



## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION

July 26, 2011  
Metro Council Chamber

**Councilors Present:** Council President Tom Hughes and Councilors Rex Burkholder, Carlotta Collette, Shirley Craddick, Kathryn Harrington, Carl Hosticka, and Barbara Roberts

**Councilors Excused:** None

Council President Tom Hughes convened the Metro Council work session at 2:02 p.m.

1. **ADMINISTRATIVE/COUNCIL AGENDA FOR JULY 28, 2011/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

2. **CONSIDERATION OF SUBMITTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR A REGIONAL SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITITES GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CONSORTIUM**

Mr. Andy Cotugno and Ms. Chris Deffebach of Metro briefed the council on the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant information; specifically the steps included in the application process. After the last HUD grant Metro received feedback that more specific information is needed for the next application process. Specifically the deliverables that will be generated on a regional scale will be better defined and a couple of pilot areas will be included.

Two target areas proposed for this grant are the Rockwood/East Portland area and the McLoughlin Area Plan. These projects would allow further investment on projects that have already been started and capitalize on resources previously expended. Further grant investment goals are to connect with areas that have disadvantaged populations.

Primary components of the HUD grant include:

- Housing needs and strategies
- Opportunity area mapping
- Fair housing
- Coordination of rent assistance with workforce training
- Support for community organizations

Councilors discussed the need to learn from the last HUD grant application and that the region needs to be more focused and targeted. Furthermore the steering committee will need to ensure a high level of clarity regarding how the connection between proposed projects and jobs, housing, and economic development.

Further discussion included the desire to improve upon an already existing project rather than creating something from the ground up such as improving upon housing, jobs, and access needs within these key corridors.

### **3. COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING LAND USE FINAL ORDER (LUFO)**

Mr. Cotugno briefed the committee on Resolution No. 11-4280 regarding the Land Use Final Order (LUFO) for the Columbia River Crossing (CRC). The use of a LUFO is for highway construction and transportation projects. The current action is to amend the first LUFO which was for a stand-alone LRT project to Vancouver; that project no longer exists. That became the framework for the multi-modal project now under construction.

Publishing the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) is part of the federal requirement and only published when all the co-sponsors are ready to sign off on it. This resolution authorizes the council president to sign off on the document. That document serves as the federal agency mechanism for approving a decision. There will be another level of design specificity such as railing types, sidewalk widths etc... There is still open governance about the mobility council, those will be further actions that need to take place. Any federal funding must go through the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).

Ms. Nancy Boyd of the CRC briefed the council about the State of Oregon Treasurer's financial report. In spite of how the media portrayed the report, the CRC staff is happy to see the report and receive the feedback within. The treasurer's report validated a lot of the work that has been done to this point, specifically ensuring that the project is reflective of the current economic situation. The report provided constructive feedback about different funding sources and concluded that the cost estimate appears solid and the contingency plan is on point. The Governor requested for the CRC to prepare a construction sequencing plan which the CRC staff has already started. Further takeaways from the Treasurer's report are to be mindful of cash flow and the effect of cash flow on the project, a reminder that the financial plan isn't set rather there are different scenarios, and to remain flexible enough to make informed decisions within the collaborative effort.

Council discussion focused on what type of impact phasing construction might have on the project, what impact phasing construction might have on the Metro Council's approval process, and whether the phasing of construction will eliminate certain aspects of the project or allow for some potential redesigning. Council members also discussed planning for the mitigation of adverse impacts to the local community, how health impacts from this project will be addressed, and whether health issues are attached to the land use piece of this project.

Mr. Mark Greenfield of TriMet reviewed the contents of the LUFO and the basis in state law and similarity with the LUFO for the Westside project. Mr. Dick Benner of Metro briefed the council on the voting process for the CRC project LUFO. The process update included voting and appeals process timelines, media notification timelines, and public testimony guidelines.

**4. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS / COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor communications included an update on the policy ride at last weekend's Sunday Parkways, Councilor Harrington's trip to New York, an update about the City of Damascus' comprehensive planning meeting, and a reminder that the council retreat is schedule for Thursday July 28, 2011.

Prepared by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Myers", is positioned above the typed name.

Chris Myers  
Metro Council Policy Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 26, 2011**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>
<b>4.0</b>	Handout	n/a	Resolution No. 11-4280	72611cw-01