

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

Tuesday, January 19, 2010  
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 2:02 p.m.

### **1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, January 21, 2009, ADMINISTRATIVE/ CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Bragdon informed the Council that Councilor Collette agreed to oversee a committee for the oversight ordinance. He also said that a group of people from Metro will attend the State of the Industry breakfast.

COO Michael Jordan notified Council that senior leadership would not be in the office on Friday, January 22, and reminded Councilors of Urban and Rural Reserves hearings on January 19 and 20.

### **2. MGP ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY DISCUSSION FOR 2010**

Regional Planning Director Robin McArthur presented a draft of the “Integrated investment strategy” (IIS) for the MGP project and asked for Councilor’s input, which will be used to refine work programs, flesh out an engagement strategy, and to help develop an agenda to bring to MPAC and JPACT meetings in the future. Metro is at a juncture where implementation of the MGP project can begin, using the draft IIS presented to the Council (see handout) as a guide. The purpose of the investment strategy is to focus implementation efforts, target and integrate investments, and to embody all of Metro’s investments in one strategy that explains how efforts are being focused to get Region 2040 off the ground. A final IIS is hoped for at the end of the year.

Councilors made comments on the draft IIS on issues such as community toolkits and the different tools Metro can offer to communities, helping communities with planning and designing good investment projects, addressing economic and job development in the IIS, and addressing how market and private decisions are affected by the issues in the IIS.

Jim Desmond from the Sustainability Center, Mr. Jordan, and Councilor Bragdon referred to the importance of collaborating and maintaining dialogues with different stakeholders to create a comprehensive investment strategy and to create operating efficiencies and give Metro the credibility to bring a comprehensive investment strategy to LCDC.

### **3. BREAK**

### **4. COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING SPONSORS’ COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Councilor Bragdon gave a summary of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) option approved by the Council, which includes a replacement bridge with light rail, funded by tolls. He handed out a letter written by himself, Mayor Sam Adams of Portland, Vancouver Mayor Tim Leavitt and Clark County Commissioner Chair Steve Stuart, that was sent to the governors of Washington and Oregon requesting

more collaboration between state and local governments and with suggestions on how to restructure the delivery of the CRC project.

Andy Cotugno from the Strategy Center discussed his work with the Performance Measures Advisory Group (PMAG). PMAG is charged by the Project Sponsors' Council with developing performance measures to help assure that the objectives of the CRC project are realized. Thus far PMAG has developed a framework of goals and objectives for the project and potential performance measures, and from there more specific performance measures will be determined.

Councilor Bragdon stressed that this approach to design and management of the CRC project is more sophisticated and nuanced than traditional approaches because it manages toward specific outcomes and will lead to better performance and utilization of capital.

Councilors had questions and comments about PMAG's work on the CRC project, on issues such as greenhouse gas emissions and pollution arising from bridge construction, who would actually adopt the performance measures, the possibility of independent access to Hayden Island, and how the issue of salmon welfare fits into the CRC project and performance measures.

Councilor Harrington asked for clarification on what is the ultimate milestone that we are working toward. Mr. Cotugno said we need a "Record of Decision" where all involved agencies sign off on the project.

Ross Roberts of the Planning Department discussed the project's design refinement phase: looking at ways to reduce costs but preserve the functionality of the project. He mentioned three specific changes proposed to the CRC project and Councilors discussed. They also discussed the details of options for tolling on the bridge.

Councilor Liberty observed that on the map handout, it looks as though the bridge itself is only a small part of a greater freeway-expansion project, and that it might therefore be cheaper to invest in increasing mobility in the other areas highlighted on the map. Councilor Collette asked for clarification on the pricing for the light rail aspect of the CRC project.

Councilor Bragdon briefly summarized the intentions of the letter he and his colleagues wrote: to get serious about performance measures, to start assessing the realistic ability to pay for different sources of funding, asking for independent analysis on some of the factors in the project design, and asking for the decision making to be more collaborative.

## **5. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/ COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Harrington reminded the Council that the Reserves hearings and related processes are nearing their end and handed out a document detailing logistics for the upcoming events.

Councilor Liberty informed Council that he is attending the New Partners for Smart Growth conference, not representing Metro, but that he would be glad to advance Metro's agenda if the opportunity arises.

Adjourn 4:17 PM  
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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF**  
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5	Agenda	1/19/10	CRC Update and Discussion	011910cw-5
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