

# Meeting minutes



**Metro**

600 NE Grand Ave.  
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Meeting: **Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC)**  
Date/time: Friday, May 2, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Place: Zoom

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## **Members Attending**

Tom Kloster, Chair  
Dyami Valentine  
Bill Beamer  
Chris Ford  
Gerik Kransky  
Eric Hesse  
Indi Namkoong  
Jay Higgins  
Jeff Owen  
Kate Lyman  
Katherine Kelly  
Laurie Lebowsky-Young  
Lewis Lem  
Mike McCarthy  
Sara Etter  
Sarah Iannarone  
Will Farley

## **Alternates Attending**

Adam Fiss  
Dakota Meyer  
Glen Bolen  
Karen Buehrig  
Laura Terway  
Neelam Dorman  
Sarah Paulus  
Tanya Battye

## **Members Excused**

Allison Boyd  
Ashley Bryers  
Danielle Casey  
Jasia Mosley  
Judith Perez Keniston  
Michael Sallis  
Shauna Hanisch-Kirkbride

## **Affiliate**

Metro  
Washington County  
Community member at large  
Oregon Department of Transportation  
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality  
City of Portland  
Verde  
City of Gresham and Cities of Multnomah County  
Clackamas County  
TriMet  
City of Vancouver  
Washington State Department of Transportation  
Port of Portland  
City of Tualatin and Cities of Washington County  
Oregon Walks  
The Street Trust  
City of Lake Oswego and Cities of Clackamas County

## **Affiliate**

SW Washington Regional Transportation Council  
City of Troutdale and Cities of Multnomah County  
Oregon Department of Transportation  
Clackamas County  
Cities of Clackamas County and City of Happy Valley  
Oregon Department of Transportation  
Multnomah County  
Cities of Clackamas County and City of Milwaukie

## **Affiliate**

Multnomah County  
Federal Highway Administration  
Federal Transit Administration  
Community member at large  
SW Washington Regional Transportation Council  
Clark County  
Washington Department of Ecology

### **CALL TO ORDER, DECLARATION OF QUORUM AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Tom Kloster called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum of members present was declared.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The following staff and committee member updates were made:

- Sarah Iannarone thanked everyone who participated in the Oregon Active Transportation Summit (OATS). She let the committee know about two links she added to the chat (included as part of the meeting record).
- Chris Ford provided an update on the State of Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan
- Ken Lobeck provided a monthly Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendment update and directed the committee to information included in the meeting packet.
- Anthony Cabadas provided a fatal crash update, noting that at least 10 people have been in traffic crashes during the month of April.
- Ally Holmqvist provided an update on transit ridership and news for the Month of March.
- Caleb Winter provided a TransPort/Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO) update. He noted that the TransPort committee nominated and elected a Chair (Kate Freitag) and Vice Chair (Bikram Raghubansh).
- Jean Senechal Biggs noted that Metro has heard from the Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) team, who are requesting an MTIP amendment to program funding for the project. She noted that information is still being reviewed, and the action timeline being planned. She added that there will be a presentation and information to TPAC in June, with a request for recommendation to JPACT planned in July. The public comment period will occur from 5/12/25 – 6/13/25.

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

### **MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2025**

Chair Kloster asked the committee to approve the April 4, 2025, TPAC meeting minutes.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Hearing no objections, abstentions or edits, the minutes were approved as presented. With Adam Fiss abstaining, and the remaining members voting in approval, the meeting minutes were **approved as presented**.

### **MTIP Formal Amendment 25-5493**

Ken Lobeck, Metro, appeared before the committee to provide information on the May 2025 Formal Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) formal/full amendment. It contains two projects. One is a new Metro project development/scoping project that will support the 2028-30 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA) awarded projects complete required project development/scoping actions to ensure the ODOT Technical Scoping Sheet is Properly completed. As a new project an ODOT key number has not been assigned to the project

presently. The second project involves a SMART FTA 5310 funded project (Key 22196) which requires cancelation from the MTIP and STIP. SMART and TriMet completed a fund exchange during development of the 2024-27 MTIP. The fund exchange invalidated Key 22196's funding. The project needs to be removed from the MTIP and STIP as a result.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Chris Ford moved, and Dyami Valentine seconded the motion to approve Resolution 25-5493. Hearing no objections or abstentions, the motion passed.

### **82<sup>nd</sup> AVENUE TRANSIT PROJECT LPA**

Melissa Ashbaugh, Metro appeared before the committee to provide information and request recommendation to JPACT on the 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Transit Project Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). Her presentation covered the following:

- Timeline and next steps
- TPAC's role
- Project location/map
- Transit Project LPA
  - Mode: Frequent Express (FX) BRT
  - General Station Locations: ~1/3-mile average spacing
  - Alignment: ~10-mile alignment between Clackamas Town Center Transit Center and the Cully Boulevard and Killingsworth Street area.
- Engagement Process to Date
- Transit Project Improvements

Sarah Iannarone inquired how the bicycling community was engaged and what the plan is to accommodate access to businesses. Julia Reed, Senior Transportation Planner with the City of Portland, responded that in addition to the work on the transit project there are a series of improvements the City is making under the Build A Better 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue program, which includes safety and maintenance improvements to 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, and the development of a parallel bicycle network on streets parallel to 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Indie Namkoong moved, seconded by Eric Hesse to approve the 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Transit Project LPA. With Sarah Iannarone and Bill Beemer abstaining, the motion passed.

### **2028-30 REGIONAL FLEXIBLE FUND STEP 2 ALLOCATION PACKAGE OPTIONS**

Jean Senechal Biggs presented information on the 2028-30 Regional Flexible Fund Step 2, estimated to award \$42 million to projects around the region. Her presentation (included as part of the meeting record) provided information on the following:

- How we got here
- Package Development & Concepts Input
  - Concept 1: RTP Goals + Design
  - Concept 2: Safe System
  - Concept 3: Thriving Economy & Mobility Options
  - Concept 4: Equity, Safety & Climate
- Next Steps

Jeff Owen thanked Jean for the overview. He asked when there might be a public comment summary available for decision makers. Jean responded that she would connect with the communication team and get back him.

Eric Hesse expressed some concern over weighting the various RTP goals and agreed with Jeff Owen, that having a summary of public comments would be helpful information to have before advising JPACT.

Mike McCarthy, shared Eric Hesse's concern over weighting RTP goals. He also noted that the Washington County Coordinating Committee expressed desire to wait for public input before taking action. He suggested that prior to the next round of RFFA, a subcommittee could be formed and work together on the scoring rubric.

Dyami Valentine agreed that the guidance has already been established, the technical evaluation reflected the goals in the scoring matrix and wants to review the public comment in order to aid their decision making.

Will Farley stated his appreciation for Washington County's feedback about not elevating one goal over another. He noted that the Clackamas County's projects didn't score as well in the rubric. He also agreed that it is important to know what projects have been most favored by the community.

Chair Kloster noted that the June TPAC meeting there would be options for the committee to consider, and the recommendation would occur at the July meeting.

#### **5 MINUTE BREAK (10:15 a.m.)**

#### **EPA CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT: CARBON REDUCTION STRATEGIES**

Eliot Rose, Metro, provided a presentation on the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP).

In 2023, Metro received a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Planning Grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The grant supports planning work to create a regional climate action plan for the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area. Metro is leading this work in close coordination with regional partners.

Eliot's presentation covered the following topics:

- Overview of the CCAP
- CCAP Greenhouse Gas Inventory
- Selecting CCAP GHG reduction measures

Gerik Kransky thanked Eliot for his work and noted that they are conducting an equivalent statewide effort.

Kate Lyman inquired how this work was being reflected in the RTP. Eliot responded that this is a 25-year plan and they are focusing on the long term impact of strategies.

Mik McCarthy noted the importance of making sure the modeling is as close as possible to actual greenhouse emissions and not using proxies.

#### **MONTGOMERY PARK STREETCAR LPA**

Jason Nolin, Metro, appeared before the committee to provide a presentation on the Montgomery

Park Transit Project and the recommended Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). His presentation included the following topics:

- Project Background
- Projected Outcomes
- Community Engagement
- LPA description and map
- Additional Project Elements
- Project Funding
- Timeline
- Next Steps

The recommended Locally Preferred Alternative for high capacity transit to the Montgomery Park Area is streetcar transit with stations, operating as a .65 one-way route mile extension of the existing Portland Streetcar North-South (NS) Line from its existing terminus at NW 23rd Avenue and NW Northrup Street to a new terminus at NW 26th Avenue and NW Wilson Street near the Montgomery Park building in Northwest Portland. This extension will allow the NS Line to operate between the Montgomery Park Building and the South Waterfront. The route extension will operate on NW 23rd Avenue, as well as on a new one-way parallel couplet using NW Roosevelt Street, NW 26th Avenue, and NW Wilson Street.

The committee will have an opportunity to act on this item next month.

#### **TITLE VI REPORT**

Alfredo Haro presented information on Metro's title VI plan update, which included the following highlights:

- The Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Metro and Title VI compliance
- Metro's Title VI Plan
- Updates in the 2025 Title VI Plan
- Next Steps

Tom Kloster noted that Metro's Title VI Plan hasn't previously been brought before the committee. He noted that Metro, as an agency that receives Federal Funds, we are required to have a Title VI Plan.

Alfredo stated that the plan would be available for review prior to next meeting.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chair Kloster adjourned the meeting at 11:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Martin, TPAC Recorder

Attachments to the Public Record, TPAC meeting, May 2, 2025

	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION
*	Agenda	5/2/25	5/2/25 TPAC Meeting Agenda
*	Memo	4/24/25	To: TPAC From: Ken Lobeck Subject: TPAC Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Monthly Submitted Amendments: May 2025 Report
*	Memo	4/25/25	To: TPAC From: Caleb Winter Subject: Comment from the Chair: TransPort Subcommittee Update
*	Document	4/4/25	April 4, 2025 TPAC meeting minutes
*	Document		Resolution 25-5493
*	Document	January 2025	Public Engagement Summary
*	Document		Resolution 25-5495
*	Memo	4/23/25	To: TPAC From: Eliot Rose Subject: Portland-Vancouver area Comprehensive Climate Action Plan: review transportation and measures and scenarios
*	Memo	4/25/25	To: TPAC From: Grace Cho and Jean Senecal Biggs Subject: 2028-2030 Regional Flexible Fund Step 2 – Allocation Package Illustrative Concepts Input, and Next Steps
*	Document	September 2024	Montgomery Park Transit Project Recommended Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)
**	UPDATED Agenda	5/2/25	Updated Agenda
**	Presentation	4/1-30/25	Fatal Crashes
**	Presentation		Transit Minute
**	Presentation		TransPort Subcommittee Update
**	Presentation	March 2025	Climate Partners' Forum Meeting #7: EPA Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)
**	Presentation	5/2/25	28-30 Regional Flexible Fund Step 2: Illustrative Concept Input
**	Presentation	5/2/25	Portland Streetcar Montgomery Park Extension LPA
**	Presentation	5/3/25	2025 Title VI Plan Update

\* Included in meeting notice packet

\*\*Distributed after meeting notice packet or presented at meeting