



MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

May 31, 2011
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Councilor Rex Burkholder (excused)

Council President Tom Hughes convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE/ CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Dan Cooper, Chief Operating Office, asked the Council for questions regarding the draft Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission response. The Council supported of the draft.

2. COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTION NO. 11-4264 - INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Andy Cotugno of Metro introduced Henry Hewitt, Nancy Boyd, Kris Strickler of the Columbia River Crossing. Mr. Cotugno noted by Resolution No. 08-3960B the Metro Council approved the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Columbia River Crossing Project. However, the resolution also raised a number of concerns and considerations that needed to be addressed prior to the Council's consideration of adoption of the Land Use Final Order for the project. Some of the concerns and considerations were such that they could impact aspects of the final design for the project (such as the number of lanes or the Hayden Island interchange design) while others identified the need for further information prior to consideration of final approval (such as related to traffic diversion effects of tolls or the impact on greenhouse gases).

Staff from the Columbia River Crossing provided a PowerPoint that included the project history and background on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Staff went through the status report on each of Metro's LPA conditions and provided discussion. The eleven conditions were:

- Tolling
- Number of Auxiliary Lanes
- Impact Mitigation and Community Enhancement
- Demand Management
- Financing Plan
- Capacity Considerations, Induced Demand and Greenhouse Gases
- Preservation of Freight Access
- Light Rail
- Design of Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
- Urban Development Impacts at Redesigned Interchanges
- Bridge Design

Councilors asked clarifying questions regarding the legality and practicality of tolling, specifically in Washington State. While there was support for the projects as part of the community enhancement, Councilors asked for more information for including ongoing programs. Discussion continued with the feasibility of financing the project, data for the greenhouse gas emissions and freight access in

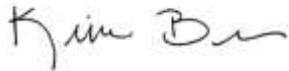
regards to Title 4. Councilors offered support of the progress made, but maintained concern of funding and looked forward to more information regarding the discussion.

3. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

Council discussed upcoming events including the "It's Our Nature" tour and the trip to Gillam County and Columbia Ridge Landfill.

Adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Prepared by,

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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	PPT	5/31/11	A long-term, Comprehensive Solution Metro Council Workshop: Status of LPA Conditions	053111cw-1