



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**  
October 8, 2013  
Metro Council Chamber

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

**Councilors Excused:** Councilor Carlotta Collette

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:

- Three ordinances will be delayed from the upcoming Council Meeting;
- A group of Metro staff will meet with executive from G9 organizations to discuss CII and planning and development issues;
- COO Bennett will sit on a panel at the upcoming Coalition for a Livable Future Conference;
- There has been a lot of positive press surrounding the Zoo including 2 Zoo staff receiving awards for their work;
- Metro is about to launch is Cultural Compass Diversity Survey which will help inform updates to the Diversity Action Plan.

**2. THE OREGON RESILIENCE PLAN**

Dr. Kent Yu, Oregon Seismic Safety Advisory Committee, presented to the Council on the Oregon Resilience Plan. Dr. Yu began by stating that in 2011, the Oregon Legislature passed House Resolution 3, directing the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC) to “lead and coordinate preparation of an Oregon Resilience Plan that . . . makes recommendations on policy direction to protect lives and keep commerce flowing during and after a Cascadia (megathrust) earthquake and tsunami.” Dr. Yu noted that infrastructure is key for the successful operation of our economy. He stated that it is what makes us Oregon wonderful place to work and live.

Unfortunately, if a major earthquake was to occur today, Oregon would be devastated as a result. Oregon would sustain up to 10,000 casualties and the economic loss would amount to 20% of the State’s GDP. Dr. Yu stated that a large earthquake is inevitable, but Oregon can prepare for such an event. The Oregon Resilience plan offers key recommendations in making sure Oregon is prepared when this earthquake occurs. Recommendations of the plan include:

- Establish a State Resilience Office to provide leadership, resources, advocacy, and expertise in implementing statewide resilience plans;
- Undertake comprehensive seismic assessments of the key structures and systems that underpin Oregon’s economy;
- Launch a sustained program of capital improvement in Oregon’s public structures;

- Craft a package of incentives to engage Oregon's private sector to advance seismic resilience;
- Update Oregon's public policies.

For more information, contact Dr. Kent Yu at [kentyu@seftconsulting.com](mailto:kentyu@seftconsulting.com).

***Council Discussion:***

- Councilors noted that if a large earthquake were to occur, it would be the whole west coast affect, not just the Oregon coast. Dr. Yu stated that the whole west coast would be competing for resources and the best way to avoid this, is to prepare now.
- Councilors stated that policy language surrounding resiliency of Portland metro infrastructure needs to be added to the 2018 RTP.
- Councilors acknowledged having a role in helping prepare for this type of disaster, but wondered how to maximize efficiency. Dr. Yu stated that Metro can be a great leader in bringing forth awareness of the need for seismic preparedness. He noted that being a leader will send a strong signal to the region.
- Councilors asked how government services recover in the midst of a natural disaster. Dr. Yu again emphasized Metro taking leadership in emphasizing seismic resilience.

**3. METRO ATTORNEY UPDATE**

Metro Attorney, Alison Kean provided the Council an update on current assignments in the Office of the Metro Attorney.

**4. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

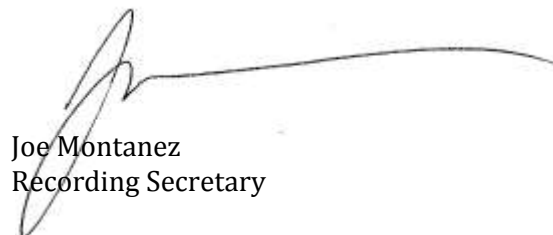
Councilor Craig Dirksen stated that the Southwest Corridor report was very well received at the most recent meeting of the Washington County Coordinating Committee. Additionally, Councilor Dirksen expressed appreciation for the recent tour of the landfill in Gilliam County.

Councilor Kathryn Harrington expressed thanks for a report given by Dwight Unti at the Hillsboro Chamber Luncheon regarding the changing landscape of the city.

**5. ADJUORN**

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe Montanez  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR AUGUST 14, 2013**

The following have been included as part of the official public record:

<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. Number</u></b>
2	PPT	N/A	Oregon Resilience Plan	100813cw-01