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## Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

2:00 PM

This work session was held virtually.

**Council work session**

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

Council President Lynn Peterson called the work session to order at 2:01 p.m.

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

**Work Session Topics:****2:05 Regional Investment Strategy: Transportation Investment Measure**

Council President Lynn Peterson introduced Andy Shaw, Director of Government and Policy Affairs, and Margi Bradway, Metro Deputy Director of Planning and Development, to speak on the Regional Investment Strategy: Transportation Investment Measure.

Mr. Shaw highlighted the impact COVID-19 would have on the Transportation Investment measure and emphasized the importance of continuing to work on the measure. Mr. Shaw outlined changes to the measure timeline. He noted that staff would develop scenarios to explore how the economic downturn could affect revenue collection for the measure. Mr. Shaw announced that staff would present a potential Transportation Investment measure to Council in June or July 2020.

Ms. Bradway provided an overview of the four Tier 2 Corridors: Highway 217, Highway 43, Highway 99W, and the Sunset Corridor. She outlined the investment cost of each corridor: \$132-154 million for Highway 217, \$54 million for Highway 43, \$3.5-5 million for Highway 99W, and \$1.3 million for the Sunset Corridor. Ms. Bradway discussed the planning proposal, Task Force feedback, and staff recommendation for each corridor. She emphasized that the Tier 2 corridors serve to supplement the Tier 1

corridors.

*Council Discussion*

Councilors expressed appreciation for staff and the presentation.

Councilor Stacey asked Mr. Shaw to review the revenue-raising options Council provided direction on. He proposed Council open consideration on additional revenue-raising mechanisms in response to the economic downturn. Councilor Stacey expressed support for the Highway 43 and Highway 99 corridors. He spoke against the staff recommendations for Highway 217 and 26.

Councilor Lewis asked if planning funds could be used to fund the entirety of the Highway 43 corridor. She noted that the Highway 217 corridor received funding from House Bill 217.

Councilor Stacey noted that Metro does not have a planning partner in the unincorporated area within the Highway 43 corridor.

Councilor Dirksen stated he did not agree with the staff recommendation.

Councilor Craddick raised concerns about the scarce planning details within the Highway 217 corridor proposal. She asked about the feasibility of revising the planning details on Highway 43.

Councilor Chase asked about the Task Force voting results of the Tier 2 corridors.

Councilor Gonzalez raised concerns about the Highway 217 corridor proposal and recommended that the state be

financially responsible for the corridor.

President Peterson directed staff to acquire additional planning details on the Highway 43 and 217 corridors.

Councilors expressed support for including the Highway 217, 43, and 99w corridors in the final project recommendation for the Transportation Investment measure.

### **2:35 I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project**

President Peterson introduced Margi Bradway, Metro Deputy Director of Planning and Development, to speak on the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project.

President Peterson provided a brief overview of the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project and the project's Values, Outcomes, and Actions Paper.

Ms. Bradway listed the three values of the project: advancing racial equity and committing to restorative justice, increasing multi-modal mobility and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and engaging stakeholders through a transparent and inclusionary decision-making process. She reviewed the outcomes and the actions requested for each value.

#### *Council Discussion*

Councilors expressed appreciation for staff and the presentation

Councilor Lewis proposed that staff include freeway concrete covers in the project outcomes. She suggested Metro implement the project values as a performance and accountability measure for the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Councilor Craddick proposed that staff list congestion pricing as an individual category in the project outcomes.

Councilor Chase proposed that staff acquire a detailed outline of the Oregon Transportation Commission's plans for working on the project's outcomes.

Councilor Dirksen recommended that Council decide on one single term to describe freeway concrete covers.

Councilors expressed support for the change proposals to the Values, Outcomes, and Actions Paper.

Ms. Bradway summarized the direction provided by council.

### **3:05 Budget Update**

President Peterson introduced Andrew Scott, Deputy Chief Operating Officer to discuss the Budget Update.

Mr. Scott provided an overview of the emergency decisions made to the visitor venues and adjustments to the fourth-quarter budget. Mr. Scott noted that Metro would continue to apply a racial equity lens when looking at budget decisions. He discussed the Convention Center Hotel bonds and the Convention Center bonds and the reserves that fund the bonds' expenditures. He noted that bond expenditures would not place Metro's general fund at risk.

#### *Council Discussion*

Councilor Lewis asked how Metro would comply with its public hearing obligations.

Councilor Stacey inquired about potential opportunities for cost recoveries from federal sources.

**3:10 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Ms. Madrigal reviewed the agenda for the April 9th work session and provided an overview of Metro Town Hall meetings.

**3:15 Councilor Communication**

There was none.

**3:20 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 03, 2020**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1.0	PowerPoint	04/07/2020	Transportation Funding Measure: Tier 2 Corridor Investment Direction	040720cw-01