

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 22, 2009  
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President) Kathryn Harrington (Deputy Council President), Robert Liberty, Rex Burkholder, Rod Park, Carlotta Collette

Councilors Absent: Carl Hosticka (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:01 p.m.

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

### 3. COLUMBIA SLOUGH WATERSHED COUNCIL AWARD TO JAMES DAVIS

Melissa Sandoz, Columbia Slough Watershed Council presented James Davis the Columbia Slough Watershed Council's Leadership Award, which recognize "individuals who demonstrate an extraordinary and long-term commitment to the watershed." Councilors added their appreciation of Mr. Davis' work and their congratulations on the award. Mr. Davis talked about the Columbia Slough Watershed Council. He said this award meant a great deal to him.

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of Minutes for the January 15, 2009 Metro Council Regular Meeting.

Motion: 

Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the January 15, 2009 Regular Metro Council.
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Vote: 

Councilors Burkholder, Harrington, Liberty, Park, Collette and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.
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### 5. ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

5.1 **Ordinance No. 09-1209**, Amending the FY 2008-09 Budget and Appropriations Schedule Transferring Appropriations From Contingency For the Integrated Mobility Strategy, Adding 1.0 FTE Project Leader and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Ordinance No. 09-1209.
Seconded:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion.

Councilor Burkholder summarized the staff report for Ordinance No. 09-1209 and provided some background for the Integrated Mobility Strategy. He urged support.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 09-1209. No one came forward. Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Council President Bragdon said he thought there were some tangible things that were already occurring on this strategy. He talked about local partnerships. There was a lot of opportunity and enthusiasm for this project.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Harrington, Liberty and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.
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## 6. RESOLUTIONS

6.1 **Resolution No. 09-4016**, For the Purpose of Endorsing a Regional Position on Reauthorization of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Act: A Legacy For Users (SAFETEA-LU).

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4016.
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

Councilor Burkholder said Metro had been called the template for America. This package before Council today was a compilation of policies. He provided some history of this regional position. He reviewed the list of policies. Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) had endorsed the resolution which included a list of projects. They were looking at an integrated mobility system including freight, biking and walking trails, as well as maintenance. He noted the projects were solicited from every part of the region. This request was for the next six years of federal transportation funding. He acknowledged Councilors Liberty and Harrington for their work on JPACT.

Council President Bragdon opened a public hearing on Resolution No. 09-4016.

Terry Parker, PO Box 13503, Portland, Oregon 97213 read his testimony into the record (a copy of which is included in the record).

Council President Bragdon closed the public hearing.

Councilor Liberty said he appreciated the work of his colleagues as well as securing the support of JPACT. He further explained his vote. He said they were promoting a regional mobility strategy. He explained further the regional model. He had one caveat, the Columbia River Crossing. He shared his reservations on this project.

Councilor Harrington said her question to Andy Cotugno, Strategy Center, related to greenhouse gases and climate change. She wanted a reminder of where it was in the policy paper that we were implementing best practices during construction phases so we were not adding to the impact. Mr. Cotugno said on page 3, it identified six top line issues. They were urging integrating the federal transportation policy with the climate change policy. The connection should be viewed as system-wide. They had not spoken to construction practices in this document. Councilor Harrington suggested several opportunities for integration.

Councilor Park thanked all of the councilors who had worked on this resolution. He felt what was significant was that the people were now looking at a model of integrating transportation with land use.

He talked about the need to maintain our system. Council President Bragdon said this region was providing leadership for the nation. He felt the new administration would be receptive as well as pushing for a similar package. He also said the condition that was important to notice was that other cities such as Salt Lake City had developed a light rail system. He felt it was an exciting time and looked forward to the changes in federal transportation planning.

Councilor Burkholder urged support. What they were looking at was telling the story. He acknowledged all of those who had worked on this document, particularly Mr. Cotugno.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Harrington, Liberty and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.
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## **7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Michael Jordan, COO, was not present. Margo Norton, Finance Director, said tomorrow the leadership team and finance group would be working with Michael Jordan on the budget at a retreat at the Zoo.

## **8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Liberty said he would be gone for a week in March.

Councilor Harrington said many of them had had the opportunity to take a ride of WES, which would be open to the public February 2<sup>nd</sup>. She talked about traveling the route. She urged the public to participate in the upcoming activities at each of the stations. It was an interesting way to see different areas such as parks and wetlands. Councilor Collette said it was a great opportunity to see some of Metro's open spaces. Council President Bragdon said he would be writing up a natural and history guide for the trip. Councilor Park suggested signage for the natural areas.

Councilor Park said through Innovation Partnership he had to opportunity to look at how schools were integrated into the neighborhoods. He said Constance Beaumont did a good job of talking about parking issues when the schools were far away from the neighborhoods. She also talked about rehabbing older buildings. Councilor Liberty talked about Ms. Beaumont's experience in building and community design. He suggested bringing her in to talk with Council.

Councilor Collette reported on the State of the Cities presentation yesterday in Clackamas County. She talked about the infrastructure constraints they had addressed in their speeches.

Councilor Harrington said at the Westside Economic Alliance this morning four mayors presented. They also recognized the need for infrastructure financing but talked specifically about water, roads and sewer. They also spoke to collaboration and regionalism.

Councilor Burkholder introduced the Federal Economic Stimulus package. Metro had the responsibility of programming the dollars in Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and to ensure that these projects were doable.

Andy Shaw, Strategy Center, reviewed the Federal Economic Stimulus Update (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). He spoke to deadlines and timelines to spend the money once the bill was signed into law. He noted that the whole timeline may shift and change. He spoke to early analysis and what money would have to be obligated. He said they had tried to capture projects that had much of the

planning out of the way. The second set of projects allowed for a more expansive thoughtful set of projects. They were looking, however, at a more narrow set of projects that many had seen from the aspiration list.

Councilor Liberty said it would be helpful to mention the amount that Oregon could potentially receive. Mr. Shaw responded to his question. The funding was reflected on an attachment to the record, titled "Transportation Weekly." Councilor Park talked about the cuts from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) funding several years ago and asked if this was about the same amount. Mr. Shaw said he thought the amount was about \$200 million. Councilor Burkholder said the projects were going to be very specific. He spoke to the issue of equity within the State. There was a historical distribution that we should aim for. Councilor Collette said they were talking about roads and bridges not transit. Mr. Shaw said that was correct. He said the transit funding piece had a much longer timeframe. Councilor Liberty asked about sidewalk projects. Mr. Shaw said they raised the issue with ODOT. He noted timing risks. Councilor Harrington said as this moved forward, will there be requirement in justifying that these projects will have an impact with job creation? Mr. Shaw said there were 30, 60, 90 day reporting process for how you use the funds.

Ted Leybold, Regional Planning, talked about the role of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and how they would go through the MTIP process. The yellow sheet summarized the likely timelines including public comment. There were three different processes which related to the kinds of projects they wanted to take through the MTIP process. He provided some examples and reviewed all three of the processes for specific projects. Councilor Burkholder asked if Transportation Policy Alternative Committee (TPAC) was a necessary step or could it go through JPACT and Metro Council. Mr. Shaw said they weren't going through the TPAC process for some projects but those which must consider air quality conformity had to go through TPAC. He explained what things would cause a project to stop.

Councilor Park asked if there would be time for a filtering for ongoing stimulus after the project was complete, such as opening up a new industrial site. Mr. Shaw said he imagined that reporting back to the federal government would spur such suggestions. Councilor Park talked about secondary effects. Councilor Collette asked about the transit projects. Was that coming out of the \$30 billion? Mr. Shaw said when you get to the longer timeframes the transit funds could be considered. Mr. Leybold talked about amending the MTIP and that transit could run on a separate parallel path.

Councilor Harrington asked about the project process. Mr. Shaw responded that the yellow sheet was illustrative of the different project processes. Councilor Harrington said a lot of these projects were in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the MTIP. Mr. Leybold said any project that was put in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) would have to be in the RTP. He explained the process for new projects that were not included in the RTP yet. Councilor Harrington said they were trying to make sure that our region received the necessary dollars.

Councilor Burkholder said they were still working to make sure these projects followed the policy guidance adopted by JPACT and Metro Council. Councilor Liberty suggested describing the level of uncertainty of the dollars. He wanted to know about the variability they could expect. Mr. Cotugno said the current SAFETEA-LU was the framework for the proposed project funds. He also talked about the new start category but it was not yet decided. Councilor Liberty said part of the stimulus package was related to transportation but there were other parts that related to other infrastructure funding. Mr. Shaw talked about the other categories such as schools, tax relief, etc. Councilor Park clarified that these projects would have already had a public vetting. These were all locally requested projects. Mr. Cotugno said yes. There were multiple approval steps, some of which had already been done.

Mr. Shaw said at the bottom of the white memo there was a proposed process outline. He asked for feedback. This was a process to develop a list quickly. Councilors indicated that there were no obstacles that came to mind. Councilor Collette asked if they had already had conversations with local partners. Mr. Shaw said they had brought the stimulus package up twice at JPACT. Councilor Burkholder noted that this was our job to do and an opportunity for our region.

**9. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:25p.m.

Prepared by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Billington', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right and then loops back down towards the text below.

Chris Billington  
Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF  
JANUARY 22, 2009**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
4.1	Minutes	1/15/09	Metro Council Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2009	012209c-01
6.1	Testimony	1/22/09	To: Metro Council From: Terry Moore Re: Resolution No. 09-4016	012209c-02
6.1	Technical change to Resolution No. 09-4016	1/22/09	<b>Resolution No. 09-4016</b> , For the Purpose of Endorsing a Regional Position on Reauthorization of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Act: A Legacy For Users (SAFETEA-LU).	012209c-03
8.0	Memo and attachments	1/22/09	To: Metro Council From: Andy Shaw, Andy Cotugno and Ted Leybold, Strategy Center Re: Federal Economic Stimulus Update	012209c-04