul Savas

Carly Francis

Temple Lentz

Rian Windsheimer

Curtis Robinhold

Nina DeConcini

Steve Callaway

Doug Kelsey

Jo Ann Hardesty

AFFILIATION

Metro Council

Metro Council

Metro Council

Washington County

Multnomah County

City of Vancouver

Clackamas County

Washington State Department of Transportation

Clark County

Oregon Department of Transportation

Port of Portland

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
(ODEQ)

Cities of Washington County

TriMet

City of Portland

MEMBERS EXCUSED

AFFILIATION

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Jamie Kranz

Mark Gamba

Ty Stober

Kathryn Harrington

AFFILIATION

Cities of Multnomah County

Cities of Clackamas County

City of Vancouver

Washington County

OTHERS PRESENT: Sarah Iannarone

STAFF: Margi Bradway, Carrie MacLaren, Connor Ayers, and Jaye Cromwell

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

JPACT Chair Shirley Craddick called the virtual zoom meeting to order at 7:34 am.

Chair Craddick provided instructions on how to properly participate in the virtual meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Councilor Juan Carlos González informed Chair Craddick that Commissioner Kathryn Harrington would be serving as the alternate for Commissioner Roy Rogers until technical issues are resolved.

Sarah Iannarone thanked the committee for their work and introduced herself as the new director of The Street Trust.

3. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR & JPACT MEMBERS

Chair Craddick welcomed new JPACT members and noted that some present were sitting in until official JPACT members are appointed. She introduced Margi Bradway to read the names of those who died in traffic accidents within Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington County.

Ms. Bradway shared the names and ages of victims during the month of December: Clayton, 66, Clawson, 25, Cortes, 19, and Gene, 64.

Mayor Steve Callaway asked if there is opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items.

Chair Craddick explained that the public can comment on agenda or non-agenda items during the public communication period.

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty asked how the public is made aware ahead of time that they can make public comment.

Carrie MacLaren answered that JPACT meetings are publically noticed on Metro's website.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle moved to accept the consent agenda. Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson seconded the motion.

ACTION: With all in favor, motion passed.

5. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Welcome & 2021 Work Plan Introduction

Chair Craddick introduced Ms. Bradway to give an overview of the 2021 JPACT work program.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Ms. Bradway gave an overview of JPACT and how it is connected to Metro's role as a Metropolitan Planning Organization and Transportation Management Area. She explained that JPACT serves as the policy advisory committee and that its decision making is shared with Metro Council. She noted that Metro is unique among MPOs because of having responsibilities of both state and federal mandates. Ms. Bradway then explained the state and federal mandates involving JPACT and gave an overview of major programs that will be worked on in 2021.

Member discussion included:

- Commissioner Paul Savas asked about the structure of Metro and JPACT as an MPO and TMA. He commented that representation on JPACT of surrounding jurisdictions is weaker than other MPOs in the country.
- Ms. Bradway noted that Metro's designation as a TMA allows it to work on issues with jurisdictions in Washington State. She also noted that Metro is a uniquely structured MPO.
- Commissioner Harrington noted that she was not able to find the JPACT bylaws on Metro's website and asked if they could be sent to members.
- Commissioner Hardesty asked how the voting process works at JPACT.
- Ms. MacLaren noted that voting on JPACT is by majority.
- Curtis Robinhold commented that he thought a briefing for new JPACT members would be helpful.
- Councilor Jamie Kranz commented that strengthening the role of alternates and planning for succession would be a good way to ensure new members are able to

understand everything going on.

- Commissioner Savas expressed appreciation for technical work done by JPACT and Metro staff and noted that JPACT does not have as much of a deliberative or advisory role as he would like. He commented that he would like to see the advisory role strengthened with more deliberation on the committee.
- Commissioner Rogers asked if there was any plans to keep aspects of the online format after the pandemic ends. He noted that it would make participation easier for members and the public.
- Councilor Gonzalez agreed that the acronyms and jargon used makes it difficult for the average person to follow what is happening. He commented that he would like to see more of a focus on climate change in terms of JPACT's priorities.
- Mayor Callaway noted that meeting over zoom helps to include a larger swath of the public and provides other opportunities.
- Mayor Mark Gamba agreed that some sort of virtual streaming would be beneficial in the future. He noted that many of the work plan priorities centralize single occupancy vehicles. He encouraged JPACT to increase prioritization of projects that deal with climate change.
- Commissioner Vega Pederson agreed that an orientation for new members and the public would be helpful. She asked if there were any plans for federal lobbying for investment in the region.
- Ms. Bradway confirmed that federal relations staff from Metro would be coming to JPACT in the future and that they are starting work on federal lobbying.
- Commissioner Hardesty expressed appreciation for Councilor Gonzalez's and Mayor Gamba's comments on where Metro's values lie in terms of climate change. She emphasized that she would like to see JPACT reevaluate past plans and push values on climate change.
- Ms. Bradway emphasized that while certain agenda items are necessary because of Metro's MPO status, the members of JPACT do have a say in the agenda and what is discussed during meetings.
- Doug Kelsey noted that TriMet has been relatively successful in lobbying Washington DC. He commented that having consistent policies along with investment is crucial to attaining desired outcomes. He emphasized that regional cooperation and consistency is crucial.
- Commissioner Rogers encouraged JPACT to plan a virtual trip for members. He commented that there is a lot of innovative plans in the area but communication and investment can be a barrier to them.
- Rian Windsheimer noted that the list of major projects included a lot of plans that are not immediately obvious.
- Commissioner Savas commented that some areas in Clackamas County need

investment in major roads for transit.

5.2 Reimagining Public Safety & Security on Transit

Chair Craddick introduced John Gardner from TriMet to present on TriMet's Reimagining Public Safety & Security on Transit.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Mr. Gardner thanked Chair Craddick and explained how the calls for racial justice and police accountability have allowed TriMet to rethink their approach to security on transit. He explained that TriMet conducted outreach to community members, established a panel of community leaders, and worked to implement pilot programs with the goal of making investments to change how security on TriMet works. He gave an overview of TriMet's operations and ridership, as well as their equity efforts.

Mr. Gardner explained the safety challenges currently facing TriMet. He noted the feedback that had been gained from surveys and community outreach. Some of their major findings were that most feel welcome on TriMet, but factors like a lack of riders and TriMet personnel made people feel unsafe. He noted that those who most often felt unsafe were women, those with disabilities, and members of BIPOC communities.

Mr. Gardner reviewed the areas where progress has already been made and areas that TriMet will focus on moving forward. Those areas are training, technology, communication, system presence, and infrastructure. He noted that all of the recommendations from the community leaders panel would be implemented.

Member discussion included:

- Mayor Callaway thanked Mr. Gardner and expressed appreciation for the thoroughness of outreach and research.
- Commissioner Rogers thanked Mr. Gardner for the presentation and the work done on it.
- Councilor Christine Lewis asked if there are plans going forward for TriMet's contracted agencies to implement new standards reflecting the work done.
- Commissioner Vega Pederson expressed appreciation for the report and noted that many of the goals would require significant budget allocation. She commented that changing transit ties in to the wider calls for racial justice and that the plans needed to ensure the concerns of BIPOC riders are prioritized.
- Mr. Kelsey noted transit is a reflection of society. He acknowledged the difficulty of time constraints and budgetary allocations, but that there is a commitment of at least \$1.8 million per year to implement their goals.

- Mayor Gamba thanked Mr. Gardner and invited him to speak to the Milwaukie city council. He thanked Mr. Kelsey for his work at TriMet.
- Chair Craddick thanked Mr. Gardner for the presentation and noted she was open to bringing the discussion back to JPACT at a later date. She also noted that this would be Mr. Kelsey's last JPACT meeting and thanked him for his work.

6. **ADJOURN**

Chair Craddick adjourned the meeting at 9:10 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Connor Ayers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Connor Ayers
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2021

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
3.0	Presentation	01/21/21	December Traffic Fatalities	012121j-01
5.1	Presentation	01/21/21	Overview of JPACT 2021 Work Plan	012121j-02
5.2	Presentation	01/21/21	Reimagining Public Safety & Security on Transit	012121j-03

