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Minutes

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

2:00 PM

This meeting was held virtually

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: 2:01 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 Framework for Highway Jurisdictional Transfer**

Council President Peterson introduced Ms. Margi Bradway, Deputy Director of Planning, and Mr. John Mermin, Senior Transportation Planner, to present on the Regional Framework for Highway Jurisdictional Transfer.

Ms. Bradway provided a historical overview that highlighted why jurisdictional transfer was an important issue. Additionally, she discussed the ODOT-owned arterial highways and used SE 82nd Avenue as an example to stress the importance of a jurisdictional transfer. The image shown to the Council emphasized the need for ample sidewalks, bike lanes, and safe crossing infrastructures. Ms. Bradway reported on the high levels of disinvestment on roads such as 82nd Avenue and Barbur Boulevard. She stated that the challenge the region faced was how to transfer jurisdictional responsibility to the appropriate owners in order to reflect function and context of the highway.

Mr. Mermin briefed the Council on the project overview, which included the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), a mission that would create a framework for regional action on jurisdictional transfer, an opportunity to address issues related to classifications, and the project would not commit funds or commit a jurisdiction to transfer. He then provided

a project timeline.

Mr. Mermin reported on the work completed to date. The projects completed included policy framework with best practices, inventory and atlas of candidate corridors, evaluation of methodology, functional classification recommendations, and an equity considerations memo. He mentioned that an example of the type of information in the atlas included Tualatin Valley Highway and reviewed possible updates to the Oregon Highway Plan roadway classification.

Mr. Mermin shared the results from two technical workshops that included feedback on an evaluation methodology. The feedback was based on ODOT arterial highways. It would first go through preliminary screening, and then be recommended for technical or readiness evaluation. The final step would be recommendations for future action. He also discussed the equity analysis, which included a high correspondence to the region and ODOT-owned arterials, equity focus areas, fatal and serious crashes, and frequent transit service. Mr. Mermin then addressed how the jurisdictional transfer related to the transportation measure.

Council Discussion

Councilor Gonzalez inquired on the history of funding on highways as well as how the jurisdictional transfer would work in relation to the transportation measure.

Councilor Lewis inquired about funding priorities.

President Peterson noted the obstacles that could occur due to low driving rates caused by COVID-19.

Councilor Stacey voiced his concern on funding regarding the House Bill 2017 for fixing district highways.

Councilor Chase reaffirmed the underinvestment on certain streets and the personal costs of it. He also inquired how the assessment process was executed in regard to the ODOT arterial highways.

President Peterson commented on negotiation funding allocations.

Councilor Dirksen spoke to the challenges that would take place during jurisdictional transfers.

Councilor Craddick voiced her opinion in moving forward.

Councilor Dirksen voiced his agreement on a 50/30/20 funding split. He also inquired why Highway 224 was included in the assessment.

2:50 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Marissa Madrigal discussed Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's Day and how a proclamation would come to Council on May 14, 2020. She also mentioned that a public hearing and vote would take place to approve the budget resolution and property tax levies on May 07, 2020. She also discussed a recent meeting she had with staff advocates for trans and non-binary inclusive policies and practices within Metro. Ms. Madrigal reported on the phases for reopening in regard to COVID-19.

2:55 Councilor Communication

Councilor Stacey gave an update on the food waste recovery system initiated by WPES.

3:00 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF May 05, 2020

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