

## **MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING**

Tuesday, November 24, 2009  
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Kathryn Harrington and Carl Hosticka.

Council President David Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:03p.m.

### **1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 26, 2009, ADMINISTRATIVE/ CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS**

COO Michael Jordan announced that he will be meeting with Councilors regarding the draft code amendments to Title 6. It will also be sent to MERC commissioners for review with a scheduled first read on December 10, 2009.

President Bragdon announced that MERC Commissioner Susan McClain has decided that she would like to be reappointed.

### **2. INVESTMENT/INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE PROGRESS REPORT**

Councilor Liberty reminded the Council that several months ago presentations were given on venture capital related to infrastructure finance. Today Andy Shaw will brief the Council on place making investments so that we can continue the discussion around making strategic infrastructure investments.

Mr. Andy Shaw updated the Council on the progress of investment and infrastructure. An important purpose of the process is to get at an inflection point for implementation of the 2040 plan. As resources shrink it is necessary to bring a range of flexible funding options to meet the growing needs of the region. Previously proposed actions include concluding the CET extension process and beginning infrastructure finance engagement with the public and private sector. Over the summer staff added conducting a centers and corridors EAG and making MGP investment recommendations.

There are three distinctive strategic phases for the infrastructure finance and investments project; regional strategy engagement, legislative process and ballot measure. Currently we are in the regional strategy engagement portion of this process and have already learned that bandwidth and timing are crucial. The structure of the project itself involves interaction and coordination between the steering committee, project management, the Council, policy development, technical needs and development lists.

The Council discussed the need for unconventional actions, criteria for funding, whether the subject will go to MPAC and the initial support from engagement committees.

### **3. CORRIDOR REFINEMENT PRIORITIZATION**

Mr. Ross Roberts and Ms. Deborah Redman updated the Council on the corridor refinement prioritization process. Initially staff agreed to prioritize five corridors and currently have a draft version of this process. Attachment A to the memo includes a chart that shows technical rankings, local support, readiness and scope of the project. The goal is to stagger the work on each of the 7 corridors starting in 2010. TPAC has suggested that a decision on corridor prioritization should occur in the January timeframe along with an HCT decision.

Lidwien Rahman from ODOT then answered Council questions from the audience regarding the mobility corridor concept and design workshops relating to use of right of way.

Councilor Burkholder commented that he appreciates the new chart (attachment A), as the RTP project list is difficult to read and understand clearly. Councilor Collette suggested that each corridor also include a ranking for level of support (high, medium or low) by adding numerical values to the information that we already have. Councilor Burkholder suggested that the readiness category be explicitly stated under local commitment and support. Councilor Liberty clarified that the “or” in Corridor #4 OR #7, #8 and #9 is mean to portray that one will happen before the other but which one has not been determined yet.

President Bragdon expressed concern that the City of Tualatin is opposed to a corridor study of 1-5 near Tualatin and inquired to the reasoning behind the stance. Andy Cotugno suggested that they may be opposed to it because the last fairly expensive corridor study done in the jurisdiction did not lead to a project and that the long-term decision will have effects on other arterials which will be a difficult issue to handle.

### **4. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/ COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Collette announced that the evaluation of the Serengeti exhibit at the Zoo by a private auditor was very positive. She also discussed the transportation policy group meeting held on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Lastly she reminded the Council that letters of support for Connect Oregon III must be submitted by the end of January.

Councilor Park asked whether the Council had the time to take a stance on the RTP greenhouse gas emissions issue before the next JPACT meeting.

Councilor Liberty talked about a tour he took with Councilor Park of urban reserves areas.

President Bragdon adjourned the work session at 3:52 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF  
NOVEMBER 24, 2009**

| <b>Item</b> | <b>Topic</b> | <b>Doc. Date</b> | <b>Document Description</b>  | <b>Doc. Number</b> |
|-------------|--------------|------------------|--|--------------------|
| 1           | Memo         | 11/24/09         | To: Metro Council<br>From: Ross Roberts, Deborah Redman<br>Re: Staff Proposal for Corridor Refinement Plan/HCT Corridor Phasing and Funding. | 112409cw-1         |
| 2           | Attachment   | 11/24/09         | Draft Schedule of Completion of Corridor Refinement Plan and Near-Term High-Capacity Transit Plans over Next 10 Years                        | 112409cw-2         |
| 3           | Attachment   | N/A              | Discussion Item #4 Attachment A: Corridor Prioritization Chart   | 112409cw-3         |