



MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

February 22, 2011
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Tom Hughes (Council President), Carlotta Collette, Kathryn Harrington, Shirley Craddick, Rex Burkholder, Carl Hosticka

Councilors Absent: None

Council President Tom Hughes convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:03 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 24, 2011/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Michael Jordan, COO, discussed the routine for the Metro Regional Center in the case of a weather canceled work day. Mr. Jordan also discussed options for postponing the Council regular meeting if necessary including the option of a Friday regular meeting.

Dan Cooper and Robin McArthur, Metro, discussed a discrepancy in the capacity ordinance. The version passed and signed in the Council regular meeting was the not the version sent down to Salem. For now it is necessary to clarify the record and in the future there will need to be a decision on whether or not the Council would like to amend the language.

2. BRIEFING ON THE EXPO CENTER CONDITIONAL USE MASTER PLAN – INFORMATION

Teri Dresler, Metro, introduced all of the presenters including Chris Bailey and Cheryl Twete, Metro. Mr. Bailey provided a brief history of the Expo center and the Conditional Use Master Plan (CUMP). The Expo's current Master Plan was required by the City of Portland as a condition in approving the construction of Hall D in 2000-2001. Ms. Twete explained the first CUMP was approved in June 2001 and expires June 2011; an update is needed to guide the Expo Center for the next ten years. MERC Resolution 10/12 authorized Shiels Obletz Johnson Inc., to conduct a Master Plan and submit a Land Use Review Application in accordance with requirements established by the City of Portland. The new master plan is similar to the old one with updates for the transportation management plan, specifically with the future work on the Columbia River Crossing, storm management, and new construction.

Councilors asked clarifying questions including if there would be enough time to submit this Conditional Use Master Plan before the deadline, more information on parking and transportation with Trimet, and asked that a resolution would be brought to Council. The Council also discussed the issues surrounding the effects of the CRC on the Expo Center.

3. LAKE OSWEGO TO PORTLAND TRANSIT PROJECT LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE-INFORMATION

Councilor Carlotta Collette provided an introduction of presenters Bridget Wieghart, Karen Withrow and Jamie Snook, Metro. The presenters provided a PowerPoint presentation with background information and the findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) as well as information on the Locally Preferred Alternative. The DEIS includes three transit alternatives between Lake Oswego and Portland including no build, enhanced bus and streetcar.

The presentation included a summary of all three options. The Locally Preferred Alternative consists of key decision points including mode, alignment and terminus. There is no alignment consideration for enhanced bus and the streetcar alternative is looking at a total of five phasing and design options throughout the corridor. Ms. Wieghart also provided the Project Management Group recommendation to be reviewed at a future time.

The Council asked clarifying questions including what the stipulations on the land available is for the transit corridor and for more information on the interest at public houses. Councilors also asked for more information on the role of local governments and expressed interest in continuing to receive more information as the process of work on the Locally Preferred Alternative continues.

4. CREATING A CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES STRATEGY USING SCENARIOS – INFORMATION

Robin McArthur, Metro, introduced the agenda item noting April 1st would be the next major event with one more meeting with the Council before this date. Kim Ellis, Metro, provided a brief overview of the three phases including Phase 1: scenario framing, research and tool implementation, Phase 2: alternative preferred scenario analysis and Phase 3: preferred scenario selection. Ms. Ellis went into further depth of Phase 1 with more information on what scenarios are and how to define the scenarios. Mike Heglund, Metro, gave an overview of the state analytical approach to setting GHG targets for MPOs. A goal of the Climate Smart Communities Strategy is to further advance 2040 implementation, local aspirations and the public and private investments needed to build great communities and meet state climate goals.

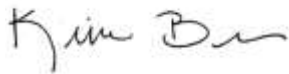
The Council asked for future work to stay broad in order to prevent losing options. Councilors provided feedback and expressed interest in continuing to work on the project.

5. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

Councilors provided brief overviews of meetings from the past week. Councilor Carl Hosticka gave a brief update on action in the legislature.

Adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
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Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	2/22/11	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, February 24, 2011	22211cw-1
2	Handout	01/2011	Expo Center Conditional Use Master Plan	22211cw-2
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4	Handout	2/22/11	LOTP Locally Preferred Alternative	22211cw-4
5	Handout	2/22/11	Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project Discussion Draft Phase 1	22211cw-5
6	PowerPoint	2/22/11	Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Overview of State Analytical Approach to Setting GHG Targets for MPOs	22211cw-6
7	Handout	2/1/11	Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the Transportation Sector - Oregon Sustainable Transportation Initiative Overview	22211cw-7
8	Handout	2/22/11	Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Q&A	22211cw-8
9	Handout	2/22/11	CRC Bridge Type Recommendations	22211cw-9