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Minutes

Thursday, September 26, 2019

5:00 PM

**Metro Council Public Hearing on Regional Flexible Funds
Allocation Project Proposals
Metro Regional Center, Council chamber**

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present: 7 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Bob Stacey, Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

2. Safety Briefing

Council President Peterson called on Councilor Gonzalez to provide a safety briefing. Councilor Gonzalez provided a safety briefing for the meeting including information on the location of emergency exits, fire extinguishers and automated external defibrillators.

3. Presentations**3.1 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation Project Proposals**

Council President Peterson explained that the hearing was part of the public comment period for the Regional Flexible Fund Allocation (RFFA) decision, noting that the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council would consider application information, technical evaluations and public comment in its decision. She introduced Dan Kaempff, Metro staff, to provide a brief presentation.

Mr. Kaempff stated that an estimated \$43 million in funds were available as part of RFFA for projects in two categories: active transportation and freight and economic development. He discussed the four investment priorities of the flexible funds policy and reviewed the evaluation criteria. Mr. Kaempff provided an overview of the project timeline, noting that the final package of projects would be brought to Council for consideration in January 2020.

Councilor Gonzalez asked whether partial funding for projects was typical and what equity strategies had been incorporated in the engagement process. Councilor Lewis asked about the initial scoring panel and the scoring process.

3.1.1 Public Hearing on Regional Flexible Funds Allocation Project Proposals

Council President Peterson opened up a public hearing and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak.

Karin Power, Oregon House of Representatives:

Representative Power testified in support of the City of Milwaukie Monroe Street Greenway project, highlighting the benefits to creating a continuous bike way and greenway from downtown Milwaukie.

Maya Agarwal, City of Portland: Ms. Agarwal, of Portland Parks and Recreation, testified in support of the City of Portland Springwater to 17th Avenue Trail. She stated that that Springwater Corridor was one of the most heavily used trails in the region, noting the importance of the 0.4 mile trail connection project that would nearly complete the corridor.

Bernie Stout, City of Milwaukie: Mr. Stout testified in support of the City of Milwaukie Monroe Street Greenway project, highlighting the project's importance in Milwaukie's growth.

John Washington, City of Portland: Mr. Washington, Chair of the Soul District Business Association, testified in support of the City of Portland Martin Luther King (MLK) Boulevard Safety and Access to Transit project. He stated the

importance of the safety project to the MLK Blvd corridor and its residents.

Jon Stoll, City of Milwaukie: Mr. Stoll testified in support of the City of Milwaukie Monroe Street Greenway project. He discussed the impacts to the bike and pedestrian access.

Ken Ackerman, City of Hillsboror: Mr. Ackerman, of the 40 Mile Loop Land Trust, testified in support of the Springwater to 17th Avenue Trail project. He discussed the importance of the completing the trail and Metro's investments in the corridor.

Deb Scott, City of Portland: Ms. Scott, of the 40 Mile Loop Land Trust, testified in support of the City of Portland Cully to Columbia improvement project. She discussed the importance of improving the connection across barriers such as Columbia Boulevard for regionally significant trail systems. (Ms. Scott submitted written materials as part of her testimony; please see the September 26 meeting packet).

John Southgate, City of Galdstone: Mr. Southgate, representing the City of Gladstone, testified in support of the City of Gladstone Trolley Trail Bridge replacement project. He discussed the project importance and readiness, noting the impacts of Clackamas County's affordable housing bond work within the City of Gladstone.

Matt Menely, City of Milwaukie: Mr. Menely, Co-founder of Bike Milwaukie, testified in support of the Monroe Street Greenway project. He discussed the project's benefits to bike and pedestrian access, noting the community's engagement in the project. (Mr. Menely submitted written materials as part of his testimony; please see the September

26 meeting packet).

Aaron Ritter, City of Tigard: Mr. Ritter testified in support of the City of Tigard Bull Mountain Road Complete Street project. He discussed recent development in the area and the importance of safe bike and pedestrian access along the roadway.

Marianne Fitzgerald, City of Portland: Ms. Fitzgerald, of the Crestwood Neighborhood Association, testified in support of the City of Portland Taylors Ferry Road project. She discussed the safety and access impacts of the project, highlighting affordable housing opportunities and the connector to transit centers. (Ms. Fitzgerald submitted written materials as part of her testimony; please see the September 26 materials packet).

Gary Paquenstecker, City of Tigard: Mr. Paquenstecker testified in support of the City of Tigard Red Rock Creek Trail project, noting the town center designation, urban renewal areas and the connection to the regional trail system within the project area. He discussed

Lisa Batey, City of Milwaukie: Councilor Batey testified in support of the Monroe Greenway project. She explained that the project would create a four mile continuous bikeway from downtown Milwaukie to the I-205 multi-use path and highlighted the project importance improving the crossing across Highway 224. Councilor Batey noted that the project would increase safety for bikes and reduce congestion on arterial streets.

Seeing no further testimony, Council President Peterson gaveled out of the public hearing.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Craddick asked staff to review next steps in the funding allocation process. Councilor Dirksen noted that the many opportunities for stakeholder input including the region’s county coordinating committees, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation and Metro Council meetings. He asked for clarification on the opportunity and benefit evaluations in the technical rankings. Councilor asked whether alternative funding opportunities existed for the projects proposals. Councilor Chase asked for clarification on the congestion priority as part of the evaluation process.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING OF SEPTEMBER 26,
2019**

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
3.1	PowerPoint	9/26/19	2022-2024 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation Public Hearing	092619c-01
3.1.1	Letter	6/20/19	Letter from Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.	092619c-02
3.1.1	Letter	9/24/19	Letter from Robert Akers of the 40 Mile Loop Land Trust in Support of the Cully Columbia Intersection Improvements Project	092619c-03
3.1.1	Letter	9/24/19	Letter from Robert Akers of the 40 Mile Loop Land Trust in Support of the Springwater to 17 th Trail Connection Project	092619c-04
3.1.1	Handout	9/26/19	Trolley Trail Bridge Talking Points	092619c-05
3.1.1	Letter	9/16/19	Letter from Crestwood Neighborhood Association	092619c-06
3.1.1	Handout	9/26/19	Map of Portland Region and Taylors Ferry Project Area	092619c-07
3.1.1	Handout	9/26/19	Map of Portland Region and Taylors Ferry Project Area	092619c-08
3.1.1	Image	9/26/19	Photograph of Taylors Ferry Road TriMet Stop	092619c-09
3.1.1	Image	9/26/19	Photograph of Taylors Ferry Road School Bus Stop	092619c-10
3.1.1	Image	9/26/19	Photograph of Taylors Ferry Road Walkway	092619c-11
3.1.1	Image	9/26/19	Photograph of Taylors Ferry Road Walkway	092619c-12
3.1.1	Handout	9/26/19	Flyer for Community Forum at Markham Elementary	092619c-13