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Minutes

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10:45 AM

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Council work session

10:45 Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Metro Work Session to order at 10:45 a.m.

Present: 6 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Mary Nolan

Work Session Topics:

10:50 I-205 Toll Project (Preliminary Engineering Phase) - 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment and 2021-2024 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendment

Council President Peterson introduced Margi Bradway (she/her), Ted Leybold (he/him), Tom Kloster (he/him), Brendan Finn (he/him), and Mandy Putney (she/her) to present on the topic.

Margi introduced presenters and the presentation.

Staff pulled up *I-205 Toll Project (PE Phase) Amendment Process PowerPoint Presentation*

Tom Kloster explained what the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is, what the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) is, the amendment process, the upcoming I-205 Toll Project amendment schedule.

Councilor Nolan asked about the process if there are objections along the way and asked clarifying questions about Council's role in the process.

Tom and Margi explained Council's role in the process and that TPAC and MPAC are recommendations only, but that

this needs to be passed by JPACT and Council in order to move forward.

Staff Pulled up I-205 Toll Project RTP and MTIP Amendments PowerPoint Presentation.

Brendan explained the regional congestion management and mobility projects, foundational statements and the I-205 & RMPP timeline.

Mandy explained what questions funding would answer in the preliminary engineering (PE) phase, the NEPA decisions and PE phase, diversion in the corridor, transportation options in the corridor, details on the I-205 Toll Project RTP Amendment, RTP amendment comments, and proposed edits to the amendment.

Council Discussion

Councilor Lewis thanked staff and expressed concern that congestion management is not being prioritized in the pricing scheme, support for construction projects in the area and voiced the need to improve public transit in Clackamas County.

Mandy explained that variable rate tolling is what is being explored for the project.

Brendan explained that the public does not understand congestion pricing or the benefits it can have to a region.

Councilor Gonzalez expressed appreciation for the commitment to variable pricing that he wants this project to address long term connectivity of the region.

Brendan stressed the project's data driven approach to understanding where investments must be made.

Councilor Rosenthal asked about tolling gantries, the intersections being analyzed for the project, and congestion pricing versus construction tolling.

Mandy explained that all 50 intersections being analyzed are within the area surrounding the I-205 corridor, the difficulty in explaining tolling versus pricing to the public and that this is expected to serve as long term congestion management.

Councilor Craddick asked about the role that tolling will have on congestion and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Mandy stressed that congestion, greenhouse gas emissions, and how the greater region will be affected are being studied.

Brendan added that the entire system and state are being looked at.

Margi explained that how a region is tolled is very important toward reaching climate goals.

Councilor Nolan asked for clarification on Mandy's point that they expect a conclusion of no significant impact from the federal government for this project and followed up by asking if this project is committed to complying with the state's environmental goals.

Mandy explained federal law around environmental requirements for a transportation project like this one.

Council President Peterson stressed the importance of

clarity with the public, compared variable tolling versus congestion pricing, expressed concern about the bonding priorities and losing sight of the system wide approach and suggested that Council has a discussion about values and outcomes that they value for this project.

Margi clarified direction for Metro staff.

Councilor Lewis expressed that more local voice need to be with this project.

Councilor Gonzalez asked what outcomes would look like if a variable pricing mechanism was employed in the region without passing infrastructure changes.

Councilor Rosenthal asked what infrastructure changes will do to congestion in the area and about income equity in tolling.

Mandy explained that analysis on income based rate setting is underway.

Margi briefly explained next steps for this project.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

11:50 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Andrew Scott provided an update on the following events or items:

- Kronos outage

11:55 Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- Reimagine Oregon
 - Supportive housing services oversight committee
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retreat

- Willamette Falls Locks Authority
- WCCC
- Portland Timbers finals run
- Chehalem Ridge Nature Park media
- Tomorrow's City Club forum

12:00 Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Work Session at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2021

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	PowerPoint	12/14/21	I-205 Toll Project (PE Phase) Amendment Process PowerPoint Presentation	121421cw-01
2.0	PowerPoint	12/14/21	I-205 Toll Project RTP and MTIP Amendments PowerPoint Presentation	121421cw-02