



**Clackamas County TSP
Public Advisory Committee (PAC)
Submissions for Chair / Vice-Chair Positions
November 30, 2011**

Submissions are listed in order they were received.

1. Position sought (chair/vice-chair)
2. Reason for interest
3. How you would maintain impartiality in your role as Chair or Vice-Chair
4. Up to two paragraphs of information about yourself relevant for other PAC members in this context

Paul Edgar

1. Position sought: Chair

2. Reason for interest.

I have worked over the years to gain high levels of understanding associated with all facets transportation planning and its ties to urban planning and economic development. This desire took me to the PSU's Department on Transportation Studies, following my retirement. I have even received a certificate on how to site Light Rail Transit Stations as a result of some of these class studies at PSU.

I know the Clackamas County road system urban and rural at a high level. I understand urban and rural economies. My father-in-law was corporate forester (Crown Z) out of Molalla for part of his life, with my wife then living in Dickey Prairie. I understand what it takes to create a business and JOB's, something that I did personally, forming my own High-Tech start-up. I am a retired Ski Instructor and member of the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol and those involvements from childhood on provided me with an intimate knowledge of the mountain and Highway-26.

3. How would you maintain impartiality in your role as Chair or Vice-Chair?

I have been corporately trained in using weighted value decision processing methods and that precludes allowing personal agenda's to affect one's ability to present the consensus opinion coming from the committee as a whole.

4. Up to two paragraphs of information about yourself relevant for other PAC members in this context.

I have been in significant leadership positions and have back ground in corporate planning, be long term IT - Business plans, setting new courses coming from and R-&-D and an engineering perspective. I started as a Senior Analyst and evolved into program and product management. We had to justify the business plans, funding and then shepherd the process and products into reality. (NCR Corporation)

I have strong understanding/experience in the business world. I consulted as an expert in and of Supply Chain Management and how to achieve integrated and automated system methods. I currently sit on the Oregon City Urban Renewal Commission, with a charge to create new positive economic development and JOB's. I am good with numbers.

I have been passionately involved in attempting to bring responsible and equal environmental review into the public process. Balance is achievable and can exist.

I thought that it might be appropriate that I forward on to you, this enclosed document as example of the level of thought process that I have entered into in the past. This is the type of detail that I understand. (See attachment.)

This document is something that I originally created as a class project, at Portland State University. I am not an English Major. I recently went through this document, in an attempt to update it with current understanding.

There is a lot of history in this document with hundreds of meeting, classes and a high degree of research that are reflected in these comments. Any errors in word usage, content and/or assumptions are mine and may well be inadvertent.

Michael J. Wagner

1. *Position:* Chair

2. *Reason for Interest:*

To insure that there is a level playing field for all participants and to ensure that the values of each member are represented for the unincorporated portions of Clackamas County.

3. *How would you maintain impartiality in your role as Chair or Vice-Chair?*

As a non-voting member of the PAC, I cannot make motions, seconds or amendments. I have a working knowledge of the 12 levels of motions in Roberts Rules, which are designed to maintain impartiality.

4. *Up to two paragraphs of information about yourself relevant for other PAC members in this context.*

I have been Chair of the Clackamas County Planning Commission for two years and Vice Chair for one year. I have been Chair of the Hamlet of Mulino for two years and Vice-Chair for three years. I am President and Chairman of the Board for Oregon Equestrian Trails. I have been a consulting planner for over 30 years. I have prepared over 16 successful urban renewal redevelopment plans, and have prepared financial projections and participated in over 21 bond issues valued at over \$264,000,000.

I have served at the department head level for several cities and have managed annual budgets in excess of \$6,000,000. I have prepared financial feasibility analyses and development agreements for commercial, residential and hotel developers, and I have experience in the environmental aspects of sand and gravel operations, sanitary landfill design, methane gas extraction, haul and disposal modeling, subdivision grading design, offsite improvements, and cost estimating. I have prepared over 23 general plans, specific plans, and special reports and over 38 environmental documents. I have a B.A. in Geography from CSU Northridge and a Master of City and Regional Planning from CSU Fresno.

Glenn Koehrsen

1. *Position:* Chair

2. *Reason for Interest:*

This is a very important planning process for the people of Clackamas County. I would like to participate in a meaningful way to insure the best possible balanced outcome for both the rural and urban areas of the county. I feel that it is important to start and end meetings on schedule. I would also participate in the development of the agenda to insure that the committee would have adequate time to discuss important issues.

3. *How would you maintain impartiality in your role as Chair or Vice-Chair?*

I have had the opportunity to serve on many committees, in various subject areas, at the local, county, regional and state levels. I have frequently been asked/elected to serve as the Chairperson. I read all of the material and come prepared to the meetings. I come to the meetings with an open mind, ready to listen to all of the viewpoints. I would insure that every member of the committee has an opportunity to participate and contribute to the discussions. I will guide the discussions to hear differing viewpoints and individually ask for comments from the members who don't typically speak up.

4. *Up to two paragraphs of information about yourself relevant for other PAC members in this context.*

I have a MBA and worked in the system design field and as the Manager of Management Information Systems for a private company. I served on the Albany Planning Commission and Albany City Council. I participated in the development of Albany's Comprehensive Plan including the development of the Transportation element. I served on Region 4's (Linn, Lincoln and Benton County) Transportation Committee working on ODOT's Six Year Plan. I served on Washington County's Planning Commission and participated in the update of Washington County's Transportation Plan.

I have served on several Economic Development Committees at the local, county, regional and state levels. I understand the importance of good rural roads and convenient and effective access to industrial and commercial centers. I'm also fully aware of the changing world and the need to promote alternative modes of transportation and the sustainability of our natural resources. We need to insure that everyone has access to the roads and streets in Clackamas County to meet their transportation and health needs. We also need to be cognizant of the transportation needs of the senior and disabled members in our society.

Finally, I have had life experiences that provide insight into the issues related to a comprehensive Transportation Plan. I was born and raised on a farm in Iowa. I have moved equipment on rural roads and rode my horse to school for several years. Later in life, I lived and worked in Bangkok, Thailand and truly experienced multi-modal transportation systems.

Chips Janger

1. Position: Chair

2. Reason for Interest:

My interest in the position of Chair results from having worked on transportation issues for the metropolitan area over the last several years. Having represented Clackamas County in regional transportation issues has given me a broad understanding of what kinds of projects have been 'successful' and those that have used valuable resources but haven't achieved their stated goals. At this time of scarce resource possibilities, while planning for the next 10 to 20 years, it is more important than ever to insure we proceed wisely, utilizing the input from the broad and wide-ranging members of the PAC committee, balancing economic development, population density, rural and agricultural needs and challenges. These are all issues that I've worked on, thought much about, and feel confident in guiding the PAC through.

3. How would you maintain impartiality in your role as Chair or Vice-Chair?

It is of paramount importance that the PAC works toward finding common ground and working toward a final consensus. But these are often complex issues....and I also believe in the importance of making sure divergent comments are heard and transmitted to the Planning Commission and the BCC. As Chair, my goal would be to utilize the broad diversity of the committee to make sure all views and issues are fairly presented and contemplated.

4. Up to two paragraphs of information about yourself relevant for other PAC members in this context.

No one on the PAC needs to be told that Clackamas County is unique, in that it comprises urban, rural, and unincorporated combinations of both, in a large land area with significant economic, population density, and transportation challenges to ALL its diverse citizens. I represented Clackamas County on Regional Flexible Funds Task Force that developed criteria for administering federal transportation funds in the metro area. I advocated strongly and successfully for funds to be utilized in the county, both for multi-modal usage and for freight challenges. I represented Clackamas County on the Regional High Capacity Transit System 'Think Tank' that made recommendations about the overall transportation system for the tri-county area through 2035. This gave me an opportunity to examine and compare transportation challenges of all three metro counties.

Our county has great economic challenges, and our transportation system needs to be focused toward meeting them. Since 1970, numerous plans have been introduced and implemented to preserve the agricultural area surrounding the metro area. Yet, as we are discovering, the transportation planning has not resulted in rural connections that, in the future, will serve those needs adequately. These are among the challenges we have ahead of us on this PAC. I offer my services to help guide us to solutions for these and all those challenges we will deal with in the months ahead.

Ben Horner-Johnson

1. *Position:* I'm interested in the vice-chair position, but could be persuaded to take the chair if the rest of the PAC would prefer that I do so.

2. *Reason for Interest:*

I think that I could do a good job representing the PAC at other meetings/events. I liked working on the Milwaukie TSP update and all of the public involvement that entailed, and would like to do the same for Clackamas County.

3. *How would you maintain impartiality in your role as Chair or Vice-Chair?*

I don't have much of an axe to grind. I joined the PAC as an interested citizen and would like to sync up the County and City of Milwaukie TSPs, but the vast majority of area of the County that is affected by this TSP update is outside Milwaukie's city limits. Using other tropes, I don't have a dog in the fight or skin in the game.

4. *Up to two paragraphs of information about yourself relevant for other PAC members in this context.*

I am an earth scientist by training and work well with the numbers, facts, and figures (especially maps). I try to come up with models that explain the existing and future measurements. I don't omit troublesome data because it doesn't match my model or preconceptions. The same would apply to my work on the TSP update. I'd take in all of the data (PAC viewpoints) and try to reconcile any conflicts, and then present the consensus (or majority/minority viewpoints if no consensus is reached) to the other groups working on this project.

I have experience living in and using the transportation systems in small towns, suburbs, and big cities. I grew up in a rural farming town of about 5200 people. I've lived in Chicago and Houston (and Portland), and in a suburb of Minneapolis. I currently live in the small city of Milwaukie, which is in between a small town and a suburb in terms of its situation. I'd much rather plan ahead and be prepared than have to deal with the aftermath of a problem that we saw coming and didn't do anything to prevent.