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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 16, 2019**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber**

**Council work session**

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

Council President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council work session call to order at: 2:04 p.m.

**Present:** 5 - Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Christine Lewis, and Lynn Peterson

**Excused:** 2 - Councilor Sam Chase, and Councilor Bob Stacey

**2:05 Safety Briefing****Work Session Topics:**

2:10 Jurisdictional Transfer Assessment

Attachments: [Work Session Worksheet](#)  
[Jurisdictional Transfer Timeline](#)  
[PowerPoint](#)

President Lynn Peterson introduce Ms. Margi Bradway, Metro Deputy Director of Planning and Development, to discuss the Regional Framework for Highway Jurisdictional Transfer. Ms. Bradway gave background on the issue and a brief overview on where the transfer was headed. She noted that candidates for jurisdictional transfer are often called orphan highways. Ms. Bradway gave a brief background on Portland highways and some of the long-term issues that came with their construction. She introduced Mr. John Mermin, Senior Transportation Planner, to further expand on the Regional Framework for Highway Jurisdictional Transfer. Mr. Mermin noted that the purpose of the jurisdictional transfer project was to identify the potential state on routes that could be good candidates for transfer, identify the gaps and deficiencies along them, which helped inform the cost estimates, to prioritize the routes throughout the region in terms of likelihood and importance, and priority for transfer, and to address some of the barriers and opportunities transfer. He then expanded on the various steps they envisioned in this process: identification of roadways that were candidates for

transfer, assessment and prioritization of the quarters, the establishment of a cost methodology with the consideration of maintenance conditions, pedestrian network, transit network, and safety, and, and a capability assessment focused on the capacity readiness of a city or county to take on ownership of one of these facilities.

Mr. Mermin noted that the final assessment included the regional prioritization and it established an agreement on the regional approach for how jurisdictional transfer happens in the Metro region. He remarked that this report was to be housed in the next R2P technical appendix. Mr. Mermin announced that JPAC was to be briefed that Thursday regarding this issue. He noted that they were to evaluate proposals in the months that followed, and planned to negotiate scope, schedule, and budget, and to brief TPAC to begin their work by July of 2019.

#### *Council Discussion*

Councilor Gonzalez inquired about equity because he did not see an overlay on any of the core doors for what racial equity could look like in terms of primary indicators. Ms. Bradway came in on this issue and expanded on data that showed overlap between high crash corridors, equity, and candidates for jurisdictional transfer. She spoke about the challenges around quantifying inequity data indicators for this specific proposal and invited advice and guidance from Councilor Gonzalez. Councilor Christine Lewis raised questions around asset conditions and criteria with the consideration of change over time. She also raised questions about the capacity assessment under the consideration of some of the arterials most in need. Councilor Shirley Craddick raised concerns around equity; she felt that despite equity's position as one of the four main criteria in Metro's transportation funding measure, it still was not as upfront or prioritized as it should have been in this

assessment.

President Peterson suggested that criteria should be formulated around risks as certain populations have been exposed to higher risks that have not been accounted for. She wanted to ensure that this project increased safety and accessibility and economic development for communities that need it because did not seem to be a part of the risk management discussion. Councilor Gonzalez inquired about the process that was to occur after the transfer. He asked about the destination of the budget that was to be allocated to local jurisdictions, and about whether there was an update to the spending model. Ms. Bradway noted that some the level of flexibility in budget varied by jurisdiction.

2:40 Budget Work Session

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1 to Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 2 to Staff Report](#)

President Peterson introduced Mr. Tim Collier, Metro Finance and Regulatory Services Director. Mr. Collier reviewed the budget timeline and potential amendments as well as what the process looked like. He introduced Metro Financial Planning Manager, Lisa Houghton, to expand on this information. Ms. Houghton highlighted some of the upcoming dates in the budget process. She expanded on the budget timeline presented to Council in the proposed budget presentation the previous Thursday. Ms. Houghton noted that Council was scheduled to Council was scheduled to consider and vote on Resolution 19-4976 to approve the FY 2019-20 budget and set property tax levies and the transmission for the approved budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission on Thursday, May 2nd, 2019. She also noted that there was an opportunity for public comment on the budget at that time. Ms. Houghton announced that Tax Supervising &

Conservation Commission (TSCC) public hearing was scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2019. She mentioned that the TSCC provided Metro a list of their questions for discussion at the hearing. Ms. Houghton shared that Council was to be provided copies of those questions and management responses prior to the final adoption was scheduled for June 20, 2019. She noted that there was planned to be additional opportunities for public comment at both of the council meetings in June.

Ms. Houghton spoke about the documents related to the opportunities that Council had to approve amendments to the FY19-20. The first document was a memo that outline the process and timeline Council had historically chose to use in proposing Council amendments. The second document was a form that the Finance and Regulatory Services request Council and their policy advisors use to send amendments to financial planning. She noted that there were no substantive changes in that form from the prior years. Ms. Houghton announced that discussion on Councilor and Department amendments was scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2019, and that Council consideration and vote on the amendments was scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2019.

#### *Council Discussion*

President Peterson discussed membership to Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) America to ensure that Metro was a part of federal discussion around policy development around autonomous vehicles, shared vehicles, and data management. She also discussed a proposal for a very low cost way to start out the Metro conservation corps. Councilor Gonzalez raised questions around the funding of contracted professional services and community partnerships. Ms. Houghton clarified that the process and

the projects were still funded, they had just been moved the funding for the, to a department.

Councilor Christine Lewis announced that she was to develop a proposal around the HR budget to ensure that the new HR director has the resources needed.

**3:40 Break**

**3:55 Legislative Update**

President Peterson introduced Mr. Andy Shaw, Director of Government Affairs, give the legislative update. Mr. Shaw announced that most of the bills that his department had been tracking had moved on to either the Ways and Means or the Rules Committee. He remarked that Mr. Randy Tucker, Legislative Affairs Manager, testified against a bill that allowed a freeway on the west side of the region overseen by a new district that was to be free from any of the land use, transportation, other various rules that the Metro region, cities, and counties are required to follow.

**Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Mrs. Martha Bennett, Metro's Chief Operating Officer, announced that the Portland Business Bureau recognized Mr. Jon Blasher, Metro Director of Parks and Nature as one of their "Top 40 Leaders under 40".

In celebration of Earth Day, Property Environment Services Director Roy Brower and Tom Chaimov, Solid Waste Operations Director gave an update about events that had happened recently with Metro Paint. Mr. Brower announced that they had just completed a process of hiring seven brand new Metro employees to produce Metro recycled paint. He discussed their revamped paint product "Paint with a Promise" to be introduced on earth day.

**4:30 Councilor Communication**

Councilor Craig Dirksen discussed the the OReGO program, which charged its volunteers 1.7 cents for every mile they traveled on the Oregon's public roads; the program then awarded its participants with credits for the Oregon state's fuel taxes. He explained that, with Council's support, he made a recommendation and Representative John Lively put a bill into the legislature removed the sunset, and also remove the limit on how many vehicles can be involved in the program.

President Peterson discussed an incident where someone had made a comment to a Spanish-speaking individual that only English was spoken as the table. To ensure that such an event never happened again, she had posters made that reminded people that Metro was a welcoming environment for all cultures and voices. President Peterson noted that they were displayed in every conference room in the Metro Regional Center building.

**4:35 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3: 34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2019**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1.0	PowerPoint	04/16/2019	Metro Paint Updates	041619cw-01
2.0	Handout	04/16/2019	Budget Process	041619cw-02
3.0	Memo	04/16/2019	FY 2019-20 Councilor Budget Review and Amendment Process	041619cw-03
4.0	Handout	04/16/2019	FY 2019-20 Council Proposals For Budget Amendment Discussion	041619cw-04
5.0	Handout	04/16/2019	Metro Conservation Corps (MCC) Concept Paper	041619cw-05