

# Meeting minutes



**Metro**

600 NE Grand Ave.  
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Meeting: **Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC)**  
Date/time: Friday, January 10, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Place: Zoom

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## **Members Attending**

Tom Kloster, Chair  
Allison Boyd  
Chris Ford  
Dyami Valentine  
Eric Hesse  
Gerik Kransky  
Indi Namkoong  
Jay Higgins  
Jeff Owen  
Judith Perez Keniston  
Kate Lyman  
Katherine Kelly  
Sara Etter  
Sarah Iannarone  
Shauna Hanisch-Kirkbride  
Will Farley

## **Affiliate**

Metro  
Multnomah County  
Oregon Department of Transportation  
Washington County  
City of Portland  
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality  
Verde  
City of Gresham and Cities of Multnomah County  
Clackamas County  
SW Washington Regional Transportation Council  
TriMet  
City of Vancouver  
Oregon Walks  
The Street Trust  
Washington Department of Ecology  
City of Lake Oswego and Cities of Clackamas County

## **Alternates Attending**

Karen Buehrig  
Sarah Paulus  
Adam Fiss  
Francesca Jones  
Dayna Webb  
Gregg Snyder  
Neelam Dorman  
Dakota Meyer  
Laura Terway  
Kristin Hull  
Jason Gibbens

## **Affiliate**

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

## **Members Excused**

Ashley Bryers  
Bill Beamer  
Danielle Casey  
Jasia Mosley  
Laurie Lebowsky-Young  
Lewis Lem

## **Affiliate**

Federal Highway Administration  
Community member at large  
Federal Transit Administration  
Community member at large  
Washington State Department of Transportation  
Port of Portland

### **Call to Order, Declaration of a Quorum and Introductions**

Chair Kloster called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Introductions were made. A quorum of members present was declared. Reminders where Zoom features were found online was reviewed.

### **Comments from the Chair and Committee Members**

The following staff and committee member updates were made. Highlights included:

- Updates from committee members around the Region (all)
  - Katherine Kelly: The IBR program has received a \$30 million Reconnecting Communities Grant.
- 2025 TPAC Roster (Tom Kloster)
  - An updated roster is included in the meeting packet.
- Fatal crashes and monthly highlights update (Anthony Cabadas)
  - 7 traffic deaths in Dec and one previously unreported death in November.
  - ODOT upgrading a currently unsignalized crosswalk on SE Powell Blvd at SE 36<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  - NCHRP, Toole Design, PSU, Safe Streets Research and Consulting and OSU partnered to develop new research with a decision tool and guidelines to reduce conflicts between people bicycling and turning motorists
  - Tualatin has installed Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at 30 crosswalks on local streets
  - Chris Ford: In December ODOT installed signs lowering the speed limit on N. Lombard Street and on December 31<sup>st</sup>, a new RRFB was installed on McLaughlin Blvd at SE Maple.
- Transit Minute (Ally Holmqvist)
  - Expects ridership to continue to hold steady around 68-70% of pre-pandemic levels.
  - November ridership expected to be 6.2 million rides, approximately 6% higher than this time last year.
  - New Year's Eve rides were free on TriMet, including Portland Streetcar after 8pm and C-Tran after 6pm.
  - This and next year, Timbers, Thorns or concert ticket holders can ride transit free to Providence Park.
  - C-Tran will introduce seven-day-a-week fixed route transit service to downtown La Center.
- Administrative Amendment for FY 2024-25 UPWP (John Mermin)
  - Two projects are being amended into the UPWP, funded through the Federal Safe Streets for All program (City of Milwaukie Safety Assessment on the Harrison Street corridor and a Clackamas County Consolidate Safe System Planning). Next steps will include forwarding the notice of amendment to the USDOT staff for their approval.
  - Current UPWP document is being assembled and will be presented to the committee for review in January and discussion in March.
- Local TSP support survey (André Lightsey-Walker)
  - Transportation System Plan survey has been developed and committee members will receive a link to the survey on Monday.
- 28-30 Regional Flexible Funds – Step 2 refinement reminder (Grace Cho)
  - Currently in an open refinement period.

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no public communications on agenda items.

Chair Kloster announced an agenda change. The Redistribution Funds Update would occur prior to the Cooling Corridors Study update. He also noted that staff were planning on hosting the March meeting in person.

## **MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2024**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Chair Kloster asked the committee to approve the December 6, 2024 TPAC meeting minutes. With no opposition, Judith Perez Keniston and Chris Ford abstaining, the minutes were approved.

## **METRO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) FORMAL AMENDMENT 25-5456 RECOMMENDATION TO JPACT (ACTION)**

Ken Lobeck, Metro appeared before the committee and provided a presentation on the January 2025 Formal MTIP Amendment, Resolution 25-5456, which would amend or add a total of 9 projects:

- Adding 6 new ADA upgrade projects
- Amending 2 existing projects
- 1 partial cancelation

Ken provided an overview of these projects and proposed approval timing.

Sarah Iannarone inquired about the funding source for the ADA curb ramps. Chris Ford responded that it's about a billion-dollar program, ensuring that all the existing curb ramps and state facilities are meeting ADA standards. He added that it is primarily STIP money, with a good portion of the 27-30 STIP allocated to the ADA program. Additionally, he noted that bonds would be issued to pay for that program, with all the ramps being remediated by 2032.

Sarah Iannarone, as a member of the Highway Cost Allocation Oversight Committee, she expressed concern about how the ADA liability and bike/ped funding shows up in the Highway Cost Allocation Study (HCAS) and whether the bicycle and pedestrians of Oregon are getting their fair share out of those dollars.

Indi inquired about the funding changes to the OR-120 bridge project moving dollars into the Abernathy Bridge and added the importance of tracking how money is moving and where opportunity costs are being incurred in the region.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Chris Ford moved and Gregg Snyder Seconded to approve Resolution 25-5456. With all in favor, the motion was approved.

## **82<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE TRANSIT PROJECT**

Melissa Ashbaugh, Kelly Betteridge and Brian Harper, Metro, appeared before the committee to present an update and project overview on the 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Transit Project, the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) and next steps.

Brian Harper provided an update on the Equitable Development Strategy (EDS), which will help ensure project-related policies and investments in this corridor would assist in stabilizing communities and business against exiting displacement pressures.

Melissa asked the committee if they needed any additional information on the LPA and this project in general before returning in May for a recommendation to JPACT.

Sara Etter inquired about lane dedication, how that would be determined and who would decide. Melissa responded that the decisions around physical priority haven't been made yet. The plan is to have a series of technical and engagement work occur through the Spring that will inform that decision. This includes several open houses, the first happening on January 22nd. Additionally, a new community advisory committee will be formed and will review the technical and public input and advice on that decision. A policy and budget committee, with representatives from the different roadway jurisdictions and funders will also be formed to advise. The final decision would be made by the roadway authority, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the City of Portland.

Indi Namkoong asked for confirmation of the terminus location. Melissa noted that when the steering committee meets next week, their LPA vote will lock in the terminus location at Cully and Killingsworth area.

### **2028-30 REGIONAL FLEXIBLE FUND STEP 1A.1 NEW PROJECT BOND – BOND SCENARIOS AND REFERENCE SCENARIOS ANALYSIS**

Grace Cho, Metro staff presented an overview of bond scenarios and reference scenario options:

- Bond mechanism option 1 – single bond: use of a single bond mechanism to advance funds for projects identified in the preferred bond scenario, as long as the projects meet bond requirements and administrative criteria. Requires additional partnerships to facilitate the ability to utilize a single bond mechanism to meet the bond mechanism requirements or administrative criteria.
- Bond mechanism option 2 – multiple bonds: use of more than one bond mechanism to advance funds for projects identified in the preferred bond scenario. Allows for different types of projects without additional partnerships to meet bond mechanism requirements or administrative criteria.

Grace noted that staff are seeking input from the committee on utilizing an approach that balances maximizing acceptable performance across all the bond themes of: RTP outcomes performance, leveraging of other funds, inclusion of all transit category types, corridor scale projects, project readiness, and geographical representation, to develop bond package scenarios and a preferred bond package, and where there are local factors or priorities for consideration.

The committee asked questions around the length and cost of the bond repayment.

Grace outlined timeline for review and decision making, noting that Metro staff will request TPAC and JPACT for recommendation to approve the full 2028-2030 Regional Flexible Fund Allocation at their July 2025 meetings.

### **REDISTRIBUTION UPDATE**

Ken Lobeck and Ted Leybold appeared before the committee to provide two FFY 2025 Redistribution funding options to review, evaluate and provide them with feedback. Metro received nine

applications requesting \$12,413,835 of Redistribution funds. However, with only \$10 million available, either project funding reductions must occur, or one or more projects are eliminated from funding consideration. During November and December, staff identified several funding adjustment options to consider as the funding mechanism. Each of the possible funding options provides various pros and cons along with opportunity cost if selected. Upon review of the options, two final options emerged and are being proposed for TPAC consider. Ken reviewed the options, and they included:

- Option 1: The “806” or 80.6% Funding Level Approach
- Option 2: Targeted Reduction Funding Approach.

Ken noted that next steps would include revising options based on any feedback received today, with a draft funding option presented to the committee in February.

Ted inquired if the committee preferred either option 1 or 2.

Dyami Valentine, indicated that Washington County was in favor of Option 1. Jeff Owen indicated no strong preference. Jay Higgins expressed a preference for Option 1.

Jean Biggs, Metro, noted some consensus among the committee for Option 1. She added that staff would reach out to the lead agencies and to let them know if there were any other follow up actions for the team before they come back to the committee.

#### **COOLING CORRIDORS STUDY**

Due to time constraints, Chair Kloster announced that this agenda item would be presented at a future meeting. He added that questions could be directed to Metro staff member, André Lightsey-Walker.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chair Kloster adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Martin, TPAC Recorder

Attachments to the Public Record, TPAC meeting, January 10, 2025

	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
*	Agenda	01/10/25	01/10/25 TPAC Agenda	011025-01
*	Work Program	12/31/24	2025 TPAC Work Program as of 12/31/2024	011025-02
*	Document	12/31/24	TPAC Member list	011025-03
*	Memo	12/31/24	To: TPAC and Interested Parties From: Ken Lobeck Re: TPAC Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Monthly Submitted Amendments: January 2024 Report	011025-04
*	Memo	1/3/25	To: TPAC and Interested Parties From: John Mermin Re: Administrative amendment to the 2024-25 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for City of Milwaukie – Safety Assessment of Harrison St Corridor and Clackamas County – Consolidated Safe System Planning	011025-05
*	Minutes	12/06/24	Draft 12/06/24 TPAC Minutes	011025-06
*	Resolution		Resolution No. 25-XXXX For the Purpose of Adding or Amending Nine Projects to the 2024-27 MTIP Including six new Americans with Disabilities Act Upgrade Projects to Meet Federal Project Delivery Requirements.	011025-07
*	Document/Map		82 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue Transit Project LPA	011025-08
*	Memo	1/3/24	To: TPAC and Interested Parties From: Grace Cho Re: 2028-2030 Regional Flexible Fund Step 1A.1 – Bond Scenarios and Reference Scenarios	011025-09
*	Factsheet	December 2024	Cooling Corridors Study	011025-10
*	Memo	1/2/24	To: TPAC and Interested Parties From: Ken Lobeck Re: FFY 2025 Redistribution Supplemental Funding Call Funding Options	011025-11
**	Presentation	1/8/25	December Traffic Deaths (Anthony Cabadas)	011025-12
**	Presentation	1/10/25	December/January Transit News Highlight (Ally Holmqvist)	011025-13
**	Presentation	1/10/25	January 2025 Formal MTIP Amendment (Ken Lobeck)	011025-14
**	Presentation	1/10/25	2028-30 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA) Step 1A.1 (Grace Cho)	011025-15

**	Presentation	1/10/25	FFY 2025 Redistribution Funding Options (Ken Lobeck)	011025-16
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\* Included in meeting notice packet

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