

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, November 4, 2008
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Kathryn Harrington, Rod Park, Carlotta Collette, Rex Burkholder, Carl Hosticka, Robert Liberty

Councilors Absent: David Bragdon (excused)

Deputy Council President Liberty convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 1:03 p.m.

1. **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 6, 2008/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS**

Deputy Council President Liberty reviewed the November 5th Budget meeting agenda and the November 6th, 2008 Metro Council agenda. Councilors asked about changed dates regarding Riverbend Landfill resolutions. Roy Brower, Regulatory Affairs Manager, discussed timelines and reasons for moving resolutions around. Councilor Burkholder was unsure how Riverbend decisions directly affected Metro in the short-term. Mr. Brower said there were not capacity issues. Deputy Council President Liberty asked about public testimony regarding Resolution No. 08-4001. Councilor Burkholder asked about Resolution No. 08-4002 and discussed Resolution No. 08-3999. Councilors discussed time to further Regional Transportation Plan discussions.

2. **WASTE REDUCTION AT OUTDOOR SCHOOL**

Freda Sherburne, Sustainability Center, introduced the Waste Reduction Education agenda component. She was interested in input on reimbursement policies for jurisdictions outside the urban growth boundary (UGB) versus inside. She discussed the work involved and was proud of the finished product. She said the intent of the program was for providers to integrate a waste reduction component into the outdoor school experience. She went through the "Request for Qualifications" meeting packet document (see meeting packet). Councilor Harrington asked about curriculum goals defined and where such documentation existed. Councilor Collette asked about current programs. She said she was concerned about expanding and serving citizens not currently served. Councilor Burkholder talked about ways to expand services. He said it was aimed at providers. Ms. Sherburne further discussed meeting packet materials regarding provider policy. Councilor Harrington asked about student transfers and programs that overlapped. Councilor Park asked about language addressing legal action and "complaints." Councilor Hosticka talked about disqualification processes. Councilor Harrington said she felt there were too many boundaries. Alison Kean Campbell, Deputy Metro Attorney, discussed legalities behind disqualifications including harassment and safety. She said language could be tailored. Councilor Collette talked about language involved in defining "threatening."

Councilor Harrington said source references required proper citation and referrals. Ms. Sherburne talked about including schools outside and inside the UGB into the outdoor school program. She requested Council input. She provided background information on

process and arguments for and against serving all eligible students. She discussed reimbursement processes. Deputy Council President Liberty asked about serving districts accurately and according to boundaries. Councilor Park asked if schools or students were reimbursed, and asked if reimbursement could be linked to students. Councilor Burkholder talked about difficulties in using home addresses as prerequisites for outdoor school funding. Councilors discussed different options, and possible ease of administration and implementation.

Councilor Collette said Option 2 was defensible. Councilor Hosticka was in favor of Option 2. Councilor Harrington favored Option 3. Councilor Burkholder favored Option 2. Councilor Hosticka said schools were used in the analysis. Councilor Park and Deputy Council President Liberty both agreed they favored Option 2. Patty Unfred, Communications Manager, talked about overarching goals for waste reduction. She discussed outreach strategies and efforts. Councilor Harrington asked which local officials were targeted. Ms. Unfred said school boards and school-level administrators. Councilor Harrington said city councils would most likely view outdoor school communications as outside of their purview.

Ms. Sherburne discussed outdoor school curriculum issues. Councilor Park wanted to note prescription drugs were ending up in stream flows and that should be addressed in curriculums. Deputy Council President Liberty noted over-consumption should be addressed in outdoor school curriculums. Councilor Park also noted soil health could be included in curriculums. Councilor Park talked about standardization across the agency for risk assessment.

3. SELLWOOD BRIDGE UPDATE

Deputy Council President Liberty introduced the Sellwood Bridge update agenda item. Ian Cannon, Multnomah County, discussed materials distributed (see attachments). They discussed alternatives and visual maps provided. Councilor Harrington asked about interchange positions. Mr. Cannon went through different Sellwood Bridge alternatives. Councilor Harrington asked how these alternatives affected the Springwater Corridor. Councilor Burkholder asked why such differences in closure time. Deputy Council President Liberty talked about property evictions. Mr. Cannon talked about the Environmental Impact Statement in addition to no-build options. Improvements and transit options were discussed. Mr. Cannon talked about phasing and total project costs (see attachments). Councilors discussed right-of-ways. Councilor Harrington asked about streetcar friendliness. Councilor Hosticka asked about Highway 43 disruptions and usage, and who specifically was impacted by the project. Councilor Burkholder asked about traffic projections.

Tim Collins, Planning, talked about direct connections to Highway 224. Cost estimates for closure periods were discussed. Councilor Park talked about spending habits and subsequent impacts for the Sellwood community. Councilor Burkholder asked about studies conducted involving tolling. Mr. Cannon said tolling would cut auto trips over the bridge in half and would create about \$70 million in revenue. Councilors discussed

the politics involved in placing tolls on certain bridges. Councilor Hosticka asked what “no-bridge” meant without the alternatives. Councilor Burkholder talked about the alternative scenarios if the bridge fell down. He noted the importance of documenting the effects of the bridge failing, and framing penalties for inaction.

Mr. Cannon discussed phasing concepts (see attachments). Councilor Harrington asked about the last time a 20-year phasing concept was completed according to plan. Deputy Council President Liberty summarized key components of the Sellwood Bridge discussion. Councilor Harrington hoped communities adjacent to the project area were supported and collaborated with, and that a connected relationship would develop into a bright partnered future. She said it was a complicated decision. Councilor Burkholder said the no-build design was unacceptable as well as doing nothing. He said the biggest issue was the question of finance. Councilors expressed support for looking at tolling options. Councilor Park said he was surprised about the elasticity of a \$1.70 toll. He talked about incremental differences in current functionality. He was concerned how much freight would use a new facility, and he was further concerned with how transit could be addressed in other ways. Councilor Collette was interested in the system-wide role of the bridge. She was concerned with tolling a certain and individual bridge, and noted that a rebuild was not just a patchwork job – but instead a complete rebuild of the bridge to last for 75 years. Councilor Hosticka favored Phase 1, and then favored building another bridge for pedestrian use and leaving the interchange alone. Councilor Harrington asked if 75 years was an absolute need.

4. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy Council President Liberty discussed absences.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Deputy Council President Liberty adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
 NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	11/5/08	Agenda: Metro Council budget work session, November 5, 2008	110408cw-1
1	Agenda	11/6/08	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, November 6, 2008	110408cw-2
2	Draft	10/31/08	Draft: Enhanced waste reduction education at Outdoor School Communication plan, Revised draft, November 4, 2008	110408cw-3
2	List	11/4/08	Schools with 6 th grade classes outside Metro Boundary, November 4, 2008	110408cw-4
2	List	11/4/08	Specific activities from curriculum resources, November 4, 2008	110408cw-5
2	Evaluation	11/4/08	Metro/ODS Program Evaluation, November 4, 2008	110408cw-6
2	Draft	11/4/08	Draft: ODS Waste Reduction Objectives, November 4, 2008	110408cw-7
3	Packet	11/4/08	Sellwood Bridge Project, Update to the Metro Council, November 4, 2008	110408cw-8
3	Worksheet	11/4/08	Work Session Worksheet, Sellwood Bridge Project Update and Consultation, November 4, 2008	110408cw-9
3	Maps	11/4/08	Alternatives carried forward to the DEIS, Sellwood Bridge Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement, November 4, 2008	110408cw-10
3	Packet	11/4/08	Sellwood Bridge Project, Multnomah County to the Metro Council briefing packet, November 4, 2008	110408cw-11