



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Meeting Summary

Jan. 14, 2014

Metro Council Chamber

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

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

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

- Councilor Craddick's upcoming birthday.
- The Community Initiatives meeting on January 13 voted in support of implementing the Regional Infrastructure Supporting our Economy (RISE) plan.
- A recruitment report for the Executive Director of Planning and Development is anticipated for February.

2. POWELL-DIVISION TRANSIT AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT APPROACH AND STEERING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Brian Monberg provided an overview to Metro Council of the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project's work program, including background, schedule, milestones and the Steering Committee formation process.

Mr. Monberg presented the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project as an opportunity to look at improving transit and transportation opportunities from downtown Portland through southeast Portland and east Portland to serve Gresham. Staff is initiating the decision-making phase of planning and hoping to reach a policy decision. He stated staff's goal to move forward with a capital project that can be implemented in the short to near term. He spoke to the partnership among all agencies working along the corridor. The project is seeking two outcomes: first, identification of key places and a creative development strategy and second, identification of the transit alignment.

Mr. Monberg explained that this project is emerging as a priority out of the Regional Transportation Plan and the High Capacity Transit System Plan. Metro Council had two previous actions related to the project: endorsing the High Capacity Transit System Plan and sequencing and confirming the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project within the Unified Planning Work Program.

Mr. Monberg identified the Powell-Division corridor as an emerging education corridor, connecting Portland State University, Oregon Health and Science Institute, Portland Community College, Mt. Hood Community College, and two of the largest high schools in Oregon; David Douglas and Reynolds.

Mr. Monberg provided a high-level view of the 2014-2020 Powell-Division Project schedule and the principles that will guide public engagement efforts.

Mr. Monberg introduced the tentative steering committee comprised of elected officials and agency, community, business, and environmental leaders. He stated that the committee will convene at project milestones and recommend an action plan for consideration by the Metro Council. Councilors Craddick and Stacey will co-chair and represent Metro on the Steering Committee. Involvement of low income and minority populations and people who rely on transit to meet their daily needs will be of particular importance to the group. The steering committee is charged with developing an action plan that has community support and can be implemented.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Collette requested that Metro be recognized as a partner since the agency is leading the project.
- Councilor Craddick expressed her excitement for the partnership between Gresham and Portland as the cities connect projects. She gave staff her appreciation.
- Councilor Collette encouraged staff to continue connecting projects along the corridor in presentations to communicate their relationships.
- In response to councilor inquiry, staff confirmed that all land in the project area is incorporated land.
- Councilor Harrington requested information on the lessons learned from the Southwest Corridor Project that have been applied to Powell-Division. She expressed that the relationship among projects already planned along the Powell-Division corridor mirrored the shared investment strategy of the Southwest Corridor Plan. Councilor Stacey outlined key similarities and differences among the East Metro Program, Southwest Corridor Project, and Division-Powell Project in regard to steering committee composition.
- Councilor Chase directed staff to evaluate the committee list to ensure there is optimal diversity represented. Staff explained the project team is looking at lessons learned by other cities, identifying where communities are located by direct engagement, and then looking for partnerships to engage.
- Councilor Harrington inquired about the profile of Division Midway Alliance in the community. Councilor Craddick responded that the alliance is a new business group looking at the mid-point of East Portland. Staff added that the group was identified by PBCI, which explicitly identifies business coalitions with significant diversity.
- Councilor chase expressed appreciation for the diversity map of the corridor region. He requested more information on potential strategies for addressing equity and poverty in the East Metro region and possible strategies to address them.

3. METRO COUNCIL'S 2014 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Metro Council resumed discussion of the 2014 State Legislative Agenda from the January 9 work session with Mr. Randy Tucker. Council sought consensus and direction on the following agenda items:

Mr. Tucker provided background on the Gain Share bill. He summarized for Council that the question before them is whether to support legislation that would help to resolve the disagreement over the allocation formula for Gain Share dollars. Staff clarified that the tax abatement associated with the Strategic Investment Program itself is not subject to a sunset at present, but potentially forthcoming legislation would maintain or postpone the Gain Share sunset and adjust the revenue distribution between local taxing jurisdictions and the state.

Councilor Harrington stated that she believes legislative principles provide guidance during legislative sessions and sought consensus on an applicable principle. Councilor Craddick identified the legislative principle in support of successful communities as a guide for the agenda priority.

Councilors Collette, Craddick and Dirksen supported legislation that would extend the sunset with the understanding that it would allow continued review. Councilors Chase and Stacey requested a follow-up meeting for more information on the gain share program.

Council discussed language recommendations for Exhibit A to Resolution 14-4500 (which summarizes the Council's 2014 legislative priorities) related to the role of Gain Share in future decision-making, effects of changes in revenue distribution from the Gain Share program, whether to support the position of other local governments, and potential benefits and weaknesses of the Gain Share program. Mr. Tucker agreed to modify the item in Exhibit A to reflect the Council discussion.

Mr. Tucker provided background on the Infrastructure Innovation Oregon (I2O) agenda item. The question before Metro for direction for staff was whether Metro Council would like to support moving forward with legislation to create I2O and establish criteria for evaluating large projects for innovation financing.

Councilor Harrington stated that Metro Council has approved a principle for infrastructure finance as well as outcomes under urban growth management. She recommended that Council recognize these as sufficient and discuss any legislation on I2O that is proposed.

Councilor Collette, Harrington, and Stacey gave support for the proposed language under principles.

Councilor Dirksen stated that since infrastructure funding has been a priority for the Metro Council, he recommended it be listed both under priorities and principles. Metro Council approved the proposed language for the Infrastructure Innovation Oregon agenda item and its relevant principles: infrastructure finance and urban growth management.

Council also discussed how the proposed entity would integrate work with related agencies and clarified the legislative schedule before the state legislature.

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett communicated the Council's position on Damascus planning as understood by staff. She stated that staff would like on record a position on whether Metro wants

to see compliance to hold Damascus accountable if legislation comes forward. Council President Hughes commented that such a position would also imply opposing legislation that forgives Damascus.

The Council then continued the discussion it had begun on January 9 related to urban growth management. Mr. Tucker expanded on the item's context and discussed a range of priorities, principles and possible actions he was presenting to the Council.

Per Council President Hughes' direction, Councilors asked clarifying questions before each stating their views. Clarifying questions addressed the appeals process, applications from areas incorporated in the 2011 UGB decision, setting time constraints on the Court of Appeals, and writing a letter to the Court of Appeals urging them to make a decision.

Councilors requested alterations to proposed priority language. Councilor Harrington stated a need for an additional principle that legislature use great constraint and care when considering land use legislation.

Councilors expressed their support, opposition, or desire to remain neutral to the proposed legislation. Councilors also stated whether they would like to write a letter of concern urging the Court of Appeals to advance a decision.

Mr. Tucker summarized councilors' positions and recommended edits for Resolution No. 14-4500. Council gave support for the updates.

4. BREAK

Metro Council recessed for a short break.

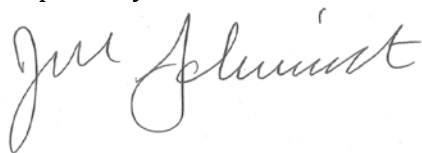
5. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Craddick updated Council on Intertwine Alliance, Glendoveer Golf Course's cart barn, Oregon Zoo Foundation, and the east Portland Transportation Roundtable event. Councilor Dirksen shared updates on the Southwest Corridor steering committee and Westside Economic Alliance.

6. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 4:41 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jill Schmidt".

Jill Schmidt, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JAN. 14, 2014

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Agenda	01/14/14	Revised Council Work Session Agenda for Jan. 14, 2014	11414cw-01
1.0	Agenda	01/16/14	Council Agenda for Jan. 16, 2014	11414cw-02
2.0	PowerPoint	01/16/14	Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Presentation	11414cw -03
2.0	Handout	01/14/14	Revised Exhibit B to Resolution No. 14-4496	11414cw -04
3.0	Handout	01/14/14	Revised Exhibit A to Resolution No. 14-4500	11414cw -05
3.0	Handout	01/14/14	Revised Exhibit B to Resolution No. 14-4500	11414cw -06
3.0	Memo	01/13/14	Proposed UGB Legislation	11414cw-07
3.0	Handout	01/09/14	Draft Bill	11414cw-08
3.0	Table	01/14/14	Table of Options	11414cw-09