



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**  
September 3, 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 2:04 p.m.

**1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

- Mr. William Jemison sent an email to remind MRC staff that an active shooter drill will take place tomorrow.
- Mr. Noah Siegel was recently hired as the new project manager for the Community Investment Initiative.
- Mr. Paul Slyman gave an update on Parks and Environmental Services' activities over the recess.
- A report was given on the janitorial staff activities over the recess.
- Mr. John Williams and Mr. Steve Wheeler both made themselves available for Councilor Harrington's questions regarding LCDC policy and rule making.

**2. REVIEW OF REVISED COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING PLAN**

Mr. Andy Cotugno, of Metro, and Mr. Kris Strickler, of ODOT, provided the Council with an update on the revised Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project. The purpose of this presentation was to gain direction from the Council for Metro's lobbyist, Mr. Randy Tucker, in the event that a Legislative Special Session is called to discuss the CRC project.

Council President Hughes introduced the presentation. He gave an overview of Metro's past involvement in the project and clarified the instructions given by the Council to Mr. Tucker during the last legislative session.

Mr. Cotugno reviewed the previous actions of the Council regarding the CRC project. He noted that the current proposal builds off previous actions; it does not create an entirely new project. He clarified the differences between the current proposed project and the previously proposed project, which included alterations to the phasing and financing.

Mr. Cotugno explained that the Legislative Special Session would be held to delete the provision that requires Washington's share of the financing to move the project forward. To compensate for the loss of Washington's up front financing, phasing on the Washington side of the river would be delayed, but phases and interchange alterations on the Oregon side will remain relatively

unchanged. He noted that tolls would be implemented, primarily affecting Washington residents, to finance the necessary construction in Washington.

Mr. Cotugno additionally noted that the project has reached mitigation agreements with the three metal fabricators affected by the construction of the bridge. This will allow the Coast Guard to decide whether to issue a permit or not.

***Council Discussion:***

- The Council discussed funding for the revised project, the necessary matching funds, and the sources of funding. Mr. Cotugno and Mr. Strickler clarified the federal funding requirements and noted that federal approval and funding are necessary for the project to move forward.
- The Council discussed the operation of the light rail extension to Clark College. Councilors raised concerns about which agency will operate and maintain the system.
- Councilors inquired about how the grantee status will be transferred between organizations, now that WSDOT will no longer be appropriating funding.
- Councilors inquired about the bond and toll structures, and how changing traffic volume will affect that structure.
- Per councilor concern, Mr. Strickler iterated the continuing bi-state nature of the project. He explained that Washington will still be involved in the project and the approval process for construction on Washington's side of the bridge.
- Per councilor inquiry, Mr. Cotugno clarified that mitigation agreements with the metal fabricators provide compensation for damages and require that the compensation be reinvested in their businesses.
- Councilors raised concerns about maintaining the multi-modality of the project.

Following the discussion, councilors agreed to wait for the Governor's report prior to giving conclusive instruction to Mr. Tucker.

**3. METRO ATTORNEY COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Alison R. Kean gave her monthly/quarterly update to the Metro Council. Ms. Kean reviewed the names of the seven full time and one half time attorneys in the Office of the Metro Attorney. She noted the different departments and projects each attorney works with and their legal specialties.

***Council Discussion:***

- Per councilor inquiry, Ms. Kean noted that pioneer cemeteries have unique legal issues, but these issues generally do not vary much by property.
- Per councilor inquiry, Ms. Kean explained that with the available funds, she would hire a junior attorney to handle the department's legal research.
- Per councilor inquiry, Ms. Kean clarified what is included in human resources legal work.

**4. COUNCIL LIASON UPDATES**

Councilor Shirley Craddick gave an update on the Intertwine Alliance and their upcoming Fall Summit. She also gave an update on the OMPOC conference held last month.

Councilor Carlotta Collette gave an update on JPACT and her list of recommended STIP projects. Councilors asked clarifying questions about specific projects. Councilor Collette also gave an update on the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization's and the Oregon Transportation Research and Education Consortium's conferences and the Willamette Falls project.

Councilor Kathryn Harrington noted that the SW road map annual check in will take place next month.

**5. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Craig Dirksen gave an update on his meeting with the mayors from his district.

**6. ADJOURN**

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 4:18 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF September 3, 2013**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>1.0</b>	Handout	8/09/2013	Draft Columbia River Crossing Map	90313cw-01
<b>2.0</b>	Handout		Metro 100% STIP Priorities	90313cw-02
<b>3.0</b>	Handout	8/19/2013	Oregon's Priorities for Reauthorization of Map 21	90313cw-03