



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MEETING SUMMARY**

June 25, 2013
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: none

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:02 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

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

- Fourteen appointments were made to the Metro Equity Strategy Advisory Committee. A list of appointees was provided.
- Updates will be made to the rules of procedure for meetings and the rules of procedure for expense accounts.
- COO Bennett asked that Dan Kromer provide an update on the broken Chinook Landing Gangway. He noted that two people were injured when the gangway broke. The gangway is still out of commission, but the rest of the park is open and functioning.
 - Ms. Alison Kean Campbell, Metro Attorney, noted that the incident is under investigation, so further questions and discussion is currently inadvisable.
- COO Bennett asked that John Williams provide an update on the Damascus comprehensive plan process. Mr. Williams explained that much work has been done in Damascus to create the currently proposed plan. He noted that following a review of the documents provided by Damascus, a letter will be created by Metro for the Damascus City Council record. He clarified that the proposed plan differs from the original vision for the area.

Council Discussion:

- The Council discussed Damascus's proposed requirement for 25% of developed land to be reserved for open space. Councilors also inquired about requirements for industrial land.
- Councilors requested that the finalized letter be provided to the Council.
- Councilors discussed the State's and Metro's requirements for development density.
- Councilors inquired about the proposed comprehensive plan's focus on employment.

2. REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Ms. Lake McTighe provided the Council with an outline of the final Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP), an overview of comments from advisory committees and stakeholders, and the next steps of the project. The purpose of the presentation was to increase the Council's understanding of the ATP and the project's future engagement with stakeholders.

Ms. McTighe outlined the timeline of the project, and noted that the timeline has been extended per stakeholder request. She then overviewed the ATP vision which builds on existing networks and successes. She noted that stakeholders accept the vision, but some are skeptical about the potential for actual change in mode share percentages.

Next Ms. McTighe outlined the ATP plan which knits together local projects to create a complete network. She explained the importance of emphasizing that the ATP builds on existing projects and local work. The recommended regional bicycle and pedestrian networks were outlined. She also showed the overlap of the bicycle and freight network; the map will help address questions about the potential impact of bicycle facilities on identified regional freight routes.

She then reviewed the ATP policies and actions which work to achieve local and regional plans, desired outcomes, and goals and targets. Ms. McTighe went over the five recommended policies including: make walking and bicycling the most convenient and enjoyable transportation choices for short trips, ensure that the regional active transportation network equitably serves all people and complete pedestrian and bicycle networks. She noted that stakeholders have more questions about the implementation action than the policies.

Ms. McTighe next outlined the project's next steps which included addressing the Council's questions and gaining endorsement.

Council Discussion:

- The Council discussed the importance of engaging local elected officials before the final plan is endorsed.
- The Council discussed the distribution of focus and funding throughout the region. Councilors noted concerns from suburban citizens that the focus of the plan will be on urban areas.
- Councilors suggested that the economic benefits of active transportation be highlighted throughout the region.
- Per councilor inquiry, Ms. McTighe clarified that the project list will be available to local jurisdictions to be added to the Regional Transportation Plan in 2014, but any code requirements in the functional plan will be considered in the 2018 RTP update.
- Councilors inquired about the overall percentage of bicyclist and pedestrian trips.
- Councilors recommended that the project reach out to the East Portland Action Plan work group and local Chambers of Commerce.
- Councilors suggested that the phraseology in the materials be adjusted.

3. PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS LOCAL OPTION LEVY UPDATE

Ms. Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, Mr. Jim Desmond, and Mr. Dan Kromer provided the Council with an update on the Parks and Natural Areas Local Option Levy. The purpose of this presentation was to inform the Council of the implementation approach for the levy.

Mr. Desmond introduced the presentation and noted that the campaign focused on social media and television. He thanked councilors for their fundraising efforts.

Ms. Brennan-Hunter outlined the five main program areas:

- Restoring natural areas for wildlife, fish, and water quality
- Improving parks and natural areas for people
- Volunteer program
- Conservation education
- Nature in neighborhood community grants

She overviewed the projects in each area including: the restoration of Clear Creek natural area, improvements to Mason Hill Park, improvements to Scouter Mountain, and increased community outreach in Nature in Neighborhoods community grants. Mr. Kromer noted that facility improvements had previously been deferred, but the levy will allow for improvements in core areas.

Ms. Brennan-Hunter further explained that equity and access will be a focus in levy work. She explained the program outcomes which included: increase management and invasive species control, increase opportunities to experience nature, and increase opportunities for communities of color and children from low income families to experience the region's parks and natural areas.

Council Discussion:

- Councilors inquired about the oversight of the levy work program. COO Bennett clarified that the Council will act as the oversight committee.
- Councilors suggested that signage be used to denote projects where levy funds will be used.
- The Council discussed the economic impacts the levy will create.
- The Council thanked staff for their work on the campaign and the program.

4. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Shirley Craddick explained that she and Council Sam Chase will be traveling to Seattle on Wednesday, June 26, to meet with the Race and Social Justice Initiative Committee.

Councilor Carlotta Collette noted that Councilor Bob Stacey has provided the only feedback on her email regarding the Regional Infrastructure Enterprise.

Councilor Craig Dirksen informed his colleagues that he will be meeting with the Durham City Council to present the Southwest Corridor plan.

Council President Tom Hughes updated his colleagues on the letter he is proposing be sent to the City of Portland regarding West Hayden Island. He reminded his colleagues to provide any comments within the next week.

Councilor Kathryn Harrington noted that the Community Planning and Development Grants Committee will be meeting next week.

5. ADJOURN

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Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 4:09 p.m.

Prepared by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Camille Tisler".

Camille Tisler

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2013

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	PPT		ATP Update	62513cw-01
2.0	PPT		Parks and natural areas local option levy	62513cw-02
3.0	Handout		Regional Active Transportation Plan DRAFT Policy Recommendations and Follow Up Actions	62513cw-03
4.0	Map		Active Transportation Plan Recommended Regional Networks	62513cw-04
5.0	Handout	6/25/2013	Regional Active Transportation Plan: DRAFT ENDORSEMENT and/or ACCEPTANCE TIMELINE	62513cw-05
6.0	Handout		Metro Equity Strategy Advisory Committee	62513cw-06