



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MEETING SUMMARY
Oct. 4, 2011
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: Councilor Rex Burkholder

Council President Tom Hughes convened the Metro Council work session at 1:06 p.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE/COUNCIL AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 6, 2011/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Scott Robinson of Metro filled in for Mr. Dan Cooper. Mr. Robinson had no COO communications at this time.

2. HIGHWAY 26 CORRIDOR IGA WITH SANDY AND CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Mr. Dick Benner of Metro presented proposed amendments to the Highway 26 Corridor Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) with Sandy and Clackamas County. Originally, the IGA was established to maintain separation and “green corridors” between the cities and the metropolitan area. Portions of this area are designated as rural and urban reserves, which could maintain the separation intended from the IGA, but could also allow for urbanization.

Mr. Benner referred councilors to several options for consideration, which included making further revisions to the IGA or terminating the agreement and relying upon the rural reserve designation to maintain the separation between urban areas. Staff recommended Council adopt the proposed IGA with the new reserves, and that cities, counties and Metro will work together in good faith to maintain urban separation and the Highway 26 green corridor with a 50-foot buffer.

Council Discussion:

Councilors discussed the wording in the IGA, how it complies with urban reserves areas as designated for development but does not specifically advise Metro to take action in the direction of urbanization. Councilors stressed the importance of openly communicating and working with the city of Sandy and Clackamas County when concept planning urban reserves, and to conserve rural reserves and to maintain the green corridor along Highway 26.

3. TUALATIN VALLEY CORRIDOR PLAN PARTNERING AGREEMENT

Ms. Deena Platman of Metro outlined the Tualatin Valley Highway (OR8) Corridor Plan (TVCP) and described the Policy Group Partnering Agreement, highlighting the locally-led corridor refinement plan and its goals. Currently, the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) classifies OR8 as a Throughway, equivalent to I-5 or US 26, between Hillsboro and Beaverton.

Ms. Jeannine Rustad of the City of Hillsboro emphasized the need to evaluate the future design of the OR8 in accordance with adjacent communities' desires. Moreover, Ms. Rustad discussed aligning municipalities, local leaders and stakeholders to ensure the TVCP improves mobility and accessibility for multi-modal transportation as well as enhances safety for all users and modes throughout the 8.5 mile stretch of highway. As a congested thoroughway, safety, visual appearance and greenhouse gas emissions are serious issues the project management team, advisory committees and policy group will address in the TVCP.

Council Discussion:

Councilors questioned the approach of the TVCP and its focus on transportation without as much consideration of land use along OR8. Similar regional plans, such as the SW Corridor Plan, give importance to land use planning as a catalyst for safe transportation facilities. Councilors agreed that visions and aspirations for the corridor are more in line with a regional street model as opposed to a designated thoroughway.

4. COUNCIL BRIEFING / COMMUNICATION

Councilor communications included information on:

- Councilor Barbara Roberts met and spoke with representatives from Minneapolis/St. Paul regarding transportation and land use. Councilor Roberts was very impressed with their group made up of elected officials and citizens.
- Council Retreat at Oregon Convention Center on Oct 5
- Reception with Leadership Council on Oct 5

5. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 2:36pm.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF Oct. 4, 2011

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
	Agenda	Oct. 6, 2011	Council Meeting Agenda	10411cw-01
3.0	Presentation	Oct. 4 2011	Tualatin Valley Corridor Plan presentation	10411cw-02