



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MEETING SUMMARY
January 22, 2013
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Council President Tom Hughes and Councilors Carlotta Collette, Shirley Craddick, Kathryn Harrington, Craig Dirksen, Sam Chase and Bob Stacey

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes convened the Metro Council work session at 9:31 a.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy Chief Operating Officer Mr. Scott Robinson reported three items to the Council:

- The three amendments to the Title IV map that were brought before the Council in the fall of 2012 have been accepted by the three municipalities in which they are located.
- Staff is currently discussing the possibility of berm upgrades at the Riverbend landfill. Waste Management would like to build a larger berm to better utilize space at the facility for waste storage.
- The Washington County Board of Commissioners meeting is tonight, January 22.

2. THE INTERTWINE ALLIANCE PARTNERSHIP WITH METRO

Mr. Jim Desmond of Metro and Mr. Mike Wetter of the Intertwine Alliance presented to the Council on The Intertwine Alliance's partnership with Metro.

The Intertwine Alliance (TIA) was formed five years ago at Metro as an initiative known as Connecting Green, which was created to highlight the region's parks, trails and natural areas. Since then TIA has grown with membership, staff, a board, and established non-profit status. TIA also now has over 75 regional partners, public and private, businesses, and non-profits that are dedicated to the region's parks, trails, and natural areas.

In the past Metro and TIA have collaborated on matters that are important to both entities such as active transportation, the regional system of parks, trails, and natural areas, conservation education, and acquisition. On projects, the partnership between Metro and TIA has taken several different forms over the years including instances where Metro has been the lead entity, where Metro has provided staff and resources but has not been the lead entity, and where Metro has brought partners together in support of a particular project.

Being that TIA is now five years old the presenters came before the Council to discuss the ongoing relationship between Metro and TIA. The presenters were seeking feedback from the Council on preferred ways for the partnership to continue, the level of involvement desired by the Metro Council, and potential strategies for better engaging elected officials across the region.

Council Discussion:

- The Council discussed the variation that can be seen among regional municipalities in regards to prioritizing parks and natural areas. Some municipalities are more concerned with providing services such as police and fire that they can't focus much on parks and natural areas.
- The Council considered the importance of getting elected officials from around the region engaged with TIA in order to have parks and nature rise on their list of priorities. Staff responded that many of TIA current 28 partners are led by elected officials and commissions.
- The Council expressed their desire to keep the "Green Scene" a Metro publication.

3. ODOT STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Mr. Andy Cotugno and Mr. Ted Leybold of Metro presented to the Council on the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Project selection process.

ODOT's current process for selecting STIP projects entails integrating a number of funding categories into a single category ("Enhance"), and uses a regionwide application process rather than project selection by ODOT staff. The actual selection recommendation will be made to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) by a specially appointed project selection committee from throughout the four County ODOT Region 1. Councilor Carlotta Collette is on the Committee representing Metro and JPACT.

Nearly 100 applications were received by ODOT seeking a piece of the available \$66.4 million. The projects cover a diverse mixture of modes including highway, transit, bike, pedestrian and management. The 100 applications totaled nearly five times the available funding and the process to narrow down the list to 150% of the available funding (\$99.6 million) is underway. The proposed 150% lists are to be submitted by selection committee members by January 25. In February, the Committee will review the lists and narrow it to a single 150% list for the rest of the selection process.

The presenters were seeking feedback from the Council on whether they endorse the ODOT draft 150% list, and for the Council to provide feedback to Councilor Collette on alternate projects for inclusion on her submittal to the selection committee.

Council Discussion:

- The Council asked whether the available funds were state funds or federal funds. The presenters responded that all of the funds available for these projects are federal funds.
- The Council inquired whether air quality conformity had been met with this list. Staff reported that the carbon dioxide conformity had been met, while the ozone conformity is close, but not quite met.
- The Council discussed how the funds are distributed throughout the region for these projects. The percentages are roughly proportional to population size, although the smaller counties did get a slightly larger chunk of funding relative to their size in the region.
- The Council discussed the projects on the 150% list, stopping and deliberating on several of the larger and more significant projects on the list.

4. METRO ATTORNEY COMMUNICATION

Metro Attorney Ms. Alison Kean Campbell came before the Council to discuss the legalities behind Metro's Natural Areas Levy and what the Council is and is not allowed to do while advocating the levy during the election process.

5. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Council President Tom Hughes reported to the Council that there is an upcoming Travel Portland event that Councilors may want to attend.

6. **ADJOURN**

Seeing no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 12:15 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2013

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Handout	1/10/2013	12413 Council Agenda	12213cw-01
2.0	Handout	1/22/2013	Enhance Application Submissions	12213cw-02