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Minutes

Thursday, September 6, 2018

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Present: 7 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Betty Dominguez, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

2:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Mr. Andrew Scott, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, recalled the email to Metro staff received from Mr. Paul Slyman, Property of Environmental Services Director, sharing Metro's first comprehensive Disaster Debris Management Plan. He explained the plan defined Metro's role regarding solid waste and debris management in the event of a disaster and helped Metro coordinate with other agencies, the solid waste industry and contractors in the event of a major incident. He thanked staff for their collaborative work in putting the plan together. He announced Rose City Comic Con would be coming to the Oregon Convention Center (OCC) the coming weekend. He noted the Rose City Comic Con was a very popular and successful event for OCC and the city. He introduced Ms. Margi Bradway, Planning and Development Deputy Director, to discuss the Land Conservation and Development Commission's (LCDC) proposed amendments to the Transportation Planning Rule (TPR). Ms. Bradway commented on the Regional Transportation System Plan, specifically the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Rulemaking that provided directive to do regional planning leading to climate protective strategies. She provided handouts related to the TPR and Metro's Draft response which reflected concerns on Metropolitan Planning Organization's authority and the weakening of rules on climate strategy. Councilors shared concerns with staff and suggested additional edits to the Draft letter to the LCDC. Ms. Bradway announced a revised draft response letter would be brought in front of Council

once revisions were made.

Work Session Topics:

2:10 2022-24 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation Policy Discussion

Council President Hughes introduced Ms. Margi Bradway, Planning and Development Deputy Director, Mr. Daniel Kaempff, Principal Transportation Planner, and Mr. Ted Leybold, Planning and Development Manager, to present on the 2022-24 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA) Policy.

Ms. Bradway explained each RFFA cycle began with a review of the policy framework that guided the investments made with the funds. She explained the presentation would be an overview of the existing policy and a discussion of the alignment with the draft 2018 Regional transportation Plan (RTP) policy direction. She reviewed Council's requested of providing a handout regarding previous decisions around RFFA for the upcoming Council. She explained staff would be working on creating a memo referring to the proposed policy and reasoning behind the RTP serving as framework. Mr. Kaempff explained while the Federal Department of Transportation allocated most of the funding to the Oregon Department of Transportation, large metro areas like Portland also received a direct allotment of federal funding to be used on local priorities. He stated the funds were comprised of two federal funding programs, Surface Transportation Block Grants and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality. He noted the two programs could be used on a broad range of needs and were not limited to a single mode, but aimed at helping urban areas develop multimodal transportation systems and meeting and maintaining environmental standards. He expressed the Flexible Funds

allocation covered a three year time period and the upcoming funding allocation would cover programs and projects scheduled to be built between 2022 and 2024. He shared that compared to all of the transportation dollars spent annually in the region, the Flexible Funds comprised only about two percent. He listed the following funding sources:

- Oregon Department of Transportation- primarily highways and roads
- Counties/cities - local street improvements, maintenance
- Transit agencies - Local and federal funding dedicated to capital and operations
- Metro (Regional Flexible Funds) - Focused on transit capital, Transit Oriented Development, Regional Travel Options, Transportation Systems Management and Operations, corridor planning, active transportation and freight projects

Ms. Bradway reminded Council of the draft RTP alignment to the regional flexible fund process, which included the following:

- Metro's Shared Vision for Transportation
- Transportation System Policies to Achieve Metro's Vision
- The Region's Transportation Funding Outlook
- Regional Programs and Projects to Achieve Metro's Vision
- Performance Measures

She reviewed the draft 2018 RTP Goals and the meaningful, ongoing engagement with stakeholders. She stated in order to be funded with Flexible Funds, projects must be in the

RTP, or amended in prior to a funding agreement being put in place. Mr. Kaempff discussed all of the projects in the region funded through the RFFA, and mentioned all other projects using federal funding were documented in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). He noted the MTIP was federally required, as was the RTP, and was intended to illustrate how the region's intended project list adhered to the RTP policy direction. He listed the eligible uses of Regional Flexible Funds used through the MTIP funding approach. He explained the existing two-step RFFA framework, first being regional commitments and investments, followed by Community Investment Funds. He noted if staff were to continue the same basic funding structure, the draft revenue forecast for the upcoming cycle would be \$142 million, about a \$16 million increase from the previous cycle. Ms. Bradway expressed the importance of keeping the RTP policy priorities as the region was considering how to invest. She commented staff's recommendation was not to change step one and were open to Council's direction for step two. Mr. Kaempff listed the following three options when considering policy objectives for step two changes:

- Maintained 75/25 percent Step two split
- Eliminated 75/25 percent split
- Changed 75/25 percent split to better align with RTP goals

He concluded by opening the floor for Council discussion.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Harrington suggested considering local benefits and advocated policy priorities for the upcoming Council. Councilor Chase expressed interest in the strategy and how decisions would be made regarding forecasted 2020 capital. Councilors recommended maintaining the split and policies.

3:10 Councilor Communication

None.

3:15 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	Handout	09/06/2018	Facts about Metropolitan Transportation Planning Rulemaking	090618cw-01
2.0	Letter	09/06/2018	Draft Letter to Land Conservation and Development Commission regarding the Transportation Rule	090618cw-02
3.0	Letter	09/06/2018	Revisions to Draft Letter	090618cw-03
4.0	PowerPoint	09/06/2018	2022-24 Regional Flexible Funds	090618cw-04