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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 24, 2018**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber**

**Council work session**

**2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call**

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:03 p.m.

**Present:** 6 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

**Excused:** 1 - Councilor Betty Dominguez

**2:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Ms. Martha Bennett, Metro Chief Operating Officer, reminded the Council that there was a hard copy of the Urban Growth Report appendices at the Council front desk. She also announced that Metro's Property and Environmental Services department has partnered with Oregon Tradeswomen and Constructing Hope to advance workforce diversity, job quality and solid waste career pathways. Ms. Bennett shared that there was a lunch and learn for Constructing Hope partnership on August 1st at noon to 1p.m. in Room 270.

**Work Session Topics:****2:10 Elected Officials Survey Update**

Council president Hughes introduced Metro staff, Mr. Jim Middaugh, and Davis, Hibbits and Midghall incorporated research staff, Ms. Michelle Neiss and Ms. Anne Buzzini. Mr. Middaugh shared that the purpose for the research was to understand elected officials' awareness of Metro's programs. He announced that there was a survey sent to 154 elected officials in the region and 70 participated between May 1st through the 27th. Mr. Middaugh highlighted that participants seen the most value in Metro's ability of protecting natural resources, maintaining infrastructure, and facilities management. He shared that 15 people disagreed on Metro providing positive services. Mr.

Middaugh highlighted that elected officials agreed with Metro's communication outreach. He explained that 25 percent responded that the elected officials didn't know what the Expo Center was doing. Mr. Middaugh shared that participants expressed a need for better engagement and involvement.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Dirksen asked why Regional Trail planning is separate from parks and nature. Councilor Harrington expressed how in her jurisdiction, there was low interest in the Expo Center because of the distance. Councilor Chase shared his comments and concerns about the responses.

2:45 Emerging Technology Strategy Implementation Actions

Council President Hughes introduced Metro Staff, Mr. Elliot Rose. Mr. Rose shared with the Council a draft technology program called Partnerships and Innovative Learning Opportunities in Transportation (PILOT). He discussed emerging technologies in transportation such as automated vehicles, connected vehicles, and electric vehicles, micro transit, car and bike share, and detailed data for travelers and planners. Mr. Rose proposed that The Emerging Technology Strategy aims to guide innovation in transportation technology toward creating a more equitable and livable region.

Mr. Rose highlighted that the total funding available was \$150,000 to fund between 1 to 3 projects. He added that the amount of funding applicants were allowed to request was \$25,000 to \$150,000. Mr. Rose noted that eligible applicants had to be public agencies Non-profits, or private companies. He stated that the grant period was two years, from July 2019 through June 2021.

*Council Discussions*

Councilor Harrington requested feedback from Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT). Councilor Craddick asked if the bike share program an ongoing success. Councilor Dirksen noticed how the program was focused on creating solutions for transportation. Councilor Chase shared his thoughts on the program.

**3:30 Councilor Communication**

Councilor Craddick shared that she attended a Travel Portland meeting. Council President Hughes shared his thoughts on hotel occupancy.

**3:45 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



ShaToya Bentley, Council Policy Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 24, 2018**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1.0	PowerPoint	07/24/2018	Metro Elected Officials Survey	072418c-01
2.0	Handout	07/24/2018	Metro Elected Officials Survey Memo	072418c -02
3.0	PowerPoint	07/24/2018	PILOT Program Overview	072418c -03