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**Audit finds Zoo bond projects are well-managed**

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In an audit released today, the Office of the Metro Auditor reviewed in-depth three construction projects funded by the 2008 Zoo bond measure. The three projects were a new veterinary medical center, penguin exhibit improvements and a new water main building. Metro had spent or committed about \$15 million of the \$125 million bond measure.

The report was a follow-up to a 2009 audit that concluded Metro needed stronger project management capabilities in several areas. The Metro Auditor found good progress on recommendations from that audit. Processes for controlling costs and managing schedules were working well.

The report commends Metro staff's efforts in addressing the audit recommendations. "Metro and Zoo staff worked hard to make needed improvements quickly," Metro Auditor Flynn said. "Of the seven recommendations, six have been implemented satisfactorily and Metro is working on the seventh." The Audit noted all three projects were within budgets, and schedule management processes were working well. Metro made progress on improving reporting, but could do a better job of showing how actual results compared to planned results.

The audit is available on the Metro website at <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/auditor> . Copies of the audit can also be obtained by calling the Office of the Metro Auditor at 503-797-1892. The Metro Auditor will brief the Metro Council on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.