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Minutes

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2:00 PM

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Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Craddick called the Work Session to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: 6 - Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Bob Stacey, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Mary Nolan

Excused: 1 - Council President Lynn Peterson

Work Session Topics:

2:10 Regional Flexible Funds Update

Deputy Council President Craddick introduced Dan Kaempff and Margi Bradway to present on the topic. They were additionally joined by Ted Leybold (he/him).

Staff pulled up the 2025-2027 Regional Flexible Funds Presentation Powerpoint to present to Council.

Staff covered the purpose of the Regional Flexible Funds and provided background, including the MPO functions, 2017 RTP investment priorities, bond commitments, region-wide investments, purposes, regional planning, active transportation, and freight. Staff further described the RFFA process, including the timeline, program direction development, framework, and outcomes.

Staff then sought Council direction on the following items:

1. Continuing the four RTP investment priorities as the foundation of the RFFA program direction.
2. Continuing to maintain the two-step allocation framework.
3. Willingness to consider modifications to the Step 2 capital projects funding category, including the existing priority project categories and the 75/25 funding target split.
4. Any other input to the process or RFFA policy that may

better reflect regional priorities.

Staff provided clarification on cost estimates and allocations to steps, as well as Metro's role in funding. In response to a question asked by Councilor Gonzalez staff addressed the declining popularity of support for freight projects.

Staff provided a breakdown of how RFFA dollars have been allocated towards service provisions and limits on this.

Council Discussion

Councilor Stacey voiced a want to tap other resources (such as state or federal funding) to fulfill the needs of the region.

Councilor Nolan sought a solid definition and measurable outcomes of the listed 2018 RTP investment priorities, including: Equity, Climate, Safety, and Congestion. Staff described how projects illustrate compliance with these investment priorities. Councilor Nolan further outlined the desire for projects to actively comply with and conform to these priorities.

Councilor Rosenthal asked staff to describe and further consider a matrix within Metro's purview that actively addresses Equity. He agreed with Councilor Nolan's want to create more metrics to support the values.

Councilor Lewis expressed support for steps 1 and 2 while advocating for support for smaller infrastructure projects to support local partners, as well as support for biped & bicycle bridges and trails to complete Metro's network.

Councilor Gonzalez likewise expressed a want to define the scope of the projects with respect to the outlined values and

outcomes.

Deputy Councilor Craddick asked Councilors whether or not they support the items put forth. Deputy Councilor Craddick summarized Councilors' responses, noting that Council agreed with the 4 investment areas identified, are comfortable with the 2-step framework (provided some tweaks), and would like to further discuss the 75-25 split. Staff additionally acknowledged that Councilors had voiced a desire to establish measurable outcomes for the values, be driven by these values, and to meet these values in both steps 1 and 2. Safe routes to school, small bridges, and ETC design was also addressed along with a want for staff to consider economic development.

2:55 Chief Operating Officer Communication

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

- Women's History Month
- Willamette Cove
- Anneliese Koehler presented a Legislative Update
- COVID risk updates for the counties

Marissa would follow up by email with a Lone Fir Cemetery work update

3:00 Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- MERC
- Housing Bond Oversight Committee
- Solid Waste Update
- 1-year anniversary of Marissa Madrigal's appointment as COO

3:05 Adjourn

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Craddick adjourned the Metro Work Session at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shay Starling

Shay Starling, Legislative Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2021

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	Powerpoint	03/09/21	2025-2027 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation Presentation	030921cw-01