

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, October 18, 2005  
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Susan McLain, Carl Hosticka, Rod Park, Robert Liberty, Rex Burkholder, Brian Newman

Councilors Absent:

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:03 p.m.

### **1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 20, 2005/ ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Council President Bragdon reviewed the October 20, 2005 Council agenda.

### **2. CORRIDOR WORK PROGRAM**

Richard Brandman, Planning Department, said that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) would be taking the lead on some of these projects, and Metro would be leading others. Councilor McLain noticed that the projects were not prioritized. She would like to see more focus on the sequencing of the projects. Staff observed that there had been a great deal of discussion with local jurisdictions, talking about sequencing. Certain projects are unpopular, such as the Tualatin-Valley (TV) highway.

Mr. Brandman observed that there were more and more federal requirements being issued. The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) was not complete. He handed out a copy of a revised Resolution No. 05-3616 (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). He discussed some other projects that had been considered and rejected. He also spoke to budget constraints. The 2040 plan was taken into consideration, and we are working with regional partners.

Bridget Wieghart, Planning Department, went over the background of the resolution, including the technical evaluation summary. Projects with low jurisdictional interest will be the most difficult to pursue. She spoke to the various planning periods. There is a real need for a connection between I-84 and US 26 between 181<sup>st</sup> and 257<sup>th</sup>. The I-205 south corridor has lost momentum due to a lack of funding; it is currently being considered for a public/private partnership. She responded to Councilors' questions about the various corridors.

Councilor Hosticka asked about the I-205 proposal, what we were assuming in the way of land use. Development in the Stafford area would have a huge impact. Ms. Wieghart said that she used the latest land use allocation available. Mr. Brandman talked about land use allocations. This would be an ongoing conversation. Any land use changes will affect the corridor decisions.

Councilor Hosticka asked whether there was more information about the inter-state aspects of I-5; all traffic going between California and Seattle comes through our area. Council President Bragdon asked about the destinations of the traffic; inter-state and even international commerce had the potential to dramatically change traffic needs, such as happened in the San Antonio/Austin area with the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Ms. Wieghart then discussed then I-405 loop; funding is a potential barrier for this project. Councilor Burkholder wondered if this area qualified as a “corridor” and questioned why it was on the list. Mr. Brandman said some things were included that were regionally significant transit concerns, especially those that would be affected by land use issues. Ms. Wieghart summarized the five new priorities and asked Council for feedback.

Councilor Liberty asked about the relative weight given to each criterion, and whether cost effectiveness should be included. Ms. Wieghart stated that the criteria had not been ranked, and that cost estimation was too great a variable to be included. Once the studies were actually implemented, cost effectiveness would definitely be considered. Councilor Liberty said he would like to see a more regional approach; he also thought that incident response should be a criterion. Mr. Brandman clarified the process used to get from the criteria to the projects. He explained that the focus of this particular project was on the corridors; they were looking at areas that have had some attention paid to them.

Councilors discussed additional issues that they wanted to see included in the corridor studies, such as toll roads, a more regional examination of transit, and the amount of money spent on these studies. Staff responded that those were all important issues, that they had been included in the RTP, that the RTP needed to be updated, but that the focus of the current project was on corridors.

Councilor Park asked whether, by adding the 19<sup>th</sup> corridor project, another project had had to be dropped. Mr. Brandman stated no; by including these on the list, we are identifying ourselves as stakeholders. Councilor Park asked what criteria were used to add the 19<sup>th</sup> project; Ms. Wieghart responded she would get an answer back.

Councilor Newman wondered if rapid bus was included in the Light Rail Transit (LRT) and streetcar project, and if so who would be the lead agency. Mr. Brandman responded that the work scope had not been defined, but he thought that the rapid bus could be included; Metro would be the lead, and other agencies supported this approach.

Councilors discussed the way that projects were placed onto the list. Councilor McLain expressed dissatisfaction with the prioritization of the studies as well as the projects; she felt it was very important to talk to our neighbors and take care of our relationships with other jurisdictions. Council President Bragdon asked about the overall orientation of the program, including nomenclature. Was a “corridor” a particular facility, or was it a part of the region? He wanted to make sure that projects were integrated into the areas they were supposedly serving, that they didn’t just pass through a community. He also wanted to see more on the role of rail freight and interstate freight and was concerned about the nature of the inter-jurisdictional discussion. Staff responded that we were actually creating a freight master plan; someone had just been hired to do this. Also, there has been a trend toward more co-leadership with other agencies.

Councilor Newman asked what the planning horizon; Mr. Brandman responded that it was usually in the 20-year range. Ms. Wieghart commented that any planning done now would be revisited when the project actually started and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was prepared. Councilor Liberty observed that this process was still somewhat political. Council President Bragdon talked about the proper placement of proposals into the various studies. Councilor Park observed that it was good to have the proposals ready, in case funding should happen to come along.

**3. EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660(1)(e).  
DELIBERATIONS WITH PERSONS DESIGNATED TO NEGOTIATE  
REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

This was postponed.

Councilor Hosticka had a comment about easements in general. As we have more and more land, and there's more and more development, we'll get more and more easements. People look at publicly owned land as if it's an easy way to solve their problems, rather than looking at private land. Perhaps we were being too generous with easements.

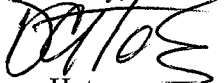
**4. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Council President Bragdon described a trip to Vancouver, BC, November 4-6, 2005. He also discussed the Portland Oregon Visitors Association (POVA) retreat on November 6-7, at Salishan.

Councilor Burkholder asked if there would be another work session on the industrial lands remand. The first reading was scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup>. Chief Operating Officer (COO) Michael Jordan thought this could happen at the first reading/council consideration. Metro Attorney Daniel Cooper said they could have draft amendments prepared at any time. There was a discussion of when to place things on the work session agenda and when to move them through the legislative process. Council President Bragdon asked if Councilors would rather entertain amendments on October 27<sup>th</sup>, and this was agreed to; October 27<sup>th</sup> would be the deadline for proposed amendments. Mr. Cooper said if there were any requests for draft amendments, they should be requested right away.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 18,**  
**2005**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1	Agenda	10/20/05	Metro Council Agenda for October 10, 2005	101805c-01
2	Resolution	10/18/05	Resolution No. 05-3616, For the Purpose of Updating the Work Program for Corridor Refinement Planning through 2020	101805c-02