



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
Meeting Minutes  
March 1, 2016  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

**Councilors Excused:** None

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 upcoming adoption of the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission budget, the formal launch of the discussion period for the Equity Strategy, Women's History Month in March, and the State of Oregon Certification Office of Business Inclusion and Diversity (COBID) open house. Ms. Bennett also noted that Don Moore, the new director of the Oregon Zoo, had his first work day and thanked Teri Dresler and Scott Robinson for their interim duties.

**2. SOLID WASTE ROADMAP: TRANSFER SYSTEM CONFIGURATION PROJECT**

Mr. Tim Collier, Metro's Director of Finance and Regulatory Services, and Mr. Dan Pitzler, CH2M, presented on the Solid Waste Roadmap: Transfer System Configuration Project. Mr. Collier provided a brief policy background and noted the important role of transfer stations in the solid waste system. Mr. Pitzler reviewed the process of developing the criteria used to determine which waste management system model best serves the public interest, and presented Council with four options for their consideration. Mr. Collier discussed the drawbacks and benefits of each of the four options, and the recommendations of the task force and other stakeholder groups. Mr. Collier, Mr. Pitzler, and Council discussed the effects of tonnage caps on the waste management system.

***Council Discussion:***

Council spoke to their support for maintaining the status quo, but with some slight modifications. Councilor Dirksen suggesting assessing tonnage caps as a percentage of the total waste rather than a hard number, requiring a minimum tonnage flow to Metro stations to cover the cost of Metro's services, and requiring waste management providers who choose not to offer additional services to pay a fee for Metro to provide them. Councilor Craddick noted the importance of ensuring that transfer station operators are held accountable for greenhouse gas emissions and collection efficiency. Councilor Chase conveyed his support for assessing tonnage caps as percentages of the total waste, and noted the benefits of separating noneconomic services for public benefit from market services in the analysis. Councilor Harrington raised questions about the difference

between the recommendation to maintain the status quo with slight modifications and the second option proposed to Council for consideration. Councilor Harrington also emphasized the importance of market transparency. Councilor Collette raised concerns that some of the modifications would force smaller businesses out of the system. President Hughes highlighted the importance of ensuring that the noneconomic services for public benefit, such as household hazardous waste management, are still completed.

**3. 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE: 2016 ACTIVITIES AND REGIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM #1**

Mr. John Williams, Metro's Deputy Director of Planning and Development, and Ms. Kim Ellis, Metro staff, presented on the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update: 2016 Activities and Regional Leadership Forum #1. Mr. Williams provided a brief project overview, and noted that the first councilor liaison meeting took place the previous week. Ms. Ellis reviewed the project timeline and updated Council on current activities, which include conducting background research, compiling revenue data, and working with the Regional Snapshots program staff to develop a Regional Snapshot on transportation. She also reminded Council that the Finance Workgroup recently had its first meeting, and asked Council how they would like the results of the meeting shared. Ms. Ellis and Mr. Williams discussed the Council's role in the project and suggested a variety of ways for Council to be involved, and Mr. Williams reviewed the draft agenda for the first Regional Leadership Forum.

***Council Discussion:***

Councilor Craddick highlighted the importance of identifying funding sources to the success of the project. Councilor Craddick raised concerns that people will only choose to identify issues such as potholes and traffic as answers to some of the questions posed in the Regional Leadership Forum agenda. Councilor Harrington shared a recent survey that identified the top three transportation issues as being the same across all counties, and advised making equity an increased priority going forward. She also spoke to the use of regional trails as transportation corridors. Ms. Ellis noted that another recent survey identified that many people are concerned about the transportation system aging and being unprepared for natural disasters. Councilor Stacey noted that the RTP has established policies but not strategies for getting projects and systems built, and emphasized that communities want to see investments in their own arterials. Councilor Chase emphasized the importance of the affordable transportation aspect, and suggested incorporating TriMet in the Snapshots program as a tool to educate people about reduced transit fare.

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

President Hughes updated Council on the bills likely to pass during the current legislative session. Councilor Dirksen shared the potential for an upcoming JPACT trip in the fall.

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**5. ADIURN**

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyra Schneider", with a long, sweeping underline.

Kyra Schneider, Council Policy Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2016**

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