



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Meeting Summary

Feb. 27, 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 2:01 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

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

- The Oregon Zoo's elephant herd was successfully introduced to a new portion of the Zoo's Elephant Lands.
- The month of March will recognize the value of teamwork.
- The 2013 Metro Compliance Report was made available.
- House Bill 4078 in Oregon State Legislature.

2. CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES SCENARIOS PROJECT: UPDATE ON FRAMING POLICY QUESTIONS FOR JOINT MPAC/JPACT MEETINGS AND PLANNED ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Mr. John Williams introduced Ms. Kim Ellis and the Climate Smart Communities project.

The Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project was initiated in response to a mandate from the 2009 Oregon Legislature to reduce per capita greenhouse gas emissions from cars and small trucks by 20 percent below 2005 levels by 2035. Oregon Administrative Rule 660-044 directs the Metro Council to select a preferred approach by the end of 2014 after public review and consultation with local governments and state and regional partners. The preferred approach that is developed in 2014 will start with the plans that cities, counties and the region have adopted.

Metro staff provided project updates on:

1. Recent briefings related to the project,
2. Framing policy questions for the joint meetings between the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) on April 11 and May 30,

3. And planned engagement activities to inform upcoming policy discussions and recommendations.

Ms. Ellis updated the Council on project milestones since the last work session in January 2014 and directed Council to the meeting packet where updates were outlined in more detail. At Ms. Ellis' request, Council provided updates on responses to Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project briefings to external groups and agencies.

Ms. Ellis reminded Council that MPAC and JPACT will make recommendations to Council on the preferred scenario, but Metro Council will adopt the scenario.

Ms. Ellis presented materials for the joint MPAC/JPACT meetings in the spring with an overview of the policy questions identified for discussion. Ms. Ellis sought direction from Council on the draft policy questions and the level of detail appropriate for advisory committees to make their recommendation on the preferred approach. Mr. Williams reminded Council that the policy questions posed to MPAC and JPACT would address: streets and highways, bike and pedestrian connections, transit service, technology and "smarter" roads, marking and information on travel options, parking, and ways to pay for needed investments.

Council gave feedback on the effectiveness of the tentative meeting materials which will be intended as guides for identifying community outcomes from the three proposed scenarios. Council provided feedback on the readability of the draft materials and effectiveness in clearly framing the scenarios and components to foster the intended discussion for drafting a preferred approach. Councilors gave input on the level of detail and identification of associated costs. Council emphasized the need to make clear to committee members that input on the preferred approach can and should use options from each of the three scenarios.

Council also recognized the varying level of familiarity with the project among Metro Council, committee members, and regional partners. Council supported continuing to move forward with development of the discussion materials.

Ms. Peggy Morell provided an overview of engagement activities. Ms. Morell summarized the current planned activities, which included: stakeholder interviews, focus groups, discussion groups, telephone survey, online comment tool, joint JPACT/MPAC meetings, and community events. Ms. Morell informed Council that results from initial engagement activities will become available as reports are completed.

Ms. Morell requested input from Council as to what topics they would most like to learn more about through a telephone survey to be conducted in March. Council responded with a desire to hear responses related to transit. Councilor Chase requested that improving access to transit is discussed alongside improving frequency. Council requested more time to provide responses to the question through their Climate Smart Communities liaison.

3. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES

Councilors gave updates on the JPACT trip to Washington D.C., MPAC, Oregon Zoo Bonds Citizens Oversight Committee, Powell-Division project,

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4. **ADIURN**

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 3:44 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 FEB. 27, 2014

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Report	03/2014	2013 Compliance Report	22714cw-01
2.0	Handout	2/27/14	Draft Policy Questions for CSC Meetings	22714cw -02
2.0	Handout	2/27/14	Draft CSC Meeting Material	22714cw -03