



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**  
Sept. 27, 2011  
Metro Council Chamber

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

**Councilors Excused:** Councilors Shirley Craddick and Rex Burkholder

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

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE/COUNCIL AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 2011/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Dan Cooper of Metro informed Councilors of a photo exhibition displayed in the Metro Regional Center lobby. The installation, named "People in Action for Change", was created by students from Southeast Portland with support and advisory from the ROSE Community Development, a non-profit organization whose mission is to revitalize neighborhoods in outer Southeast Portland. The photos tell the story of the health of local communities, featuring the neighborhoods' transportation, connectivity, food and safety. Mr. Cooper explained that the project gave the teenagers involved the opportunity to learn more about their communities and how planning and regional outcomes relate to the places we live and work.

**2. SOLID WASTE ROADMAP STRATEGIC QUESTIONS**

Mr. Paul Slyman of Metro introduced the 3<sup>rd</sup> update of the Parks and Environmental Services Department's Solid Waste Roadmap, which will determine how Metro manages its solid waste operations by 2020. Mr. Slyman explained that Metro can either maintain current waste management practices and renew licenses, or adapt new methods from asking strategic questions and implementing innovative policies.

Mr. David Allaway of DEQ clarified Oregon's solid waste management hierarchy, a state law since 1993 that continues to guide Metro's waste management operations. The hierarchy delineates the most favored methods of waste management to the least favored as reduce, reuse, recycle, compost, energy recovery and lastly, dispose in landfills. Mr. Allaway elucidated that DEQ continues to value and implement the hierarchy, but also recognized its limitations and noted it should be used as a general guide, not a hard and fast rule.

Mr. Matt Korot of Metro described Metro's waste management operations, how they conform to the hierarchy with a focus on reduction, reuse and recycling, and further reiterated the need for developing an approach that more comprehensively addresses the lower tiers of the hierarchy, particularly disposal. Mr. Tom Chaimov of Metro introduced the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) and posed six strategic questions to Council for endorsement. The questions address

a long-term disposal method, the future of Metro South Station, organics transfer capacity needs, tonnage allocations and rate regulation, cost recovery approach and collection needs.

Ms. Patty Unfred of Metro presented community engagement strategies in regard to involving the public in the RSWMP discussion with the goals of fostering informed public dialog on solid waste management choices, tradeoffs, and costs, and to meet Metro's principles for citizen involvement.

**Council Discussion:**

Councilors discussed the need to use a clear phraseology and format when addressing public forums regarding the RSWMP to avoid limiting dialog to particular aspects in the comprehensive plan. Metro staff was authorized to move forward with the six strategic questions, but also asked to report back to Council with further analysis before opening the floor to public discourse. Councilors communicated the importance of Metro's continued outreach efforts to encourage waste reduction.

**3. BREAK**

Council paused for a break at this time.

**4. SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR WORK PLAN**

Mr. Tony Mendoza of Metro introduced the Southwest Corridor Work Plan, and asked Council to identify areas within the plan to leverage public investment. Mr. Mendoza also asked Council to share opinions about locations on the corridor that could prove difficult when proposing to community stakeholders integrated land use and transportation plans. At this time, councilors questioned the plan's initial wording of "addressing problems" and emphasized the importance approaching regional planning from a different, more positive angle.

Ms. Malu Wilkinson guided Council through a tour of the Southwest Corridor, highlighting town centers such as Tualatin and Tigard, transportation arteries and hubs such as I-5, Barbur Blvd. and Washington Square, as well as key design elements of the work plan. Ms. Janet Bebb presented the green areas of the Southwest Corridor, addressing planning opportunities that support environmental conservation and broaden public access to parks and greenways. Mr. Brian Harper of Metro discussed the economic development component of transportation planning along the corridor. Councilors concurred with Mr. Harper's analysis, stressing economic development opportunities that overlap through the corridor.

**Council Discussion:**

Councilors emphasized the need to consider people "moving within the corridor" as opposed to the notion that transportation planning should help "move people through the corridor", from Sherwood to OHSU. Councilors expressed the need to have citizens in arterial and unincorporated neighborhoods included in planning conversations. Furthermore, councilors commented that the Steering Committee, community stakeholders and residents need to view the plan as theirs, and not one ordered on them by Metro.

**5. COUNCIL BRIEFING / COMMUNICATION**

Councilor communications included information on:

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- Tom Hughes will address the City Club Forum on Friday
- Leadership Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 28
- MPAC meeting Wednesday, September 28

**6. ADJOURN**

Seeing no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 4:13pm.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPT. 27, 2011**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>1.0</b>	Agenda	Sept. 29	Council Meeting Agenda	92711cw-01
<b>4.0</b>	Brochure	Sept. 28	SW Corridor Plan public events schedule	92711cw-02
<b>2.0</b>	Presentation	Sept. 27	Solid Waste Roadmap power point	92711cw-03
<b>4.0</b>	Presentation	Sept. 27	Southwest Corridor power point	92711cw-04