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Minutes

Tuesday, June 22, 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 Work Session to order at: 2:02 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 Congestion Pricing Findings and Recommendations

Presenter(s): Margi Bradway (she/her), Metro
Elizabeth Mros- O'Hara (she/her), Metro

Council President Peterson introduced Margi Bradway (she/her) and Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara (she/her) to present the following work session topic: Congestion Pricing Findings and Recommendations

Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara reviewed the goals of the regional congestion pricing study, the work that has been done since meeting with Council earlier in the year and the key takeaways from the Expert Review Panel that occurred April 22, 2021. Furthermore, Elizabeth reviewed updates to the study findings and the recommendations for policy makers and for future owners/operators.

Council Discussion

Councilor Rosenthal asked staff if there was a way to compare the costs on an individual level and how the findings will inform climate initiatives going forward.

Councilor Lewis asked staff to review how the findings and policy recommendations will be incorporated into the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Additionally, Councilor Lewis asked staff if there is a way to develop an accessible

set of findings for the public.

Councilor Craddick asked staff to further explain how the findings from the study will fit into the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) work. Furthermore, Councilor Craddick expressed her concern that future VMT taxes can only fund transportation projects such as roads and not transit projects like buses and trains.

Councilor Nolan asked staff if the Congestion Pricing study could answer questions like whether developing a robust transit system would help with both traffic and climate change.

Councilor Gonzalez asked staff how revenue is being spent and how they plan to address low-income communities in the region that do not have easy access to public transportation. Additionally, Councilor Gonzalez mentioned the potential impact higher prices could have on construction workers and contract workers that often have to drive from site to site and are unable to receive reimbursement from employers.

Council President Peterson thanked her fellow Councilors and the Metro staff working on the Congestion Pricing study.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to Chief Operating Officer Communication.

2:50 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Chief Operating Officer Marissa Madrigal (she/her), shared updates on the following: Oregon Zoo Director and General Manager of Metro Venues recruitment

2:55 Councilor Communication

There was none.

3:00 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 22, 2021

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	06/22/2021	Congestion Pricing Recommnedations Presentation	062221cw-01