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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 23, 2021**

**2:00 PM**

**<https://zoom.us/j/96717147770> or 346-248-7799**

**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

**2:05 Regional Emergency Transportation Routes (RETRs) Update**

Council President Peterson introduced Denise Barrett (Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization), Margi Bradway (Metro), Kim Ellis (Metro), and Laura Hanson (Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization) to present.

Denise Barrett thanked collaborators on the RETRs project.

Laura Hanson explained the project purpose, outlined the roles of the project team, and overviewed the Regional ETR Update Work Group. The project timeline was overviewed, with the project presently entering into the “review and acceptance” process. Stakeholder engagement, including: regional work groups, MTAC workshops, a JPACT meeting, county-level coordinating committee meetings, and more.

Kim Ellis overviewed the results and draft final report. Ellis clarified that this is not a plan for routes, but recommendations for routes to be used for future projects. ~40 routes were added by jurisdictional partners. An online viewer of the routes was also created. Factors applied in the RETR update were reviewed, including: connectivity and access, route resilience, and community and equity. Ellis then reviewed the findings for each factor, focusing on: state, county, and city critical assets; risk for liquefaction and landslide hazards; vulnerable bridges; service of population centers and growth areas; and vulnerable populations and equity focus areas.

Laura Hanson then reviewed recommendations for future work and the RETR Update Phase 2-tiering and operationalization of routes.

Kim Ellis outlined the action item for Metro Council, reviewing the resolution and attached exhibits. Direction to staff to implement the findings was also requested moving forward. The schedule of next steps was covered. Discussion and feedback among and from the council was encouraged.

Kim Ellis explained that the census is used in combination with demographic information to evaluate the number of vulnerable groups in an area. Ellis also explained how they accounted for population with respect to road capacity during an emergency.

Laura Hanson identified a need to establish clear public messaging to indicate who uses certain routes in the event of an emergency.

#### *Council Discussion*

Councilors spoke about the difference between preparatory action and management done in real time in the event of an emergency, identifying these subjects as potential next steps.

#### 2:50 Tonnage Allocations Work Session

Council President Peterson introduced Roy Brower (Metro), Matt Korot (Metro), and Molly Vogt (Metro) to present.

Roy Brower overviewed the intersection of tonnage allocations with other measures coming before Council. Brower identified the purpose of the presentation as: implementing of a goals-based allocation approach based on

the current system in place for the latter half of 2021, and to true-up tonnage come 2022.

Matt Korot identified guiding frameworks in the 2030 Regional Waste Plan-- including racial equity and product life cycle-as well as implementation of the plan.

Molly Vogt reviewed a history of Council direction spanning back to 2016. Allocation includes 3 phases, taking place in 2020 (Phase 1), 2021 (Phase 2), and 2022 and beyond (Phase 3). Goals were outlined, five of which are consistent with the 2030 Regional Waste Plan. Criteria to accomplish each of these goals were explained, including that they be measurable.

Additionally, Vogt provided details on a concept proposal to true-up for 2022. Feedback was provided coming from stakeholders, private transfer stations, and council. An FAQ was reported to be in development.

The timeline moving forward and upcoming project milestones were identified. The following questions were posed of Council: 1) Does Council agree with the proposed approach and criteria for allocating incentivized, goals-based tonnage to private transfer stations in 2021?; 2) Does Council support the use of a "true-up reserve" in the future to ensure that Metro receives 40% of regional wet waste tonnage on a rolling cycle?

#### *Council Discussion*

Council addressed the above questions.

1) Councilor Stacey strongly endorsed the proposition. Councilor Lewis expressed concern at the rate of progress having taken from February to July. Councilor Nolan noted that expanding diversity presently seems to apply onto to

frontline workers, and that upward mobility should be made possible for disadvantaged groups. Council President Peterson confirmed that the Council is prepared to move forward with Phase 1.

2) Councilor Craddick sought clarification on the 40% figure. Roy Brower confirmed that 40-45% has been the amount that Metro has been taking for the past several years; however, that number could fluctuate (trending higher) in the future. There was conversation among Councilors surrounding balancing the quality and cost of operations. Council President Peterson confirmed that conversation would continue regarding the true-up process, but that a rationale of 'why' would need to be clearly asserted and justified.

### **3:35 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Marissa Madrigal provided an update on the following events or items:

- Randy Tucker provided a 2021 legislative session update
  - o Modernizing Recycling
  - o HB 2558
- Celebration of 25 continuous years and 100 quarters of regional land information system data production [featuring Jeff Frkonja (Metro) and Steve Erikson (Metro)]

#### Metro 2020 Functional Plan Compliance Report

Marissa Madrigal presented on the Metro 2020 Functional Plan Compliance Report, noting that all jurisdictions are in compliance sans Hillsboro, which is scheduled to adopt their transportation plan in early 2021.

### **3:40 Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events:

- 4th Supportive Housing Services Meeting
- 1st CORE Meeting
- RACK
- JPACT
- Distribution of CARES Act Funds (Multnomah County)
- Columbia Corridor Association Meeting

**3:45 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shay Perez, Council Policy Assistant