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Minutes

Tuesday, June 2, 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: 2:06 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 Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Update**

Council President Peterson introduced Ms. Margi Bradway, Deputy Director of Planning, Ally Holmqvist, Senior Transportation Planner, Brendan Finn with the Oregon Department of Transportation, and Carley Francis with Washington State Department of Transportation to present on the interstate bridge replacement program (IBRP) update.

Ms. Bradway reminded the Council of the program initiation for the IBRP, which dated from 2017 with a Washington Substitute Senate Bill 5806 pass, through December 2019 with the initial IBRP status support submittal. She also discussed the Oregon partner outcomes letter.

Ms. Francis discussed the key milestone goals ranging from December 2019 to 2025. The milestones ranged from legislative and milestones provided to FHWA. A few of the milestones included the NEPA reevaluation and the completion of NEPA. She reviewed the IBRP partner agencies, specifically, the NEPA co-leads, which included ODOT, TriMet, Metro, WSDOT, C-TRAN, and RTC.

Ms. Bradway discussed the IBRP partner process that included four different workshops with staff review. She

reported that each workshop focused on different aspects such as lessons learned, values, key issues and principles, partnership approach, and best practices for community engagement. She spoke to the conceptual partner expectations that included context, principles, outcomes, and expectations. Ms. Bradway reviewed the conceptual ESG issues list that varied from performance measures to affected properties mitigation approach.

Ms. Holmqvist and Mr. Finn reviewed the role of the ESG as well as provided an overall process diagram. The diagram included multiple components such as Oregon legislature, topical working groups, and bi-state legislative committee. Ms. Francis further discussed the last workshop that included finalizing draft partnering documents, additional discussion of relationships, and partner agreement formalization. She also mentioned the general engineering consultant and program administrator. Ms. Francis briefly reviewed a milestone timeline.

Council Discussion

Councilor Dirksen thanked staff for the update and he requested clarification on the partnership letter.

Councilor Craddick stressed the importance of evaluating the regional needs for the bridge and to seek other ways to alleviate local traffic. She inquired on the logistics of tolling and commented on minority contracting.

Councilor Lewis inquired on pricing and the variability of choice for the region as well as who would be in charge of community engagement.

Councilor Stacey spoke to the Hayden Island access project, tolling, and the need to continue advocating for minority

contracting.

Councilor Chase voiced his appreciation for staff's commitment to process, especially in terms of community engagement.

Councilor Gonzalez mentioned the need to be explicit in terms of outcomes and goal setting.

2:50 Regional Investment Strategy: Transportation Investment Measure
Region-Wide Programs

Council President Peterson introduced Mr. Andy Shaw, Director of Government Affairs, and Ms. Margi Bradway, Deputy Director of Planning to present on the transportation investment measure region-wide programs.

Mr. Shaw briefly reviewed the agenda for the work session, which included review takeaways from the May 26, 2020 work session, youth transit access discussion, next steps, and Council discussion. He reminded the Council on the draft investment recommendations such as safer streets, better bus, walking/biking connections, future corridor planning, community stability, bus electrification, and youth transit access. He also reported on the key takeaways from the May 26, 2020 work session and the spectrum of youth transit access and affordability.

Ms. Bradway discussed the youth transit access proposed phased approach. The proposal included a total of three phases, and it ranged from all high school aged youth, extend to middle school age students, and the extension to middle school age students not reached by the second phase. She reported on notes on administration such as IGA with TriMet for administration, schools to distribute passes, work with youth organizations and homeless service organizations to distribute passes, and that the

administrative costs included \$9 million to include administrative costs of schools.

Ms. Bradway posed the following questions to Council:

- Does the proposed phased approach for youth transit access advance Council's aim?
- Does Council have other questions or guidance on the draft staff programs recommendation?

Council Discussion

Council President Peterson spoke to the death of George Floyd and police brutality.

Councilor Chase voiced his thoughts on making youth pass the top priority for the package. He requested clarification on the alignment between the timeline and the phased approach regarding the youth passes. Councilor Chase stressed the importance of taking charge in implementing free youth passes instead of handing it off to TriMet.

Councilor Dirksen voiced his concern on the funding distributions. He requested more information on the Portland Public Schools Youth Pass program and inquired about the phase approaches.

Councilor Chase discussed why it would be necessary to include District 5 as well as the entire region in the package for youth passes.

Councilor Stacey discussed why it would be necessary to include District 6 in the package for youth passes due to some students not being a part of the Portland Public School district.

Councilor Craddick requested clarification on phase three

for the youth transit access approach.

Councilor Lewis voiced her appreciation for the phased approach on the youth transit access. She mentioned the need to include homeschooled and private students.

Councilor Gonzalez voiced his support for the universal youth pass program and stressed the importance of using the proposed funds in addition to existing funds. He inquired on the data process for ridership information and requested clarification on the phased approaches.

3:35 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Marissa Madrigal discussed police brutality.

3:40 Councilor Communication

All Councilors discussed the death of George Floyd, police brutality and anti-blackness.

3:45 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 02, 2020

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	06/02/2020	IBRP Update	060220cw-01
2.0	PowerPoint	06/02/2020	Get Moving 2020: Regionwide Programs	060220cw-02