



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**  
July 18, 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 introduced the Metro Council to Mr. Steve Wheeler, the new, interim Director of Planning. COO Bennett stated that Mr. Wheeler comes to Metro from Clackamas County and that the agency is looking forward to working with Mr. Wheeler in the coming months.

**2. REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Ms. Lake McTighe introduced the Council to the Draft Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP). Ms. McTighe began by stating the purpose of the ATP. The ATP is needed to inform the policies in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The ATP is a tool for the community to invest in transportation in the region; to achieve best outcomes; to get around safely, efficiently, and quickly; and to increase safety for bicyclists and pedestrians in the region overall. Ms. McTighe stated that the ATP is not a mandate, rather it is best information to guide the decision making process in partnership with local jurisdictions.

Ms. McTighe spoke to the timeline of adoption of the ATP. She noted that staff will meet with stakeholders from July until August to refine the draft. In September there would be action on acknowledgment of the plan through a resolution before the Council. From September through January 2014, there will be more refinement and stakeholder engagement, and in March 2014, the final Draft ATP will be released for public comment. In July 2014, the RTP will be adopted and the ATP will be a component.

Ms. McTighe stated that a resolution would acknowledge the work done to date on the Draft ATP and directs staff to provide opportunities for further review and refinements as a part of the RTP update.

***Council Discussion:***

- Councilors stated that the new timeline of the ATP should meet some of the concerns of the local engagements committees;

- Councilors stated that in their districts, they have been hearing concerns about transparency of the process;
- Councilors stated that Metro now needs to figure out how to communicate the new timeline with the jurisdictional partners informing them that currently, there will be no mandates and no usurping of MTIP funds;
- Councilors stated that although the work being done with the ATP is impressive, there still needs to be a sense of urgency in the process;
- Councilors noted the economic benefit the ATP brings to small businesses;
- Councilors asked how much per capita the updates to bike/ped infrastructure will cost. Ms. McTighe stated that it is around \$14 per person;
- Councilors suggested looking carefully at the model for acquiring funding sources as to avoid unnecessary arguments;
- Council President Hughes stated that there needs to be a good understanding of what other jurisdictional plans call for. He stated that some disagree with building out a complete bike network in the region, but it is needed to safely connect the regions citizens to a multitude of things, while doing it safely. Jurisdictions need to know that the ATP is designed to help them build out their projects.

### **3. WILLAMETTE FALL LEGACY PROJECT COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS**

Mr. Michael Zilis, Walker Macy, and Mr. Jim Desmond, Metro, gave a brief introduction to the Willamette Falls Legacy Project, speaking to the historical significance not only to the region, but to the state as well. Ms. Ellen Wyoming, Cogan Owens Cogan, walked the Council through the timeline of community engagement. She noted that over the next 9 months, there are plans to conduct community conversations around the project, continue concept design, and get feedback for the vision of the site. The visioning process will look at the big picture goals of the site. A Framework Master Plan will also be developed to balance the flexibility and certainty for development of the site. Ms. Wyoming stated that the project will be approached with the following core values: Public Access; Economic Development; Healthy Habitat; and Cultural and Historic Interpretation. Ms. Wyoming then asked the Metro Council for their vision for the site.

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

- Councilors expressed concerns with the re-wording of some of the core values seeing as how the original wording had been previously agreed upon;
- Councilors stated that the project should draw from redevelopment best practices;
- Councilors stated that this project needs to maximize density in the area;
- Councilors stated the physical appearance of the structures on the site should be classic and timeless;
- Councilors stated that the site needs to be mixed use, possibly including affordable housing;
- Councilors expressed the need for transit through the site, possibly in the form of rail or water vessels;
- Councilors stated that this process should make significant progress in the next five years;
- Councilors stated that this site could become a vibrant center not only for Oregon City, but also for the region;
- Councilors expressed the desire to see a corporate headquarters be located on the site.

### **4. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Shirley Craddick noted that the City of Damascus would be releasing their comprehensive plan soon.

Councilor Bob Stacey stated that he met with Rian Windsheimer, ODOT, to gain a better understanding of the Corridor Bottlenecking Operations Study (CBOS).

Councilor Kathryn Harrington stated that a CBOS overview would be helpful for the whole Council.

Councilor Sam Chase stated that the North Portland Enhancement Committee has received positive feedback for the St. John's Landfill project. He also noted that the committee is still accepting applications for the community enchantment grant they are administering.

Councilor Craig Dirksen noted that he and Councilor Stacy would be co-chairing the next SW Corridor Steering Committee on Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Councilor Carlotta Collette, having attended the last Oregon Transportation Commission meeting, stated that it was well attended by all of the Area Commissions on Transportation. She expressed admiration in the items being brought before the commission. She also stated the need to look at seismic upgrades and maintenance for structures in the region.

## **5. ADJOURN**

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 4:27 p.m.

Prepared by,



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### **ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 18, 2013**

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Doc. Type</u></b>	<b><u>Doc. Date</u></b>	<b><u>Doc. Description</u></b>	<b><u>Doc. No.</u></b>
2.0	PPT	N/A	ATP Update	71813cw-01
2.0	Handout	7/17/13	ATP Draft Resolution	71813cw-02
2.0	Handout	N/A	ATP Draft Policy Recommendations	71813cw-03
3.0	Handout	7/13	Willamette Fall Legacy Project Timeline	71813cw-04