Carl Hosticka

METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 NEWS





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Carl Hosticka
represents
District 3, which
includes portions
of Washington and
Clackamas counties
and the cities of
Beaverton, Durham,
King City, Sherwood,
Tigard, Tualatin and
Wilsonville.



A message from Carl Hosticka

Metro is preparing to submit a natural areas bond measure to the region's voters at the November 2006 general election.

The proposed \$220 million measure would enable Metro to acquire and preserve regionally significant natural areas, greenways and stream corridors throughout the area.

Voters have told us they are willing to support the acquisition of open spaces and the development of trails. I think it is important to give them that choice.

Metro has an impressive record in this area. We successfully implemented a 1995 bond measure, purchasing 8,100 acres of open space and protecting 74 miles of stream frontage. The project was on schedule, under budget and exceeded the original goal by more than 2,000 acres. As a regional government, Metro is the appropriate agency to coordinate the effort across the region such that every community benefits. No matter where you live in the region, we all have a stake in protecting our natural areas.

But much more remains to be done to ensure our quality of life, especially as the region's population grows. We are still in the process of drafting the measure, and could use your ideas at open houses, city council presentations and Metro Council public hearings (see related article).

— Carl Hosticka

Public forums continue on 2006 natural areas bond measure

With help from scientists, citizens, local park providers and community leaders, the Metro Council is crafting a bond measure to preserve natural areas, improve water quality and protect fish and wildlife habitat. Public comment at these forums and hearings will help the Council finalize the elements of the bond measure before it is referred to voters for consideration on the November 2006 ballot.

The public is invited to continue to learn more about the bond measure at forums or city council meetings:

7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31 Athey Creek Middle School, 2900 SW Borland Rd., West Linn

7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2 Tualatin Hills Nature Park "Beaver Den," 15655 SW Millikan Blvd., Beaverton (co-Hosted by Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District and Tualatin Riverkeepers)

9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 Deep Creek School, 15600 SE 232nd Drive, Boring

6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6 Beaverton City Hall, 4755 SW Griffith Dr., Beaverton

Councilor Susan McLain will make a presentation to the Beaverton City Council.

7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 Sherwood City Hall, 22560 SW Pine St., Sherwood Councilor Hosticka will make a presentation to the Sherwood City Council.

8 to 9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13 Tualatin City Hall, 18880 SW Martinazzi Avenue, Tualatin Councilor Hosticka will make a presentation to the Tualatin City Council.

The Metro Council will also hold three public hearings to receive public testimony on the proposed bond measure:

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Hosticka confirmed as deputy council president for 2006

Metro Councilor Carl Hosticka was elected deputy council president for 2006 by the Metro Council on Jan. 5 after being nominated by Council President David Bragdon. The deputy council president presides over the council when the president is absent and assists with the management of the council's legislative agenda and calendar.

"This year will be an important one as the Metro Council asks tough questions about future growth through our New Look for Regional Choices process. We'll also implement strategies to protect fish and wildlife habitat through our Nature in Neighborhoods initiative. That will include our proposed natural areas bond measure," Hosticka said. "My goal is to help President Bragdon successfully address these issues and move them through the Metro Council."

Hosticka was elected to the Metro Council in 2000, and re-elected in 2004 for a second term. He serves as the council spokesperson for the Metro Policy Advisory Committee and Metro representative on the I-5 to Highway 99W Connector Project Steering Committee.

A New Look: updating the metro region's long-range plan

The Metro Council is taking a new look at the way the region's long-range vision is carried out as we continue to grow. The council is inviting the public's views about growth and the tools needed to create great communities and a great region.

Citizens of the metro region will help to determine:

- choices about where to live, work and play and about how to get there,
- the future of agriculture and other industries,
- how the region invests in highways, transit, and neighborhood streets,
- where the main streets, sidewalks, schools and parks will go in new communities,
- how we protect nature in all neighborhoods.

Our region is admired across the nation for is path-breaking approach to planning. One example of this foresight was the Metro Council's adoption of a long-range plan

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5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23 Hillsboro Civic Center Auditorium, 150 E. Main St., Hillsboro

2 p.m. Thursday, March 2 Damascus City Hall, 19920 SE Hwy. 212, Damascus

4 p.m. Thursday, March 9 Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland (final consideration and referral vote)

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designed with the participation of thousands of Oregonians in 1990. Since adoption of the plan, our population has increased by 200,000 residents. This rapid growth brings jobs and opportunity, but it also creates new challenges:

- New forecasts show that within the next 25 years, about a million more people will live in the five-county Portland metropolitan region.
- Time has exposed some of the shortcomings in the implementation of the long-range plan, as well as tensions and tradeoffs between different objectives.

For the remainder of 2006, the Metro Council will be asking residents and leaders of the region to help identify the critical choices we face and develop policy recommendations. At the end of 2006, the Council will adopt updated "New Look" policies, which may include proposals for the 2007 Oregon Legislature.

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About Metro

Clean air and clean water do not stop at city limits or county lines. Neither does the need for jobs, a thriving economy and good transportation choices for people and businesses in our region. Voters have asked Metro to help with the challenges that cross those lines and affect the 25 cities and three counties in the Portland metropolitan area.

A regional approach simply makes sense when it comes to protecting open space, caring for parks, planning for the best use of land, managing garbage disposal and increasing recycling. Metro oversees world-class facilities such as the Oregon Zoo, which contributes to conservation and education, and the Oregon Convention Center, which benefits the region's economy.

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