

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, July 7, 2009
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Rod Park, Carlotta Collette, Rex Burkholder, Carl Hosticka, Robert Liberty

Councilors Absent: Kathryn Harrington (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 1:05 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, JULY 9, 2009/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Council President Bragdon reviewed the July 9, 2009 Metro Council agenda. Deputy Chief Operating Officer Scott Robinson said there was no communication needed today.

2. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS: DISCUSSION

Deena Platman, Metro Planner introduced Jim Peters DKS Associates. Ms. Platman also introduced the transportation management systems presentation. Councilor Liberty asked for history on DKS Associates from Mr. Peters. Mr. Peters explained his history with the firm and DKS' involvement in transportation planning on the west coast. Councilor Park asked about the vehicle per hour/per lane number and how that can be affected by the day of the week and geographical region of the driver. Council President Bragdon asked about the capacity issue and how it is possible to reduce the possible capacity once the initial maximum capacity is reached. Mr. Peters answered the questions from Council. Councilor Hosticka asked Mr. Peters what is being done for the weather management aspect of Transportation Systems Management Operations (TSMO). Councilor Park asked about the data that is transmitted into iPhones and GPS systems for traffic updates. Councilor Park also asked if there are places in America or world-wide that is ahead of where Portland is currently. Mr. Peters gave an example of Boise, Idaho and the peak congestion traffic there lasting only 20-30 minutes.

Ms. Platman began discussing enhanced regional travel options strategies. Councilor Liberty asked about pricing parking before a "center" has become successful, and why that would be a strategy when free parking is ideal for attracting drivers to park there. Mr. Peters discussed three planned traffic management strategies. Councilor Burkholder asked if it is possible to set traffic lights to accommodate bike commuters rather than people commuting by car, as that would increase bike ridership with less stops. Ms. Platman compared the investment amounts for the projects in the I-5 central city to Clark County Corridor. She explained that the TSMO plan cost is only approximately 4% of the state RTP financial target. Councilor Park asked what the return on investment is on the

4% investment that would be made. Councilor Liberty asked about a past presentation for a carpool project that Council had seen, and whether or not that project was included in the proposed amount.

3. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATIONS

At the Washington County Coordinating Committee meeting yesterday that the only action taken was to reduce the transportation demand tax. Councilor Liberty mentioned that he had a meeting with Washington County Chair Tom Brian. Councilor Park discussed the Blue Lake Park Fourth of July celebration. Council had a discussion regarding the MERC Commission Ordinance.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Hand', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
July 7, 2009

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	07/09/09	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, July 9, 2009	070709cw-1
2	Handout	07/07/09	The Transportation system management and operations (TSMO), presentation slides	070709cw-2