



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
MEETING SUMMARY**  
June 11, 2013  
Metro Council Chamber

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

**Councilors Excused:** Councilor Kathryn Harrington

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:06 p.m.

**1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

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

- The Parks and Natural Areas Levy follow up was rescheduled to June 25.
- Ms. Robin McArthur, Planning and Development Department Director, is departing one June 21. An external interim that is not seeking the permanent position is being recruited, and an external recruiting firm will be utilized to fill the permanent position.

**2. FINAL ACTIONS NEEDED FOR FY 2013-14 BUDGET ADOPTION ON JUNE 20**

Mr. Brian Kennedy presented the Council with the issues they will be discussing and deciding on as part of the adoption process for the FY 2013-14 budget. He outlined the timeline of the process, which culminates on July 15 when the tax levy is certified.

Mr. Kennedy first overviewed the 20 requested department amendments. Primarily, these amendments were technical; however, he gave context on the few substantive amendments requested.

He next outlined the councilor requested amendment regarding the addition of a second year of funding for the Active Transportation Plan staff. Letters of support for the amendment were presented at this time.

Mr. Kennedy then overviewed the Chief Operating Officer requested amendments, which had been discussed more fully at the previous work session. COO Bennett noted that one of the requested amendments pertaining to ATP funding is subject to change if the councilor requested amendment is passed.

***Council Discussion:***

- The Council discussed the need to gain support from cities for the Active Transportation Plan (ATP). Councilors noted that more work must be done before ATP work can be presented to local jurisdictions.

- The Council discussed the importance of showing continued support for ATP even following the conclusion of the second year of funding, and of leaving the specifics of additional staff support to the planning department.
- Councilors discussed the clarity of the amendment memos provided to the Council.
- Per councilor inquiry, Mr. Kennedy explained how the natural areas levy affected the Renewal and Replacement requested department amendment.

### **3. SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR PLAN PROJECT UPDATE**

Mr. Matt Bihn and Ms. Malu Wilkinson, both of Metro, provided the Council with an update on the Southwest Corridor plan project. The purpose of this presentation was to update the Council on the progress made by the steering committee and project partners, and to make councilors aware of upcoming milestone decisions. Councilor Craig Dirksen introduced the Southwest Corridor plan project and outlined the timeline for upcoming meetings and decisions.

Ms. Wilkinson emphasized that the Southwest Corridor plan has been focused on the six desired outcomes. She noted that this focus has allowed for the creation of a more complete corridor plan. The project has been a collaborative effort involving local jurisdictions, Metro, and the counties. She explained that the project aims to identify and prioritize public investments that leverage private investments and support the land use plans already developed by corridor cities in order to create a complete, continuous corridor.

Ms. Wilkinson overviewed the objectives of the project which included: accountability and partnership, prosperity, health, and access and mobility. She further noted that the corridor was selected due to significant growth that has taken place in the area, and explained that substantial growth is projected for the future.

Ms. Wilkinson outlined the types of projects included in the plan including transit, roadway, active transportation and parks. She detailed the five high capacity transit alternatives and the project bundles that were created by thinning the overall project list. She then overviewed the current draft recommendation and upcoming project milestones.

Mr. Bihn then explained the transit alternatives previously removed by the steering committee. He noted that light rail has a higher vehicle carrying capacity which results in operational efficiency advantages over bus rapid transit (BRT), but explained that both BRT and light rail transit will be studied further to completely analyze tradeoffs between operating costs and capital costs.

Councilor Bob Stacey outlined upcoming steering committee meetings and the conclusion of Phase one of the project.

#### ***Council Discussion:***

- The Council discussed the possibility of selecting bus rapid transit initially, but moving toward light rail transit as ridership grows. Ms. Wilkinson noted that federal money might not be available to the same corridor twice, so building bus rapid transit, with the intention of creating light rail transit in the future, might preclude future federal funding.
- The Council discussed how the Southwest Corridor Plan fits within the regional vision for town centers.

- Councilors noted the importance of collaboration between local jurisdictions.
- Councilors inquired about the projects' coordination with Climate Smart Communities.
- Councilors asked that further exploration of bus rapid transit options be explored. Higher capacity busses were suggested as an area available for further research.
- Per councilor inquiry, Mr. Bihn explained that operationally light rail is less expensive, but that it has higher capital costs.
- Per councilor inquiry, Councilor Dirksen clarified that Wilsonville is not included in the Southwest Corridor.
- Per councilor inquiry, Councilor Stacey explained that TriMet will restore cut bus services before creating new bus service. Thus, this plan will not negatively impact service in other parts of the region.

#### **4. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES**

Councilor Bob Stacey gave an update on the Solid Waste Roadmap, and explained that a tour of the Columbia Ridge waste facility may take place in the future.

Councilor Shirley Craddick noted that the annual Intertwine Alliance Partners Reception will be held on Thursday, June 13.

Councilor Craig Dirksen explained that he will be meeting with local jurisdictions to discuss the Southwest Corridor Plan.

Councilor Sam Chase gave an update on the Oregon Convention Center Hotel and the Equity Advisory Committee work.

Council President Tom Hughes gave updates on the following legislation:

- Legislation regarding the ACT for rural Clackamas County (House Bill 2495)
- Legislation regarding industrial site readiness (Senate Bills 246 and 253)
- Legislation regarding the paint stewardship program (House Bill 2048)
- Legislation regarding the transfer of Area 93 (House Bill 3067)
- Legislation regarding the seizure of abandoned vessels (House Bill 2233)
- Legislation regarding funding for the Willamette Falls site
- Legislation regarding funding for the Oregon Convention Center Hotel
- Legislation regarding funding for Hillsboro's study of the Westside corridor.

#### **5. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Shirley Craddick updated her colleagues on the East Portland town hall meeting she attended and noted that Damascus has begun meetings to discuss the comprehensive plan.

Councilor Carlotta Collette updated her colleagues on the zoo groundbreaking and the OZBAG meeting that followed. She also noted that she attended the

Councilor Sam Chase updated his colleagues on the Green Light Project Transportation Leadership Study Tour in Amsterdam.

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**6. ADJOURN**

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 4:36 p.m.

Prepared by,

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2013**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>1.0</b>	Letter	6/7/2013	Support Letter: Westside Transportation Alliance	61113cw-01
<b>2.0</b>	Letter	6/10/2013	Support Letter: Kaiser Permanente	61113cw-02
<b>3.0</b>	Letter	6/11/2013	Support Letter: Stakeholder Organizations	61113cw-03
<b>4.0</b>	PPT		Southwest Corridor Plan	61113cw-04