



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MEETING SUMMARY**

May 21, 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

Deputy Council President Shirley Craddick called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:03 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

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

- TriMet will be hosting a presentation at the Metro Regional Center tomorrow.
- Volunteer groups, like Boy Scouts, will be placing flags in Metro cemeteries on Memorial Day.
- There will be a Council retreat at the Oregon Convention Center on Wednesday, May 29.

2. THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Tim Collier provided the Council with an overview of the Third Quarter Financial Report. The purpose of this presentation was to inform the Council of how Metro's actuals compare to the FY 2012-2013 budget. He noted that revenues are mixed.

Mr. Collier explained that several revenues sources were higher than anticipated including: property tax collection, venue enterprise revenues, and transient lodging tax collection. He also noted that other sources are trending down including: parks revenue and solid waste excise tax collection. Though not all excise tax collection is down. The Construction Excise Tax is up and facility excise taxes are on track. Due to some unexpected revenue increases, adjustments to the budget must be made. In general, Mr. Collier explained, revenues are beginning to trend up.

COO Bennett noted that the unexpected revenue increase makes the ending fund balance of FY 2012-2013 larger than the beginning fund balance of the FY 2013-2014 budget. She then introduced a proposed amendment which detailed how to allocate the unexpected funds.

Council Discussion:

- Councilors inquired about the overall solid waste tonnage, and how declines in tonnage have affected the solid waste excise tax.
- COO Bennett clarified several points of the amendment per councilor inquiry.

- The Council discussed altering the amendment allocation to include a second year of funding for Active Transportation Plan staff positions.
- Councilors inquired about funding available for community outreach and engagement.
- Councilors asked that further information be made available regarding declining park revenues.

3. IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES FOR THE REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Ms. Robin McArthur and Ms. Lake McTighe, both of Metro, provided the Council with an update on activities that have been identified for implementation of the Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP). The purpose of this presentation was to provide a timeline for these activities to the Council and to gain direction from the Council on the prioritization of implementation activities.

Ms. McTighe explained that the ATP will be completed by the end of June. She outlined the timeline for finalizing the plan and gaining endorsement. The Active Transportation Vision was overviewed and includes: vibrant communities, connected/safe networks, children enjoy independence, and healthy, active lifestyles. She also noted the risks of not achieving the vision.

Ms. McTighe further explained that active transportation is one strategy for reaching targets that have not been met including: mode share, lowered congestion, and transportation affordability. She then overviewed the four identified implementation activities:

- A. Incorporate ATP policies and projects into the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and other local and regional plans.
- B. Communicate, advocate, participate and facilitate the implementation of the ATP.
- C. Support best practices for implementing a regional active transportation network.
- D. Maintain existing levels of funding and seek new funding initiatives.

Council Discussion:

- Councilors expressed concerns about the timeline for the implementation activities. Because the ATP is currently funded for only one more year all implementation activities may not be completed.
- The Council discussed the possibility of creating a tiered, prioritization list of ATP projects. Councilors inquired about how separate the ATP list would be from the overall RTP list.
- The Council discussed the need to integrate active transportation with other modes. Some councilors noted that all modes must be prioritized together.
- Councilors discussed the possibility of creating requirements that include active transportation infrastructure in other projects.
- Councilors inquired about the overall financial needs for implementing the plan.
- Per councilor inquiry, Ms. McArthur clarified that projects in the state RTP are not financially constrained. She explained that without financial constraint, those projects will not be funded.
- Per councilor inquiry, Ms. McArthur explained that in order to add ATP projects to the RTP through amendments, other projects would need to be removed.
- The Council discussed the desired qualities of the additional staff person that may be available to the project next year.

4. BREAK

5. CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND WEST HAYDEN ISLAND PLAN

Mr. Eric Engstrom, of the City of Portland, and Mr. Andy Cotugno, of Metro, provided the Council with an update on the West Hayden Island Plan recommended by the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission. The purpose of the presentation was to understand the proposal being recommended by the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission and to determine the project's relationship with Metro's policies. The presentation also gave the Council the opportunity to assess whether or not they wished to comment on the project and the process.

Mr. Cotugno explained that West Hayden Island has been expected to become urban land for marine port purposes since 1983 when it was brought into the urban growth boundary. The land has, however, been classified as "moderate" habitat. He noted that issues related to the plan will come back to Metro regarding land use and transportation. Title 3 and Title 13 were both explained, and he noted the requirements of both. He also explained that the economic self-sufficiency of the site needs to be assessed.

Mr. Engstrom overviewed the current uses and characteristics of West Hayden Island, including its access to the deep water channel. He then outlined the project's process and timeline. The project was initiated in 2008 due to the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) and East Hayden Island plans. The public involvement in the project was noted, and Mr. Engstrom explained that Resolution 36805 had directed the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to develop a proposal for annexation of West Hayden Island and a concept plan for the space. This process has made West Hayden Island one of the most studied annexation plans the city has ever had.

He outlined the concept plan and explained what annexation will involve. He also drew the Council's attention to the memo included in the packet which outlines considerations for the natural environment and community health impacts. He also noted that this project is too large for any one entity to take on alone.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilors noted that it may not be appropriate for the Metro Council to discuss an issue of this size at this time. More community outreach would need to be taken on to make the discussion informed.
- The Council discussed the potential importance of the project's impact on the regional economy.
- Councilors inquired about the sources of funding that will be solicited by the project. Mr. Engstrom explained that federal and state funding may be sought.
- Councilors inquired about the types of upgrades the Housing Upgrade fund would be used for, and expressed interest in replacement not just rehabilitation.
- The Council discussed the economic viability of the land in its currently encumbered state.
- Per councilor inquiry, Mr. Engstrom noted the importance of the CRC in the overall project plan.

- Councilors inquired about the state acknowledgement of West Hayden Island's exemption from Title 3 balanced cut and fill requirements; staff confirmed it was acknowledged by the Land Conservation and Development Commission.
- Councilors inquired about the level of truck traffic there will be at the proposed site.
- Per councilor inquiry, Mr. Engstrom noted that management of the open space on the island has not yet been assigned.
- Per councilor inquiry, Mr. Cotugno explained that pieces of the project will come back to the Council over time.

At this time COO Bennett clarified that no comment letter will be created at this time.

6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Shirley Craddick noted that the Intertwine Alliance will be hosting the United Nations World Environment Day on June 6.

Councilor Bob Stacey updated his colleagues on his experience at Outdoor School last week. He also completed several neighborhood association visits.

Council President Tom Hughes and Councilor Sam Chase updated their colleagues on Councilor Chase's upcoming Green Lane Project International Study Tour.

Council President Tom Hughes provided a legislative update:

- House Bill 1657- regarding industrial land protection
- Senate Bill 462- regarding the siting of composting facilities
- House Bill 2945- regarding the Clackamas Rural Act
- House Bill 2048- regarding paint stewardship

7. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 4:50 p.m.

Prepared by,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 21, 2013

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Handout		COO Amendment to FY 2013-14 Budget	52113cw-01
2.0	Handout		WHI Attachments	52113cw-02
3.0	Handout		Final Base Concept Plan	52113cw-03
4.0	Handout	5/21/2013	Authorization to Represent State, Local, or Special Government Body	52113cw-04
5.0	PPT		Third Quarter Financial Report	52113cw-05
6.0	PPT		Regional Active Transportation Plan Implementation Activities	52113cw-06
7.0	PPT		West Hayden Island Annexation	52113cw-07