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**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MEETING SUMMARY
Jan. 3, 2012
Metro Council Chamber**

Councilors Present: Council President Tom Hughes and Councilors Carlotta Collette, Kathryn Harrington, Rex Burkholder and Barbara Roberts.

Councilors Excused: Councilors Shirley Craddick and Carl Hosticka.

Council President Tom Hughes convened the Metro Council work session at 1:05pm.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE/COUNCIL AGENDA FOR JANUARY 5, 2012/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Scott Robinson of Metro reported that Planning Director, Robin McArthur, has returned from sabbatical.

Councilors briefly discussed amendments to the Organizing Resolution, which appears at the Council Meeting on Jan. 5. There were also questions and concerns from councilors regarding a recently posted Opt In survey about transportation infrastructure. Mr. Robinson said that he would address the issue with staff and report back to councilors with a report or presentation at a future work session.

2. GROWTH DISTRIBUTION (PROPERTY AND EMPLOYMENT FORECAST AT LOCAL LEVEL)

Mr. Mike Hoglund of Metro presented Metro's growth distribution process, a state required responsibility of the agency to coordinate a population forecast for planning purposes inside the urban growth boundary (UGB). Using transportation analysis zones (TAZ) Metro distributes population forecasts in smaller geographies with local governments. This information is essential for local and regional planning, such as updating comprehensive plans, local transportation systems plans and the regional transportation plan (RTP). Every 5 years, population and employment forecasts, and capacity analysis are produced. Mr. Hoglund explained that because of the economic recession and other factors, forecast numbers from the previous run are less than perfect.

Mr. Hoglund described the importance of forecast data in the distribution of public funding for infrastructure. Mr. Hoglund indicated that the Metro Research Center has solicited input from partners to enhance collaboration and improve methods so that forecasts are more accurate, efficient and functional. Moreover, Metro seeks to identify areas for future research.

An updated estimate of buildable land supply in the UGB is a result of increased local coordination, Mr. Hoglund explained. Vacant and redevelopment land supplies have the most capacity for multi-family dwelling units. Mr. Hoglund confirmed that single family units have a relatively decent spread of capacity in the region, while multi-family residential capacity reflect a need for high

density plans that implicates public transit infrastructure and town centers. The main issue, Mr. Hoglund described, is the mismatch between residential housing demand and supply.

Council Discussion:

Councilors discussed how recently adopted UGB expansion areas and their density levels would impact residential capacity. Councilors expressed the need for caution with messaging the shift in residential capacity and supplies in the UGB. Both residents and local governments will need to be clearly informed of how population and employment forecasts indicate changes in the demographic and design of communities.

Councilors agreed that growth distribution forecasts could be used more effectively to reinforce school district planning. Mr. Hoglund concurred that educational service districts (ESD) could further benefit from forecasts, noting that residential household are broken down by income and age.

3. TUALATIN VALLEY (TV) HIGHWAY CORRIDOR REFINEMENT PLAN – ARTERIAL V. THROUGHWAY

Ms. Deena Platman of Metro and Ms. Jeannine Rustad of the City of Hillsboro presented updates to the Tualatin Valley (TV) Highway Corridor Refinement Plan, which is seeking a key decision to confirm the desired design and function of the highway. Ms. Platman indicated that a decision making criteria, integrating Metro's six desired outcomes, was adopted in fall 2011. Ms. Rustad explained that recent studies have been conducted to thoroughly determine how TV Highway currently serves the community, as well as how it should serve the community. For example, Ms. Rustad asked if TV Highway should accommodate all modes of transit, or just freight and automobiles.

Ms. Rustad illustrated the results from recent studies, which indicated that 35 percent of trips on TV Highway are purely local, with 70 percent of trips either originating or destined in the study area. Additionally, 42 percent of trips are moving north or south through TV Highway, demonstrating a need for access across the corridor. The primary questions for consideration, Ms. Rustad explained, is whether to designate TV Highway as an arterial corridor or throughway.

TV Highway is currently designated as a throughway, but capacity could still be increased and local access could be limited further to accommodate more traffic. However, Ms. Rustad reminded Council that the Regional Transportation Plan and Oregon Highway Plan intend to add capacity, or more lanes, only as a last option. Open houses in the study area show that neighbors are concerned about plans to widen TV Highway. There are also land use implications in determining the designation of TV Highway. An arterial designation would mean more local access, increased accommodation for all modes of traffic and a greater opportunity to integrate land uses and transportation.

Council Discussion:

Councilors found the data presented from recent studies, which indicated majority of trips having an origin or destination in the study area, to be significant. Councilors made comparisons to McLoughlin Blvd., and asked Ms. Rustad and Ms. Platman to consider studying outcomes from its

development. Councilors generally agreed that designating TV Highway as arterial would best serve the study areas, allowing for more local access and improved safety infrastructure for all modes of transportation. Comments were made regarding a need for flexibility from Council given the upcoming feedback from engagement committees as well.

Councilor Harrington, liaison to the TV Highway Corridor Plan policy group, expressed her preference in a written confirmation of Council's endorsement of an arterial designation.

4. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

- Councilors discussed amendments to the organizing resolution, or councilor assignments.
- Councilors expressed interest in an update or briefing on the Intertwine.
- Councilor Barbara Roberts described her positive experience at the groundbreaking for the Sellwood Bridge.
- Councilor Rex Burkholder will attend the Portland Pulse committee today. The committee decided to continue working with the Institute for Metropolitan Studies of Portland State University.
- On Thursday, January 5, Councilor Rex Burkholder will host a brownbag on his German Marshall Fund travels in fall 2011.

ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 2:43pm.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JAN. 3, 2012

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
	Agenda	1/5/12	1/5/12 Council Meeting Agenda	10312cw-01
2.0	Power Point	1/3/12	Growth Distribution Process	10312cw-02
3.0	Power Point	N/A	Tualatin Valley Hwy Corridor Plan	10312cw-03
	Resolution	N/A	Exhibit A: Resolution No. 12-4317	10312cw-04