



MEETING SUMMARY

MEETING: High Capacity Transit System Plan MTAC/TPAC Sub-Committee Meeting
DATE: July 30, 2008
TIME: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Metro, 600 NE Grand Avenue, Council Room Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Allen	SMART
Kenny Asher	City of Milwaukie
Tom Armstrong	Planning – City of Portland
Ron Bunch	City of Tigard
Denny Egner	City of Lake Oswego
Jon Holan	Forest Grove
Nancy Kraushaar	City of Oregon City
Alan Lehto	TriMet
Jane McFarland	Multnomah County
Margaret Middelton	City of Beaverton
Dave Norberg	DEQ
Dale Robins	RTC
Paul Smith	Transportation – City of Portland
Cynthia Thompson	SMART
Ron Weinman	Clackamas County
Joe Zehdner	Planning – City of Portland

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jonathan David	City of Gresham
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PROJECT STAFF

Metro	Tony Mendoza, Crista Gardner, Karen Withrow, Ross Roberts, Dana Lucero, and Sid Rothstein
Project Consultants	Kristin Hull and Brandy Steffen, CH2M HILL

I. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

On July 30, 2008 the first MTAC/TPAC Sub-Committee meeting was held for the Regional High Capacity Transit (HCT) System Plan project. After the members introduced themselves Ross Roberts welcomed the group and mentioned that it had been a long time since Metro was able to step back and look at the long-range direction of transit in the region. He stated that it would be important for the members to work together and with the public to develop a plan for the future transit infrastructure.

Tony Mendoza outlined the schedule and charge of the group, which is to absorb and analyze public input and technical information, report back to the organizations that they represent, and develop recommendations to TPAC and MTAC. Crista Gardner provided an introduction of the project. She also briefly described the current public involvement activities including the stakeholder interviews and August workshops. There were some questions from the group related to the “Think Tank.” While the list of members has not been finalized, the Think Tank will serve as a focus group for individuals from the community involved with transit, research, and who represent special interests. This group will not make decisions, but the results of their meetings will be shared with the Sub-Committee. The group was assured that while the Think Tank will have selective membership, extensive public outreach will occur throughout the project. Also, the Sub-Committee was carefully selected to fairly and geographically represent the entire region.

II. SCHEDULE

A question was also raised about the timing and prioritization of this project in relation to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The project team said that the Sub-Committee will help to prioritize transit improvements. However, transit is only one of many topics that will be incorporated into the RTP.

III. COMMITTEE CHARTER

Kristin Hull led the Committee through a brainstorming exercise to develop decision-making protocols. The committee goals and decision-making protocols are attached.

IV. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GOALS

The RTP goals are a way to identify measures to prioritize the public’s feedback on the suggested corridors and improvements. The group examined the goals to see if anything was missing. Tony stated that the evaluation measures will be developed by the project team. Several Sub-Committee members stated that it would be easier to discuss the evaluation measures after they are developed, rather than the general goals. There were some questions regarding the evaluation measures and how they would help with prioritizing the improvements. This discussion will be resumed when the draft measures are distributed to the group.

V. INITIAL CORRIDORS

Tony then discussed the initial corridors and the modeling process that will be involved. He stated that several model runs will be reported back to this group for their discussion throughout. Revisions will be made and a more detailed round of modeling will occur to include transit routes, land uses, and mode choices. A question was raised about the compatibility of this effort with the New Look. Tony clarified that the RTP modeling will hold land use constant. Another group member mentioned that most of the 12 agencies involved in the RTP will be reexamining their local plans in the next five years, so much of the data will be in flux. Note – Metro is considering how land use modeling scenarios through the New Look, AKA, the Greatest Place, will be considered in making final RTP decisions.

The corridor map was then explained, including the assumptions included in the model regarding park and rides, transit mode, and frequency. The map includes ideas for new transit service and improvements to existing service (such as increasing bus frequency). Additional services, such as Ride Connection, were not included in the model. The group was assured that this is just a start, and that additional corridors or improvements can be added later. Tony requested that any immediate changes be sent to him by the end of the day. One member noted that a few lines are included that extend outside of the metropolitan region, such as to Salem.

VI. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT APPROACH

Kristin quickly reviewed the public outreach activities. The stakeholder interviews are wrapping up and the summary will be reported at the group's next meeting in early September. Several workshops will be held in August to collect comments from the public on the range of corridors and the RTP goals. An online survey will also ask the same information.

VII. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Kristin Hull adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm. The meeting finished and members were told to expect an email asking for meeting time and day preferences.

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR JULY 30, 2008

The following have been included as part of the official public meeting record:

TOPIC	ITEM	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
I.	Agenda	7/3/08	HCT MTAC/TPAC Sub-Committee Agenda	073008HCTSUB-01
I.	Memo	7/24/08	Regional High Capacity Transit System Plan Sub-Committee Charge	073008HCTSUB-02
II.	Schedule	7/30/08	MTAC/TPAC Sub-Committee Meetings Schedule	073008HCTSUB-03
III.	Protocols	7/30/08	Regional High Capacity Transit System Plan Sub-Committee Protocols – Draft for Discussion	073008HCTSUB-04

TOPIC	ITEM	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
IV.	Goals	7/30/08	2035 Regional Transportation Planning Goals Sections 3.3 and 7.83	073008HCTSUB-05
	Memo	4/2/08	To: Metro Council, JPACT, MPAC and Interested Parties Fr: Kim Ellis, Principal Transportation Planner Re: 2035 Regional Transportation Plan – “Cause and Effect” Transportation Investment Proposal	073008HCTSUB-06
	Timeline	4/28/08	Key Milestones for State Component of 2035 Regional Transportation Plan	073008HCTSUB-07
	Timeline	7/18/008	Regional Choices Engagement Architecture (2008-2011)	073008HCTSUB-08
	Plan	6/08	Draft 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Scenario B – HCT System Plan	073008HCTSUB-09
	Flyer	Summer 2008	Regional High Capacity Transit System Plan Workshop Flyer	073008HCTSUB-10
	Plan Overview	7/29/08	Draft Regional High Capacity Transit System Plan Overview	073008HCTSUB-11