



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MEETING SUMMARY**
April 23, 2013
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: none

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

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Operating Officer Ms. Martha Bennett updated the Council on the following three items:

- The hardcopy version of the budget will be available on Thursday, April 25.
- There will be an all-staff meeting Wednesday, April 24th at the Oregon Convention Center.
- The next councilor retreat is scheduled for May 1st at the Oregon Convention Center.

2. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT INITIATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Dave Garten, Mr. Tom Imeson, Ms. Karen Williams, all members of the Community Investment Initiative (CII) Leadership Council, and Mr. Andy Cotugno, of Metro, provided the Council with an update on the Regional Infrastructure Enterprise (RIE) proposal. The purpose of the presentation was to get feedback on the proposal and guidance for Council liaisons. The presenters explained that the RIE proposal is still being developed, but councilor comments will be helpful moving forward.

Ms. Williams provided the RIE proposal's context to the Council by outlining the region's challenges which included: stagnant unemployment, lack of industrial development ready land, and decreasing federal investment. She explained that these challenges could lead to a decrease in quality of life and business competitiveness. The CII has four strategies for mitigating these consequences, including the RIE proposal.

- Strategy 1: The Regional Infrastructure Enterprise (RIE), the centerpiece of CII's work.
- Strategy 2: The development ready communities pilot program.
- Strategy 3: School facility planning and forecasting.
- Strategy 4: A transportation legislative strategy geared toward funding.

Mr. Imeson overviewed the RIE structure and the mission statement which reads, "to facilitate infrastructure investment that catalyzes living-wage job creation, private investment, and economic development." He noted that survey and focus groups have identified funding and pre-development technical assistance as the two most prevalent needs in local development.

Mr. Garten then explained that RIE will use a phased development approach. Each phase will allow for further refinement of the program.

- Phase 1: Demonstrate ability to deliver projects.
- Phase 2: Secure ongoing funding for investments.
- Phase 3: Complete public-private investment program.

Mr. Imeson noted that the RIE could be established using the Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 190 which would create an agreement between the Port of Portland and Metro. The agreement would allow for the Port and Metro to create a third party entity. He explained that this would make RIE's start-up easy and would permit the Port and Metro to dissolve RIE at any time. Mr. Cotugno clarified that though Metro and the Port would be the primary conduits for initial project delivery, local jurisdictions would act as partners on projects in their areas.

Mr. Garten and Mr. Cotugno then overviewed the types of projects RIE will target in each phase and the criteria for evaluating these projects. Mr. Imeson explained that public-private partnerships could be fostered by a Board of Directors that includes public and private interests.

Mr. Imeson concluded by outlining the timeline of upcoming opportunities for Council feedback on RIE.

Council Discussion Included:

- Councilors inquired about RIE's plan for attaining regular funding. Ms. Williams noted that CII has examined models from other cities, but has not decided on a strategy. In Phase 1 RIE will try to build public confidence without dedicated funding. In Phase 2, opportunities for dedicated funding will be explored further.
- The Council discussed the shift in RIE's policies and strategies toward technical assistance for projects struggling with pre-development.
- Councilors discussed RIE's opportunity to be a best practices resource for the region. They noted that other entities in the region have good examples of best practices projects, but that RIE could create a long term best practices discussion.
- Councilors discussed the need to keep the larger goals in mind. These goals include altering the way infrastructure is funded.
- Per councilor inquiry, Ms. Williams and Mr. Cotugno explained that prioritization of RIE projects would be based on guiding principles from regional goals. They also noted that specific funds may be targeted for specific projects, based on criteria.
- Per councilor inquiry, presenters clarified that transportation projects will not be the only projects targeted.

- Councilors expressed concern about the lack of outreach to local jurisdictions throughout the region.
- The Council requested that efforts be made to show that RIE is not just a Metro initiative.
- Councilors expressed concern about the aggressiveness of the proposed timeline.
- Councilors inquired about the appropriate time to audit the RIE program.
- The Council expressed appreciation for Karen Williams' service on the CII leadership council and work on the RIE program.

3. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

COO Martha Bennett notified the Council that there was a bomb scare at the zoo earlier that day. It was resolved prior to the meeting.

Councilor Collette noted that there would be an opportunity to view the Climate Smart Communities video prior to its release. She also gave an update on the Willamette Falls project and her meeting with Senator Devlin.

Councilor Harrington reminded the Council that the Regional Transportation Plan amendments had evolved, and that there will be a public hearing regarding the amendments on May 2, 2013.

Councilor Craddick noted that the Intertwine Alliance Summit is on Friday, April 26th.

Council President Tom Hughes updated the Council on Senate Bill 306, which involves the Carbon Tax Study, and House Bill 3469, which involves wild bird conservation.

Councilor Craddick inquired about which Metro priority bills had died. Council President Hughes explained that only the battery bill had died.

4. ADJUORN

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 4:58 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF April 23, 2013

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Handout	4/18/2013	Proposed Amendments to Senate Bill 306	42313cw-01
2.0	Handout		Wild Bird Conservation Act	42313cw-02
3.0	PPT		Community Investment Initiative	42313cw-03