



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Meeting Minutes

May 1, 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 2:24 p.m. following the Regular Public Hearing.

1. TRANSPORTATION POLICY, COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION ASSESSMENT REPORT

Councilor Collette sought Council input to represent Metro at the first Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 1 Task Force meeting seeking transportation solutions. She stated that she did not want to refer to an Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) formation because it is only one option available as a transportation solution.

Mr. Andy Cotugno provided an overview of the purpose of the ODOT Region 1 Task Force. The Oregon Transportation Commission formed ACTs in 2003 to expand stakeholder involvement in Oregon Department of Transportation's decision-making process, especially as related to the Oregon Transportation Commission on project funding in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Task Force was convened to identify and address transportation issues and resulted in a recommendation to form an ACT for Region 1. In response to Council inquiry, Mr. Cotugno explained that the recommendation to form an ACT for Region 1 is in response to frustration from those who do not receive project funding. He stated that the predominant role of ACTs is to contribute to selecting projects to receive funding.

Council Discussion:

Council discussed their position for Councilor Collette to represent on May 5 at ODOT's Task Force meeting. Highlights included:

- Membership reform of the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) would not be an appropriate charge of the work group.
- The need for proportionate representation in the work group established.
- There are many possible variations for the representative work group.
- Issues in the use of vocabulary "urban" and "rural" when rural cities identify with urban issues.
- The need to address revenue and funding for the group.

- A need to know what the Oregon Transportation Commission needs and what ODOT seeks from the work group.

Other points of Council discussion included:

- Councilor Chase expressed interest in how active transportation issues have been handled in relation to equity.
- Councilor Harrington expressed lack of familiarity with how ACTs shape policy and inform OTC or ODOT, and how results follow implementation.
- Council and staff discussed the Metro boundary in relation to ODOT's Region1 boundary.
- Council reviewed the proposed list of ODOT Region 1 ACT Task Force members. Metro requested that ODOT consider adding active transportation and environmental justice representatives to the task force. Council agreed to relay the request once more having heard no response.

Mr. Tucker inquired as to how consensus would be sought on transportation issues. Mr. Cotugno explained that consensus is anticipated to be defined as agreement among all representatives, but that lacking consensus, majority vote will be used.

Ms. Bennett stated that areas outside of the Metropolitan Planning Organization boundary wanted a representative group independent of the metropolitan cities and thus may not be in disagreement with Metro's interests.

2. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 1, 2014

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1.0	Agenda	5/5/2014	ODOT Region 1 Transportation Coordination Task Force	50114cw-01