



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2016  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

**Councilors Excused:** Council President Tom Hughes

Deputy Council President Craig Dirksen 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 Metro Council on the upcoming events for Metro's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Month, as well as the success of recent events on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Ms. Bennett also announced that the construction of the new Blue Lake Park restrooms has been completed.

**2. SOLID WASTE ROADMAP: LANDFILL CAPACITY POLICY**

Paul Slyman, Metro's Director of Property and Environmental Services, and Bryce Jacobson, Metro Senior Solid Waste Planner, presented the Solid Waste Roadmap: Landfill Capacity Policy. Mr. Slyman and Mr. Jacobson discussed the potential impacts of the proposed Landfill Capacity Policy and the project's next steps, and requested direction regarding the predicted fiscal impacts to the public. Key elements of the presentation included the results of an impact assessment which highlighted fiscal, transportation, employment, and environmental impacts, and the project timeline.

***Council Discussion:***

Councilors raised questions about the assumptions on which the staff's impact assessment was based, requested additional information regarding the project timeline, and asked for a more in-depth explanation regarding the discrepancy between garbage rates for different neighborhoods. Councilor Chase inquired about the scope of the impact to transportation emissions as a result of the proposed policy's implementation. Councilors Chase and Craddick and Ms. Bennett discussed the predicted increase in greenhouse gas emissions as a result of the policy in the context of Metro's goal to reduce emissions by 20%. The councilors also discussed several options for distributing the projected increase in garbage rates as a result of the policy. Councilor Stacey spoke to the possibility of engaging a

broader range of community members and stakeholders in addition to the three cities that would be directly impacted. Councilor Dirksen advised restricting public outreach to community members who will be directly affected by the rate changes. Councilor Harrington noted that while some neighborhoods may not be directly impacted by rate changes, they may still be impacted by environmental and transportation issues as a result of the proposed policy. Councilor Stacey shared a chart representing the flow of Metro waste under the current system.

### **3. DRAFT PARKS AND NATURE SYSTEM PLAN REVIEW**

Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, Metro's Parks and Nature Department Director, presented the Draft Parks and Nature System Plan Review. Ms. Brennan-Hunter shared a summary of the stakeholder feedback and requested any additional comments or questions from the Council.

#### ***Council Discussion:***

Councilors discussed stakeholder feedback and the proposed mission-critical strategy regarding partnerships with staff.

### **4. COUNCILOR LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Stacey recounted his conversations with President Wim Wiewel of Portland State University regarding a proposed Metro-wide payroll tax to support regional scholarships for students. Councilors and Ms. Bennett discussed the need for additional information before the second read of Ordinances Nos. 15-1364 and 15-1366. Councilor Dirksen updated the Council on the JPACT Finance Subcommittee meeting as well as the most recent Oregon Transportation Commission meeting, and highlighted a presentation by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding the use of FAST Act funds. Councilors Dirksen and Chase spoke to the possibility of further exploring the option of using the funds for project development rather than bonding it. Councilor Harrington spoke to the importance of strategically addressing regional transportation needs with Metro's Regional Flexible Funds. Councilor Harrington also discussed the recent Regional Transportation Plan panel on performance measures.

### **5. ADJOURN**

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Dirksen adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kyra Schneider, Council Policy Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2016**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>
<b>2.0</b>	Handouts	1/26/16	Solid Waste Roadmap: Landfill Capacity Policy PowerPoint Presentation	012616cw-01
<b>2.0</b>	Handout	1/26/16	Metro Waste Distribution Flowchart	012616cw -02
<b>3.0</b>	Handout	1/26/16	Draft Parks and Nature System Plan Review PowerPoint Presentation	012616cw -03
<b>3.0</b>	Handout	1/26/16	Draft Proposed Mission Critical Strategy	012616cw -04
<b>3.0</b>	Handout	1/26/16	Parks and Nature System Plan Stakeholder Feedback	012616cw -05
<b>3.0</b>	Handout	1/26/16	Draft Parks and Nature System Plan Executive Summary	012616cw -06