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Carlotta Collette represents District 2, which includes the cities of Gladstone, Johnson City, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Oregon City, Rivergrove and West Linn and a portion of Southwest Portland.



A message from Carlotta Collette

Since January, because I was up for election for my seat here at Metro, I've been prohibited from writing this segment of our District 2 newsletter. I am very happy to be able to communicate with you again, and deeply grateful for your support in electing me, by a wide margin.

One of my priorities for the coming years will be helping our region create a more efficient transportation system, one that will help us meet Oregon's goals for reducing greenhouse gases. My fourteen years' experience at the Northwest Power and Conservation Council gave me a deep understanding of how to use limited resources efficiently.

In the past three decades, the Power Council's partner states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana saved more than 3,700 megawatts of energy through efficiency improvements—all those smart new light bulbs, and green building and business practices paid off. We've saved enough power to more than meet the combined electricity needs of all of Idaho and western Montana. These savings cost a half to a third of what new power plants would have cost to supply the same amount of electricity. And we accomplished this at the same time that the Northwest grew at a record pace in both population and our economy.

These savings were based on two key concepts that apply as well to transportation as they do to energy use. The first is "least-cost planning," where the "costs" under consideration are environmental as well as capital. The second is known as "demand management," where we use energy more efficiently rather than just build new power plants.

On the transportation side, we determine our priorities by doing those things that have the lowest, long-term environmental and economic impacts first. We cut our need for new roads by investing in ways to help people accomplish the things they need to get done while reducing their reliance on cars (similar to helping people conserve energy).

By employing these two approaches we will be able to reduce traffic and congestion, clean up our air, and save billions of dollars in new roads and bridges. In Europe and other parts of the world, least-cost planning and traffic demand management approaches are becoming common practice. The Federal Highway Administration surveyed these innovative practices from around the world and deemed them "a profound new way of thinking about travel." This region literally wrote the book on least cost planning and demand management on the energy side. I propose we put our energy experience to work on our transportation system as well.

Read more about this at: http://international.fhwa.dot.gov/traveldemand/t1_p06.cfm#conclusions.

—Carlotta Collette

The Mayors' Institute on City Design convenes in Portland

As cities grow and space becomes increasingly limited, thoughtful urban planning and design becomes critical for successful cities. In response, city leaders, design professionals and the public are collaborating to advance sustainable development within their communities. To support and encourage these partnerships the Metro Council, Portland State University and the University of Oregon co-hosted a 2008 session of the Mayors' Institute on City Design (MICD) in Portland, from May 7 to 9. Since 1986, the Mayors' Institute has helped transform communities by preparing and inspiring mayors to be the chief urban designers of their cities. MICD is sponsored through a partnership of the National Endowment for the Arts, the United States Conference of Mayors and the American Architectural Foundation.

This conference brought together mayors from the Western United States who were joined by a resource team made up of a select group of planners, architects, developers and other experts from the United States and Canada. Resource team members included representatives from cities, universities, organizations and businesses throughout the region.

Ten mayors, including five from Oregon, attended the conference. Oregon mayors included Richard Kidd of Forest Grove, Shane Bemis of Gresham, Jim Bernard of Milwaukie, Bob Andrews of Newberg and Alice Norris of Oregon City. Other participating mayors from the West Coast included Sandi Bloem from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Len Augustine from Vacaville, California, Marty Blum from Santa Barbara, California, Ken Miyagishima from Las Cruces, New Mexico and Kaaren Jacobson from Bozeman, Montana.

The session commenced with a welcome reception at the University of Oregon's new facilities in the renovated White Stag building in Old Town Portland. Portland Mayor Tom Potter and Metro Council President David Bragdon opened the reception with a welcome address, which was followed by a panel discussion moderated by Randy Gragg, editor of

Portland Spaces. Metro Councilors Kathryn Harrington, Carlotta Collette, Robert Liberty and Rex Burkholder also attended the reception.

The rest of the sessions took place at the American Institute of Architecture's new facility in the Pearl District where the mayors were able to speak candidly about issues confronting their communities and gain insight from discussions with their peers and members of the resource team.

The successful conference ended with an outdoor dinner at the Portland Chinese Garden. Participating mayors, the resource team, Metro Council, city leaders, MICD representatives and partners from Portland State University and the University of Oregon gathered to reflect on the lessons learned and share design solutions to common growth issues many communities share.

Metro's new web site address

Metro's new online address, www.oregonmetro.gov, went into effect on May 1st. The change from the old ".org" address to the new ".gov" address is a key step in ensuring Metro's recognition as a governmental body. In addition, the website has been updated with a friendlier look and feel.

District 2 Events

Junior ranger program at Tryon Creek
1 to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 15

Children ages 6-12 are invited to join a park ranger to learn how to help protect our natural resources, plants and animals. Parental permission slip required. Cost is free. For more information, call 503-636-9886 ext. 225.

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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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