

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, December 8, 2009
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: None

Council President David Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:01p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 8, 2009, ADMINISTRATIVE/ CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

COO Michael Jordan reminded the Council that he will be checking in with each of them regarding potential amendments to Title 6.

2. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Councilor Collette introduced the agenda item, commenting that at their last meeting MPAC recommended incorporating the City of Portland's greenhouse gas amendment to the RTP. TPAC however recommend that the amendment not be incorporated. JPACT will discuss the issue at Thursday's meeting.

Ms. Kim Ellis then briefed the Council on the issues and options for moving forward. The three main options are to support the amendment as proposed, support the amendment with modifications or do not support the amendment at all. Per Councilor Collette's staff has come up with modifications for the amendment, which are included in the meeting packet. Under the section "Implications and Discussions" in Ms. Ellis' memo, staff has laid out what work would need to be done should the amendment pass. Staff would like the Council to provide input on behalf of Metro at the JPACT meeting tomorrow and has suggested the draft RTP amendments included in the meeting packet document titled "Climate Change Action Plan." In summary, the modifications direct staff to make amendments to the RTP as greenhouse gas measurement tools become available and to work on developing such tools.

Councilor Hosticka questioned why the amendments are silent on when the RTP would be adopted. Ms. Ellis responded that the reasoning is unclear to staff as well. Councilor Collette commented that if the goal of the amendment is for projects to be eliminated from the RTP project list, hard data will be needed to back the decisions. A better goal is to strengthen the resolve of the language to more specifically address the need for greenhouse gas reductions and look into analyzing projects when the technology becomes available. Councilor Burkholder added that at this point it is very difficult to analyze climate change effects of transportation projects cohesively by incorporating land use factors.

Councilor Harrington suggested the language in the first of the new "Be it Resolved Actions be changed from "...~~suggests~~ that new RTP policies..." to "...demonstrate new RTP policies..."

3. CONSERVATION EDUCATION INITIATIVE UPDATE

Councilor Burkholder introduced the agenda item, commenting that conservation education is a component of the Intertwine that aims to connect the efforts of different entities around the region trying to deliver this service and identify what role Metro can play.

Ms. Stacey Triplett updated the Council on the conservation education efforts being done as part of the Intertwine. The goals staff has been working towards this year are:

- Determine the greatest need for coordination;
- Build linkages across providers for public/private funding opportunities;
- Connect Zoo campus with regional providers.

The suggested work plan to achieve these goals involved a gap analysis process, partnering with existing efforts and engaging the zoo campus concept group. This year a pilot asset inventory was conducted which focused on the conservation education population and their needs and assets. Efforts to connect formal and non-formal education entities and identify funding opportunities were in very high demand among the conservation education population. As a part of the Intertwine effort staff will be launching a quarterly council to provide a forum for discussing and finding solutions to problems.

Councilor Liberty confirmed that 75% of conservation education programs have formal school connections but a majority of these are still funded and run by non-profits. Councilor Colette confirmed that the idea of the new zoo facility serving as the Intertwine Conservation facility is being considered.

4. RESERVES PROPOSAL

Councilor Hosticka presented he and President Bragdon's reserves proposal. The purpose of the proposal is to guide the conversation a give it some focus before the December 17th IGA discussion release. Because it is being proposed by Councilors Hosticka and Bragdon, none of the other Councilors are obligated to defend it. The proposal includes approximately 28,000 acres of urban reserves and 230,000 acres of rural reserves. Councilor Hosticka then reviewed some of the specific areas of the proposal, which can be viewed in memo in the meeting attachments.

Councilor Hosticka requested that the current proposed Core 4 map be included so that readers can compare the two. He also requested that the color of the UGB be changed on the Hosticka/Bragdon map so that it is more distinguishable.

The Council agreed that the rural reserves areas in the proposal need a little more refinement before Thursday's Council meeting. They agreed that if there isn't a strategic reason for leaving land undesignated, it should be classified as rural reserves.

Councilor Harrington clarified that the resolution for action on December 17th is a template for the text of the agreement and one map, not multiple.

5. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/ COMMUNICATION

Councilor Liberty briefed the Council on the first policy center group meeting which took place on the morning of December 8th.

Councilor Harrington requested a summary of the Construction Excise Tax grant applications including the location of the applicants by district.

President Bragdon adjourned the work session at 4:30p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
DECEMBER 8, 2009**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	12/10/09	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, December 10, 2009.	120809cw-1
2	Handout	12/7/09	Discussion Draft from TriMet Re: Proposed Amendment for the RTP	120809cw-2
3	Handout	12/8/09	Climate Change Action Plan: Draft RTP Amendments	120809cw-3
4	Memo	12/8/09	To: Metro Councilors From: President Bragdon and Councilor Hosticka Re: Proposal for Designation of Urban and Rural Reserves	120809cw-4
5	Map	12/8/09	David Bragdon/Carl Hosticka reserves proposal map	120809cw-5