

# MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE OFFICER INFORMAL MEETING

July 10, 2001

Metro Council Annex

Councilors Present: Susan McLain, Rod Park, Bill Atherton, Rex Burkholder, Carl Hosticka, Rod Monroe

Councilors Absent: David Bragdon (excused)

Deputy **Presiding Officer McLain** convened the Council/Executive Officer Informal Meeting at 2:05 p.m.

## 1. UPCOMING LEGISLATION

**Jeff Stone, Chief of Staff**, introduced Doug Riggs, Metro lobbyist. **Mr. Riggs** overviewed what was happening at the legislature, including the RTA bill. He noted the Councilors contribution and felt it was a good session. There would be a total bill list and lessons learned section upcoming at next week's Council meeting. **Councilor Monroe** asked about transportation bills. **Mr. Riggs** spoke to high-speed rail, Washington County issues, and other regional transportation system bills. **Councilor Atherton** asked about land use bills. **Mr. Riggs** spoke to natural resources bills and felt that land use was at the top of the legislature's agenda but they wanted to see what was going to happen in the courts. **Councilor Burkholder** suggested a discussion on the RTA bill at a future meeting. **Mr. Riggs** overviewed upcoming events including the legislative picnic. **Councilor Burkholder** asked about church zoning and school siting issues. **Mr. Riggs** and **Mr. Cooper** responded.

## 2. BLUE LAKE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND FACILITIES CONCEPT PLAN

**Charles Ciecko**, Parks and Greenspaces, briefed the Council on the final draft of the Blue Lake Feasibility Study and Facilities Concept Plan (a copy of the future plan is included in the meeting record). He explained the process this plan had gone through and would go through in the future, the review of the Master Plan, and the need for capital resources. He said the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee would be meeting at Blue Lake this evening, the plan would then go out for public comment. He noted the goals of the plan.

**Jane Hart**, Associate Regional Planner, presented a slide show of the specific components of the concept plan and map. She reviewed the recommended general park upgrades as well as the new recreational facilities and services. She acknowledged the advisory committee recommendations. **Mr. Burton** noted that Blue Lake was inside the City of Fairview and asked about code provisions. **Mr. Ciecko** responded to his questions and acknowledged that they would fall under Fairview's code provisions and land use laws.

**Jeff Tucker**, Financial Manager, reviewed the revenue projections, operating expenditures, goals and financial overview for Blue Lake Park Economic Feasibility Study. **Councilor Park** asked for clarification on net and gross revenues. **Councilor Monroe** made some recommendations on the golf course learning center. **Mr. Ciecko** said those issues were yet to be resolved, this was simply a concept plan. **Mr. Tucker** spoke to the possibility of a revenue bond and the surrounding issues. **Councilor Hosticka** asked about increases in operating expenditures.

**Councilor Burkholder** asked about access to the park, would there be improvement in transit? He would like to see something in the Master Plan about transit. **Mr. Ciecko** said the demand was not high enough to have Tri-Met offer services to Blue Lake Park yet. It was their hope with improvements that this might change. They could add narrative on transit to the master plan. **Deputy Presiding Officer McLain** said she thought Councilor Burkholder's point was crucial. **Councilor Park** spoke to the 40-mile loop and greater access from Gresham. He thought the concept looked good. He asked about attendance in the Park and suggested charging walk-ins fees as well as car fees. **Mr. Ciecko** said there were changes occurring in the area and additional revenue sources needed to be addressed. He briefed the council on the next steps.

### 3. GRESHAM CIVIC NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

**Phil Whitmore, Planning Department and Joel Morton, Legal Counsel**, explained the process for the TOD project. He noted additional site options and spoke to the environmental work on the sites. **Deputy Presiding Officer McLain** said this resolution would be coming before the Council this Thursday. **Mr. Whitmore** said they wanted the site for mixed use rather than total commercial, the developer supported this. He talked more about the architectural concept for the sites and the MAX station connection. **Mr. Whitmore** said they needed to take this to Council because of the "As Is Where Is" clause in the agreement, considered an unusual circumstance. **Mr. Morton** spoke to the risk factor.

### 4. COUCIL REVIEW OF MTIP PROJECTS

**Councilor Monroe** explained the process they had gone through to date on MTIP. He said Councilor Burkholder and he recommended the enclosed MTIP Project Priority 70% List. He said this would go to JPACT along with staff's 150% list. **Deputy Presiding Officer McLain** asked Councilor Burkholder about the project review process and projects requiring further policy review and the questions related to this. **Councilor Burkholder** responded (a copy of his memo is included in the meeting record) and noted that Council and JPACT needed to deal with these questions. **Councilor Burkholder** added that Boeckman was an another project that needed to be discussed. **Deputy Presiding Officer McLain** noted that Boeckman should be considered a starter project, there was no such category in the rankings. It was connected to a 2040 project. The land use transportation connections needed to be addressed. She suggested listing several examples. **Councilor Atherton** said that Boeckman was a mature project where Damascus was not. **Deputy Presiding Officer McLain** added that they both had 2040 design and development issues. **Councilor Park** talked about a Gresham project and asked how the process was done. **Andy Cotugno**, Planning Director, said it was a part of a master plan and was funded because of this. It was a development-related project. Councilor Monroe reviewed how he looked at each of the projects. **Mr. Cotugno** said Council's guidance on project consideration and criteria was very helpful. **Deputy Presiding Officer McLain** said she thought the questions were good and added that we should expressed support for inter-modal systems as well as corridor planning as well as asking if this was the right pot of money and if funds aren't allocated will the project die. **Mr. Cotugno** added his comments about the MTIP process and talked about alternative funding. Councilors talked about increases in service, funding issues and ridership impacts. **Councilor Monroe** said this was start up money with no assumption that they would continue to fund these projects. **Deputy Presiding Officer McLain** said the 70% list was good guidance to JPACT. **Councilor Atherton** asked about the N/A's versus question mark in the column. **Mr. Cotugno** said N/A meant the issue didn't apply. **Deputy Presiding Officer McLain** gave some guidance on filling in these columns and asked that this be cleaned up before it went to JPACT. **Mr. Cotugno** explained further about the criteria and selection process. **Councilor Monroe** said they had gone a considerable step further than had ever been done before to provide early input from the Council. In the past the council has reacted rather than weighed in early.

**Councilor Burkholder** spoke to HB 2142 (a copy of the letter to Bruce Warner, ODOT Director is found in the meeting record), the regional priority list and the timeliness of council action. **Mr. Cotugno** gave the council the timeline necessary for their input. **Councilor Monroe** said JPACT and Council needed to agree on a list. **Councilor Burkholder** said there was a short timeframe where JPACT and Council needed to weigh in. **Mr. Cotugno** explained the categories. **Councilor Park** asked about amending the list. **Mr. Cotugno** responded as to how to amend and the timeline necessary. **Councilor Burkholder** suggested they send a letter asking for a meeting with Mr. Warner for clarification on funding. **Mr. Cotugno** explained the funding splits, this issue would be at JPACT this coming Thursday. **Councilor Park** asked about boulevard and redevelopment issues. **Mr. Cotugno** responded. **Deputy Presiding Officer McLain** gave Councilor Burkholder input on his letter to Mr. Warner.

## 5. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATION

**Deputy Presiding Officer McLain** said Executive Officer Burton wanted her to note the Dick Benner would be coming to work for Metro in the Legal Counsel Department (a copy of the news release is in the meeting record).

## 6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

**Councilor Hosticka** asked if the council wanted to participate in a regional water manager exploratory meeting. **Deputy Presiding Officer McLain** said they had sent staff to the Regional Water Consortium and this group. There needed to be a strong message to the group that Metro was a partner. She suggested a letter to the group expressing that message. **Councilor Park** suggested that MPAC be informed.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Deputy Presiding Officer McLain adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 10, 2001**

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NUMBER</b>
List of Transportation Projects under HB 2142	7/10/01	Letter to Bruce Warner, ODOT Director from JPACT concerning transportation funding	071001c-01
Council Transportation Policy Discussion	7/5/01	Memo from Rex Burkholder to Metro Council concerning MTIP	071001c-02
Proposed List of Council MTIP Priority Projects	6/22/01	Memo from Rex Burkholder and Rod Monroe to Metro Council concerning Council MTIP Priorities	071001c-03
Council Recommended MTIP Priority List and Matrix	no date	List from Andy Cotugno concerning MTIP Council Priorities and Staff Rankings	071001c-04
Proposed Future Improvements at Blue Lake Regional Park	4/4/01	Blue Lake Proposed improvement from Parks and Greenspaces to Council	071001c-05
2001 Oregon Transportation Investment Act Draft	7/3/01	Project Screening and Prioritization Factors applied by Oregon Transportation Commission to Metro Council from JPACT	071001c-06
Transit-Oriented Development Implementation Program	December 00	Gresham Civic Neighborhood TOD project Master Plan	071001c-07
News Release	7/10/01	Department of Land Conservation and Development News Release concerning DLCD Director Dick Benner leaving commission and coming to work for Metro	071001c-08