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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 10, 2020**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber**

**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:** 6 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, and Councilor Bob Stacey

**Excused:** 1 - Councilor Shirley Craddick

**2:05 Safety Briefing**

**Work Session Topics:**

2:10 Draft Criteria and Approach for Updating Regional Emergency Transportation Routes

Council President Peterson introduced Ms. Margi Bradway, Deputy Director of Planning and Ms. Kim Ellis, Principal Transportation Planner.

Ms. Bradway stated that the work session would focus on providing an update on the Regional Emergency Transportation Routes (ETR) project, provide an updated process for routes, and to receive feedback on draft ETR definitions and criteria. She reminded the Council that the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) were partners for the project.

Ms. Ellis mentioned the RDPO was established in 2012 to unify regional efforts in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery where it served Clark, Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington county.

Ms. Ellis reported the purpose of the Regional ETR update project was to update designated regional transportation routes for the five-county region. It would also facilitate regional dialogue regarding resilience and recovery.

Ms. Ellis provided the Council with a brief timeline for the project:

- winter-spring 2020 would include review and refinement of criteria
- summer-fall 2020 would include review and refinement of regional ETRs
- winter 2021 included the endorsement process.

She mentioned the key project deliverables would include an evaluation framework memo, a data collection memo, draft maps and report, GIS dataset, and a final report and maps.

Ms. Ellis reported on the tiers of ETRs, which included: statewide seismic lifeline routes (SSLRs), regional emergency transportation routes (RETRs), local emergency transportation routes (LETRs), and local emergency response routes (LERRs).

Ms. Ellis noted that the proposed RETR evaluation framework included connectivity and access, route resilience, route characteristics, and community and equity.

Ms. Ellis shared the emerging recommendations for future work that included integrated routes, the development of public information and messaging, and updated routes on a regular basis that would occur every 5-10 years.

Additionally, she mentioned the next steps for RETR for spring, summer, and fall of 2020.

#### *Councilor Communications*

Councilor Chase requested more information on tiering and jurisdictional practice regarding RETR.

Councilor Lewis stressed the importance of public information and messaging on collective action.

Councilor Stacey expressed his concern with the route characteristic criterion as he thought it could potentially demolish homes and communities for road accessibility.

President Peterson asked for clarification on route characteristics.

Councilor Dirksen questioned if the tiers assisted with local jurisdictional authority.

Councilor Gonzalez emphasized the importance of culturally specific programs in relation to disaster preparedness.

#### 2:40 Regional Investment Strategy: Transportation Investment Measure

President Peterson introduced Mr. Andy Shaw, Director of Government Affairs, and Ms. Margi Bradway, Deputy Director of Planning to discuss the Regional Investment Strategy: Transportation Investment Measure.

Mr. Shaw provided the Council a brief overview of the work session that included an engagement and outreach update, Tier 1 corridor questions discussion, Tier 2 corridor update, and the next step for the transportation investment measure.

Mr. Shaw mentioned that there were three major groups that were included in the outreach efforts: public outreach, community engagement, and stakeholder engagement. Within the group there was the Task Force, local government, community organizations, and residents within the county.

Mr. Shaw reported on the Get Moving 2020 engagement. There were a total of five workshops, online survey's, and

community engagement with the help of four community partners: Verde, APANO, PAALF, and Unite Oregon. The key takeaways from the engagement included: safety, increased transit access, reducing displacement, and a youth pass program.

Mr. Shaw noted the tactics enforced for public outreach to better reach residents around the greater Portland area on the measure, such as the GetMoving2020 website, articles on Metro News, posts on social media, a toolkit development for local government partners, and a broader effort that would reach people such as ads.

Ms. Bradway reminded the council of the Tier 1 Corridors: in December there was a proper Task Force recommendation, Council work session on January 7 and 14, and the discussion of 82nd/Airport Way, Sunrise/212, and Clackamas-to-Columbia.

Ms. Bradway called on Shawn Loughran, Long Range Planning Manager with Port of Portland to discuss questions the Council had previously posed.

Ms. Bradway updated the Council on the Tier 2 Corridor investments proposed by jurisdictions for Highway 217, Highway 43, Highway99W, and Sunset Corridor Planning.

Mr. Shaw then briefed the Council on an updated draft timeline for March, April, and May which included future work session dates, Task Force meetings, future engagements, and Council referral decision.

The following questions were posed to the Council: Does Council direct staff to continue working with partners on these proposed investments? Does council have additional questions or considerations? Overall, is staff on track to bring a final project recommendation in April?

*Councilor Discussion*

Councilor Gonzalez questioned what the language strategy would be for advertisements.

Councilor Lewis requested Mr. Loughran to provide a timeline and list the funding partners for the double tracking for the max lines.

Councilor Gonzalez inquired what other options were discussed to provide connectivity on Airport Way and 82nd.

Ms. Bradway called on Mike Bezner, Deputy Director at Clackamas County to address Councilor comments on the Sunrise Highway 212 proposal.

President Peterson inquired if the proposed change Mr. Bezner mentioned would change the cost structure of the project. She also asked for clarification on the right of way.

Councilor Gonzalez questioned how the map that Mr. Bezner presented on related to the Reduced Scale Project.

Councilor Dirksen inquired on land acquisition and the right of way.

Councilor Lewis stressed the importance in receiving feedback from the four local neighborhoods that would be impacted by the proposal as well as looking for multimodal options.

Councilor Stacey questioned what the current access for the parcels were.

President Peterson voiced her concern on creating a future highway due to the Sunrise Highway 212 proposal and how

to best avoid it.

Ms. Bradway addressed Councilor comments for the Clackamas to Columbia corridor proposal.

Councilor Chase inquired on the budget in regard to balancing Tier 1 and Tier 2 corridors.

**3:25 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Ms. Marissa Madrigal expressed her appreciation for staff as she was settling in. She provided her schedule and gave more information on COVID-19.

**3:30 Councilor Communication**

Councilor Stacey reported on the construction of 3,900 permanent affordable housing units and the Tod funding program.

Councilor Lewis provided an update on the Institute of Metropolitan Studies at Portland State University and her attendance of the MERC meeting.

Councilor Gonzalez reported on his attendance of Programs at Centro.

**3:35 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2020**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1.0	PowerPoint	03/10/2020	Draft Criteria and Approach for Updating RETR	031020cw-01
2.0	PowerPoint	03/10/2020	Tier 1 Corridor Follow-Up	031020cw-02