

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October 20, 2005
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent:

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:01 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Sharon Genasci, Chairman of the NWDA Health and Environment Committee, 2217 NW Johnson, Portland OR 97210 read a letter into the record (a copy of which is included in the meeting record) concerning sustainability goals.

Jeri Sundrall, EJAG, 1205 NE Holman, Portland OR said she had sat on the I-5 Task Force and Columbia Crossing Task Force. She supported reducing diesel anyway possible. She urged Council to take a serious look at doing things cleaner.

Councilor Liberty asked about studies on diesel and asthma. Ms. Genasi said there had been studies on the relationship between diesel and asthma as well as diesel and cancer. Ms. Sundrall added her comments on the issue.

3. SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) PRESENTATION ON SUSTAINABILITY GOALS FOR SOLID WASTE SYSTEM

Janet Matthews, Solid Waste and Recycling Department, introduced Dave White, Regional Representative for Oregon Refuse Recycling Association. They were presenting recommendations for sustainability goals for solid waste system (a copy of which are included in the meeting record). Ms Matthews provided background on the subject. The subject was presented at SWAC last spring, a subcommittee was formed and that committee provided recommendations to SWAC this summer. She introduced other members of SWAC that were in the audience as well as acknowledging Steve Apotheker from Metro.

Mr. White said the SWAC's subcommittee on sustainability goal was a very diverse group. They discussed how these goals fit within the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP). He summarized the SWAC report (a copy of which is included in the meeting record).

Councilor Burkholder asked questions about the sustainability goals. He applauded the group for the work they had done. Councilor McLain said this committee gave some very doable goals. She felt the work was worthy of being in the RSWMP. She noted that this would be shared work. She appreciated the work that this committee had done. Councilor Liberty asked about the connections with other goals such as a living wage. Mr. White commented on the need for balance and his hope that these efforts didn't drive up costs or put people out of business.

Councilor Park appreciated the committee's efforts. Mr. White talked about Goal 8: Support a Quality Work Life.

4. HWY 217 FINDINGS

Bridget Wieghart and Richard Brandman, Planning Department, presented their findings on the HWY 217 Corridor Study (a copy of the power point presentation is included in the record). Mr. Brandman explained why they were doing the corridor study, which included increases in traffic in the corridor, safety issues, growth projections, and Metro's obligation as a result of the Western Bypass Study to concentrate roadway improvement in the area. He provided a study overview, timeline, study goals, phase II study options, major issues, and solutions for all corridor users. Ms. Wieghart provided details of the Phase II study including recommendations on bicycle/pedestrian improvements, transit network improvements, arterial improvements, interchange improvements and regional trail improvements. Councilors asked about solutions. Ms. Wieghart continued her summary of the options and recommendations. She noted the future timeline.

Councilor Burkholder asked if this was the stage of the study where they would address displacement impacts. Ms. Wieghart talked about wetland and property impacts. Councilor Burkholder asked about tolling the entire facility and was it addressed? Mr. Brandman said they didn't look at that in this phase. They would reexamine this in the Regional Transportation Plan. They were starting to gage public reaction to tolling. Councilor Burkholder talked about financial resources being the key issue to implement improvements. Councilor Newman asked Ms. Wieghart to explain what were transponders. Ms. Wieghart said this was an electronic way of charging tolls. Councilor Liberty said he would be interested in knowing how much savings would occur in 2025 based on the various options presented. Councilor Hosticka addressed some of Councilor Liberty's comments. He said it was useful to analyze transportation and its impact on land use. He also noted why people use toll lanes. The main conclusion was that they couldn't keep doing things the way we had been doing them. We have to start doing things differently both in transportation and land use. Mr. Brandman talked about travel savings, toll lanes and equity issues.

5. DEMONSTRATION OF THE WEB SITE'S NEW PAN/ZOOM MAPS OF REGIONAL TOWN CENTERS

Sue Gemmill, Public Affairs and Government Relations Department, presented the new web site pan/zoom of regional town centers. This would provide more information about centers.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Consideration of minutes of the October 13, 2005 Regular Council Meetings.

6.2 **Resolution No. 05-3625**, For the Purpose of Approving the Release of Request for Proposal and Award of a Contract for Concert Promotion at the Oregon Zoo.

Motion:

Councilor Park moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the October 13, 2005 Regular Metro Council and Resolution No. 05-3625.

Vote:

Councilors Burkholder, McLain, Liberty, Park, Newman, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Resolution No. 05-3616A, For the Purpose of Updating the Work Program for Corridor Refinement Planning Through 2020.

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 05-3616A.
Seconded:	Councilor Park seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder explained the resolution, which had to do with five corridor refinements. He detailed the five corridors, which would be looked at in the next five-year period. He urged support and noted that Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) had approved this work plan. Councilor Park asked Councilor Burkholder to explain the I-405 loop study and the connection to the Oregon Transportation Planning Rule. Councilor Burkholder explained the connection. Mr. Brandman said all of the corridor studies that were being proposed had to address the new rule. Councilor Hosticka asked about the Powell Blvd connector. Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, responded to his question. Councilor Liberty expressed concern about creating momentum around solutions and suggested an amendment.

Motion to amend:	Councilor Liberty moved to amend the resolution to include “recommendations from any current and future corridor studies shall be regarded as provisional, not final, until they can be considered in the context of the next update of the regional transportation plan and the refinement of the regional 2040 Growth Concept and related actions on the regional urban growth boundary. This policy shall guide the allocation of funds to be used for any EIS analysis or other studies following the corridors studies underway or approved by this resolution”.
Seconded:	Councilor Newman seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder said this amendment would need to go back to JPACT for consideration before the Council could consider it. Councilor Park asked if this amendment were to go back to JPACT and it passed, would it allow improvements to proceed? Mr. Cotugno responded to his question. Councilor Liberty talked about conforming our vision based on financial constraints. We may have to rethink what we studied. Mr. Brandman asked if this proposed addition would affect every corridor study they were looking at. Councilor Newman suggested additional language. Councilor Liberty clarified the corridors that were completed wouldn't be included and those that were underway would be included. Councilor McLain thought Councilor Newman's suggestion was a good compromise. Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, explained the JPACT bylaws. Councilor Burkholder felt that the “be in resolve #7” in the resolution responded to the intent. He was concerned about unintended consequences with this amendment. Councilor Park said he would not support the amendment and explained his reasoning. Councilor Liberty closed by talking about unintended consequences.

Vote to amend:	Councilors Hosticka, Newman, Liberty, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion, Councilors McLain, Park and Burkholder voted against the amendment. The vote was 4 aye/ 3 nay, the motion passed.
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Council President Bragdon said this item would be held over for consideration until JPACT could reconsider it. This would be tentatively scheduled for November 10, 2005. Councilor McLain asked that her vote be acknowledged as an aye vote and explained why.

Vote change:

Councilors Hosticka, Newman, Liberty, McLain and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion, Councilors Park and Burkholder voted against the amendment. The vote was 5 aye/ 2 nay, the motion passed.

8. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordon, COO, was not present at this time.

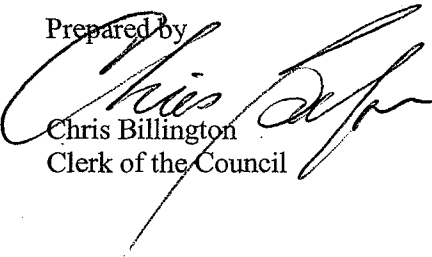
9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor McLain said at the Hillsboro Civic Center tonight there would be open house on the Industrial Lands remand. There would also be a public hearing on November 10, 2005 on the issue as well.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

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Clerk of the Council

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2005

Item	Topic	Doc Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
3	Letter	10/20/05	To: Council President Bragdon From: Sharon Genasci, Chairman NWDA Health and Environment Committee Re: Sustainability Goals	102005c-01
3	Sustainability Goals	10/20/05	To: Metro Council From: Dave White, Chair of SWAC subcommittee on Sustainability Goals Re: Recommended Solid Waste System Sustainability Goals for RSWMP	102005c-02
7.1	Resolution No. 05-3616A	10/20/05	Resolution No. 05-3616A , For the Purpose of Updating the Work Program for Corridor Refinement Planning Through 2020	102005c-03
6.1	Minutes	10/13/05	Metro Council Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2005	102005c-04
3	Power Point Presentation	10/20/05	To: Metro Council From: Dave White and Janet Matthews, SWAC Re: Report of the SWAC Subcommittee on Sustainability Goals	102005c-05
4	Power Point Presentation	10/20/05	To: Metro Council From: Richard Brandman and Bridget Wiegart, Planning Department Re: Choices for Highway 217	102005c-06