

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, June 17, 2008
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Rod Park, Rex Burkholder, Carl Hosticka, Deputy Council President Robert Liberty

Councilors Absent: Kathryn Harrington (excused), David Bragdon (excused), Carlotta Collette (excused)

Deputy Council President Liberty convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:01 p.m.

1. **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 19, 2008/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS**

Deputy Council President Liberty noted the June 19, 2008 Metro Council meeting was cancelled.

2. **NEW BRAND FOR ILLEGAL DISPOSAL CLEAN-UP PROGRAM**

Roy Brower and Tiffany Gates, Solid Waste and Recycling, talked about the Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) program and presented a Powerpoint presentation outlining the history and function of the illegal dumpsite cleanup program (see attachment). Councilor Park asked about tonnage pricing and associated costs. Mr. Brower talked about program goals. Councilor Burkholder asked where revenue made from funds generated from illegal dumping fines went. Mike Hogle, Solid Waste and Recycling Director, said the revenue goes back to Metro and was a line item in the Metro budget. Mr. Brower talked about increasing regional outreach regarding illegal dumping concerns. He said he thought branding would expand the program. He talked about program milestones.

Deputy Council President Liberty asked about variation in illegal dumpers. Mr. Brower said there are routine checks performed on Craigslist and other classified sites to identify people offering to 'dump for hire.' He said he did not have exact numbers breaking down illegal dumpers, but had an idea of illegal dumpers anecdotally. Councilor Park noted that issues did not revolve only around amount of dumping, but also around different locations where dumping occurs. Mr. Brower and Mr. Hogle talked about transient camps and public policy surrounding cleanup of such camps. Councilor Park asked about sending hazardous waste crews to assist with flood cleanup in Vernonia, Oregon. Councilor Park asked about additional Metro exposure on RID vehicles. Mr. Hogle said it was a collaborative effort with other jurisdictions. Councilor Burkholder said it would be nice to have Metro associated with such a good cause. Councilor Burkholder asked about collaboration with the Nature in Neighborhoods grant program. Mr. Brower said there was collaboration currently underway with the Nature in Neighborhoods grant program.

3. **DEISEL RETROFIT PROGRAM DEFINITION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY GRANT**

Mike Hogle, Solid Waste and Recycling Department Director, presented a Powerpoint presentation on the Regional Diesel Retrofit Program (see attachment). Deputy Council President Liberty asked about Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements. Mr. Hogle talked about disparities if the program were to be implemented somewhere else before the Metro region began implementation. Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, and Mr. Hogle talked about

recommendations involved in general fund allocation procedure. Councilor Burkholder said this was good because it encouraged change without total implemented regulation. He said monitoring was critical because it was a public investment. Councilor Burkholder said he favored a grant match. Councilor Hosticka said he was happy to follow through with the grant application and grant match, but said there should be a larger pot of money (possibly from the state level) to adequately solve the problem. Councilor Park talked about securing upfront money while the process was undertaken. He had concerns about Metro's role and responsibilities in such a voluntary action. Councilor Hosticka said he saw this topic as a regional issue. Deputy Council President Liberty talked about retrofit as part of the rate-setting process, and wondered if there would be significant participation from other local governments. He said he supported the pollution reduction goal but was not comfortable committing 80% of the next year's Opportunity Fund to this one project, especially given potential additional demands for the Greatest Place effort, and he further summarized what he had heard from Councilors – that submitting the grant application by July 1st (2008) and matching funds would be preferable. Deputy Council President Liberty disagreed with Councilor Burkholder on the exact dollar amount to match. Councilor Park talked about his concern with requesting funding for a voluntary action. Councilor Burkholder talked about developing a pilot project.

4. BREAK

5. MILWAUKIE LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE DISCUSSION

Bridget Wieghart, Planning Department, presented a Powerpoint presentation regarding the Portland to Milwaukie Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) (see attachment). Deputy Council President Liberty talked about support and opposition to station development. Councilor Park asked about timing in relation to building a station. Councilor Hosticka said he preferred the longer project option. Councilor Burkholder asked about the relative development potential in relation to Main Street. He asked, regarding individuals who parked at the Tacoma location, where people were coming from. Ms. Wieghart said primarily from the south (Milwaukie and other southern jurisdictions). Councilor Burkholder stressed there should be private participation in identifying funding sources for the project. Deputy Council President Liberty talked about issues with property costs, flood plains, and relative benefit. Councilor Burkholder talked about Clackamas County implementing an Urban Renewal Area to help with funding issues. Councilor Park asked about South Waterfront statistics in relation to ridership and trips. He asked if the addition of light rail increased transit efficiency. Councilor Burkholder asked if making the bridge multi-modal was safe and efficient.

6. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Park provided an update on the headquarters hotel and provided a timeline.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Deputy Council President Liberty adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
JUNE 17, 2008**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
2	Brand materials	6/17/08	Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Logo and Branding Materials, bumper sticker, window sticker and pamphlet, June 17, 2008.	061708cw-1
2	Powerpoint Presentation	6/17/08	Illegal Disposal Cleanup and Enforcement Program Update, Metro Council Work Session, June 17, 2008.	061708cw-2
3	Powerpoint Presentation	6/17/08	Regional Diesel Retrofit Program Definition and EPA Grant, Metro Council Work Session, June 17, 2008.	061708cw-3
5	Powerpoint Presentation	6/17/08	Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project, Path to a Locally Preferred Alternative, June 17, 2008.	061708cw-4