

# MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

September 21, 2010  
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Kathryn Harrington, Rod Park, Carlotta Collette, Rex Burkholder, Robert Liberty, Carl Hosticka

Councilors Absent: None

Deputy Council President Carlotta Collette convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:02 p.m.

## **1. ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS**

Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer, reported to the Council that he testified to the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee in front of Chairman Representative Brian Clem. Mr. Jordan spoke with a panel including John Chandler, Richard Whitman, and Duke Shepard regarding development of Urban Growth Boundaries.

## **2. LAKE OSWEGO TO PORTLAND TRANSIT PROJECT – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

Ross Robert, Bridget Wieghart, and Jamie Snook were present to discuss the Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project. Ms. Wieghart provided a refresher in all of the work that has occurred since the last presentation at a work session. The team is anticipating the publication of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in fall of 2010 with adoption of a Locally Preferred Alternative in the winter. The PowerPoint presentation included information about the status of plans for project funding and analysis highlights including capital, operation and maintenance costs, ridership, travel time, and environmental impacts. The number of households in much of the corridor will be increasing more quickly than the regional average and a better transit alternative is needed in order to prevent congestion. There is the issue that some property owners and community members are concerned about the project which will mean close coordination between project partners and good communication will be paramount. The team asked the Council for feedback regarding the project benefits, outreach and messaging, and any other questions or concerns.

Council asked for more clarification on data including forecast modeling, development opportunities, travel time or mobility savings, and per dollar amount of investment. The Council asked for more research into the implications of the no-build scenario. Further discussion also included the reality of receiving 60% from federal funds for the street rail option and asked for reflection of different outcomes in the next presentation.

## **3. HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT ON THE LAKE OSWEGO TO PORTLAND TRANSIT PROJECT – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

Kathryn Sofich and Jamie Snook presented the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) on the Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project, a new type of assessment. Ms. Sofich reminded the Council that Metro works directly to benefit human health and provided some background to this new project. Metro began partnering with Community Health Partnership (CHP) to identify a transportation project to conduct a Health Impact Assessment (HIA). The Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project is the pilot project and was picked because it was an opportunity to use the work already being put into the DEIS, there is more opportunity for replicability within Metro's future projects. Results will be disseminated via public comment period for opportunity in education. There is ongoing outreach to identify public engagement opportunities, provide consistency and coordination between HIA and DEIS, and brown bags at Metro to educate employees and receive feedback.

The Council asked if a standard methodology for an HIA existed and asked the team to be prepared for these types of questions in the public comment period. There was consensus of support for this project and the Council asked for more information on the positives and negatives of this process for future work sessions.

#### **4. METRO INTERNET SURVEY PANEL - INFORMATION**

Jim Middaugh presented the Council a new project with the goal of receiving feedback and affirmation to proceed. Mr. Middaugh described the internet survey panel as a new tool to engage a wider demographic in Metro surveys. Currently, Metro struggles to adequately engage a diverse group of people and this is another option for getting in touch with the public. The internet survey would allow people to opt in to give Metro their opinion. These people would provide their demographic information and then have the opportunity to respond to surveys. By providing demographic information it will be easier to determine which demographics are not participating and work to better target these groups. The goal is to work with other regional partners in order to best present and utilize this tool.

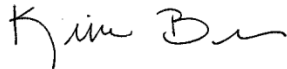
Council discussed and asked how often the demographic information would be updated. Councilors also asked for more information on the metrics of what has been responded to with the current surveys. There was general consensus to keep moving forward on this project.

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

Councilor Robert Liberty briefed the Council on the reception with the CIS partners for the next week and asked if anyone needed a reminder or copies of more information.

Adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

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