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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

**2:00 PM**

**<https://zoom.us/j/471155552> or 877-853-5257 (toll free)**

**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 Christine Lewis, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Bob Stacey, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Mary Nolan

**Work Session Topics:**

## 2:05 2021 State Legislative Agenda

Council President Peterson introduced Mr. Randy Tucker (Legislative Affairs Manager) and Ms. Anneliese Koehler (State and Regional Affairs Advisor) to present an update on the 2021 State Legislative Agenda.

Ms. Koehler outlined updates to the legislative process, detailing that legislative work (committee work, work sessions, etc.) will all be held remotely. Floor sessions will be in person as needed, and then transition to daily as of April. The plan will remain in place until Marion County enters into being "low risk". Ms. Koehler also updated the legislators on new lawmakers and current investigations. Ms. Koehler informed the Councilors that there would no longer be a Land Use Committee in the House. Additionally, new committees include: Redistricting, Wildfire Recovery, and Modernizing the Legislature.

Mr. Tucker and Ms. Koehler then proceeded to describe the principles and priorities as they relate to the Council. Mr. Tucker began by recounting changes to the Metro Council Legislative Principles. Ms. Koehler then spoke about how they developed the newly-added transportation projects bullet.

*Council Discussion*

President Peterson asked whether or not anyone had any input regarding the redlined document. Councilor Gonzalez raised two points regarding: 1) a want to include language promising support regarding COVID-19, inclusive of an equitable vaccine distribution strategy; and 2) concern that the bullet regarding transportation will siphon resources from other avenues (such as ClimateSmart).

The councilors agreed on a bullet recognizing support regarding COVID-19.

Councilor Craddick pointed out the paradox in the bullet language supporting highway expansion and the development of ClimateSmart.

Councilor Lewis expressed a want to continue to be involved in the transportation projects underway.

President Peterson expressed a desire not to prioritize the bullets presently, and reiterated that the priorities behind the bullets are not inherently in conflict with one another.

President Peterson invited Councilor Gonzalez to speak further to his added bullet regarding Supportive Housing Services. Mr. Gonzalez described the purpose of the bullet as seeking to establish a sense of leadership in the development of housing services in conjunction with the imperative need for state legislative support in this area.

Councilor Nolan and Councilor Lewis agreed with the necessity of the bullet in order to assure that additional actors seeking to address the houselessness crisis likewise maintain their current [supportive] trajectory.

President Peterson asked if Mr. Tucker and Ms. Koehler required clarification, and they reiterated the Councilors

expressed desire regarding the addition of the Supportive Housing Services Bullet.

President Peterson thanked Ms. Koehler and Mr. Tucker for their work.

2:50 I-5 Replacement Bridge & I-5 Rose Quarter Project Updates

President Peterson introduced Ms. Margi Bradway, Ms. Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara (presenter for the I-5 Bridge), and Mr. Eliot Rose (presenter for the Rose Quarter Project).

Ms. Bradway explained Metro's role and degree of authority with respect to these projects.

Ms. Bradway introduced Mr. Rose to speak about the Rose Quarter Project: Council Values Update.

Mr. Rose outlined the purpose of the Rose Quarter Improvement Project and why it's important. He then went on to recap the progress made over the course of the last year (2020), the organizational structure of the project, and actions taken to achieve key outcomes that are consistent with values identified by Metro.

Regarding reducing greenhouse gas emissions (another identified value) Mr. Rose indicated that progress is contingent on coordination with ODOT and their Comprehensive Congestion Management and Mobility Plan. Congestion pricing/tolling remains under discussion as studies are being conducted.

Mr. Rose then explained how the project has adhered to the value of transparency by way of: clarifying roles, processes, and authority of project committees; developing an agreement with partner agencies; and clearly describing how the OTC's 11 actions will be incorporated into the project. Mr. Rose asserted the timeframe of future 2021

milestones.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Nolan expressed concern that the profits created by the project would not go to the people and businesses that the construction of the I-5 originally affected.

Likewise, Councilor Nolan asked how those individuals belonging to the Historic Albina Vision area are identified, given that many of those belonging to that community were displaced.

Mr. Rose detailed the assembly of a community committee that is largely involved in the project. Additionally, he cited the use of diverse workers who are integrated with the community.

Ms. Bradway clarified the funding sources for the project. President Peterson identified restorative justice as an integral piece of the project, which may not be separated from the larger budget.

President Peterson identified the long-term plan for Harriet Tubman School and the financing plan as issues that concern the executive committee. She espoused a need to pursue federal funding in support of the interstate.

Ms. Bradway then introduced Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara (Metro) to present on the subject of the Interstate 5 Bridge Replacement Program.

In her presentation Ms. Mros-O'Hara expressed a want to outline Metro values to inform the I-5 Bridge Replacement Program. She then provided an overview of the project, detailing: recent work and upcoming milestones; the general engineering consultant; meetings by the bi-state Legislative

Committee; and the composition of the executive steering group.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Nolan addressed the structure of the decision-making process and impact that Metro has as a leading participant-- particularly with respect to the proposed timeline, which does not allow for significant time for contribution from a variety of parties.

Ms. Bradway referred to the Values, Outcomes, and Actions, opening the table up to the Council to discuss the existing draft.

Councilor Nolan posited that a numerical value be attached to the value directed towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions. She additionally expressed a desire to reduce transportation demand. President Peterson likewise expressed a desire for specificity. Councilor Lewis sought adjustments to language to better reflect the intent behind the words and to increase transparency.

President Peterson lauded collaboration efforts by contributors on both the Washington and Oregon side to circumvent issues previously faced by the project.

Ms. Bradway requested Councilor comments to be delivered by January 22, 2021.

**3:50 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Marissa Madrigal proposed a framework approach to the Strategic Planning process in order to cope with the uncertainty of the times (with respect to COVID-19). She further noted that she would return to the Council with a refined framework in lieu of the usual Strategic Plan.

She additionally announced that the Oregon Convention

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Center had served as a [COVID-19] vaccine distribution site over the weekend. She thanked the OOC and Expo teams for their support and opened the floor for questions. Hearing none, President Peterson moved on to Councilor Communication.

**3:55 Councilor Communication**

Councilor Rosenthal remarked that the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce had a meeting that morning which consisted of representatives for Senator Wyden, Representative Bonamici, Senator Wagner, and others. These individuals expressed concern that the coming week would be pivotal with respect to the COVID-19 crisis, as well as being a Constitutional crisis [with the inauguration on the horizon]. They espoused a need to keep safety a priority.

Ms. Madrigal noted that safety had been broached at the security meeting, and that they would be engaging with regional resources to ensure that employees and buildings would remain secure.

**4:00 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2021**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1.0	PPT	01/12/21	Council I5RQ Values Update	011221cw-01
2.0	PPT	01/12/21	IBR Values Update	011221cw-02