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## **METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)**

Meeting Minutes  
February 23, 2022

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Carmen Rubio  
Terri Preeg Riggsby  
Mark Shull  
Brett Sherman  
Ed Gronke  
Pam Treece  
Steve Callaway  
Nadia Hasan  
Peter Truax  
Gordon Hovies  
  
Luis Nava  
Thomas Kim  
Kirstin Greene  
Diana Perez  
Christine Lewis  
Mary Nolan  
Joe Buck  
Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong  
Vince Jones-Dixon

### AFFILIATION

City of Portland  
Districts in Multnomah County  
Clackamas County  
City of Happy Valley, Other Cities in Clackamas County  
Citizen of Clackamas County  
Washington County  
City of Hillsboro, Largest City in Washington County  
City of Beaverton, Second Largest City in Washington County  
City of Forest Grove, Other Cities in Washington County  
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Special Districts in Washington County  
Citizen of Washington County  
TriMet  
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development  
City of Vancouver  
Metro Council  
Metro Council  
City of Lake Oswego, Largest City in Clackamas County  
Port of Portland  
City of Gresham, Second Largest City in Multnomah County

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Susheela Jayapal  
Ted Wheeler  
Brian Cooper  
Omar Qutub  
Rachel Lyles Smith  
Mark Watson  
  
Temple Lentz  
Brian Hodson  
James Fage  
Gerritt Rosenthal

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County  
City of Portland  
City of Fairview, Other Cities in Multnomah County  
Citizen of Multnomah County  
City of Oregon City, Second Largest City in Clackamas County  
Hillsboro School District Board of Directors, Governing Body of  
a School District  
Clark County  
City of Canby, City in Clackamas County outside UGB  
City of North Plains, City in Washington County outside UGB  
Metro Council

1. **CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, CHAIR COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Joe Buck (he/him) called the virtual meeting to order at 5:00 PM and welcomed Councilor Mary Nolan (they/them) to MPAC.

2. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was none.

3. **COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilor Christine Lewis (she/her) gave the Council Update. She provided an update on RID Patrol's continued cleanups and the improvements that have been made in efficiency. She announced that Metro's Construction Career Pathways Project will be featured at the Department of Labor's Equity and Focus webinar series on February 24. Councilor Lewis updated MPAC on work in Metro's Parks and Nature department, she explained that work is nearing completion to finalize strategies for the 2019 bond's land acquisition program.

Ed Gronke (he/him) asked if there are certain sites that RID Patrol has to consistently clear.

4. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Nadia Hasan (she/her) announced that the Reser Center for the Arts is opening soon. There will be shows beginning in April through the rest of the year.

Mayor Steve Callaway (he/him) confirmed that the Reser Center for the Arts is opening on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Metro Staff Jaye Cromwell (she/her) put the following link in the chat:  
<https://discover.ilr.cornell.edu/equity-in-focus/>.

Councilor Hasan put the following information in the chat: "Event open to everyone:  
<https://thereser.org/event/shine-the-light-a-community-celebration/>"

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Mayor Peter Truax (he/him) motioned to accept the consent agenda. Terri Preeg Riggsby (she/her) seconded.

**ACTION:** With all others in favor, the motion passed.

## 6. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Values and Outcomes for the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan – Feedback to the Metro Council.**

Chair Buck introduced Metro Staff Kim Ellis (she/her) to present.

*Key points of the presentation included:*

Kim explained today's purpose, what the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is, the timeline for the 2023 RTP Update, the partner and public engagement that has been done since October, and the 2018 RTP vision statement, priorities and goals. She discussed information that was received from Metro Council, JPACT, MPAC, MTAC, TPAC, stakeholder interviews, and community members. Kim summarized the values, outcomes and actions (VOA) for the 2023 RTP then briefly explored the following values: racial equity, climate leadership and resilience, safe and healthy streets, mobility, and accountability and transparency. Kim explained next steps and presented some discussion questions for MPAC.

*Member Discussion Included:*

Jaye Cromwell put the following information in the chat: "Questions for RTP discussion: 1. What outcomes would you like to see for the regional transportation system in the next 25 years? 2. Any values, outcomes or actions missing in the VOA that are important to explicitly highlight? 3. Other feedback?"

In the chat Mayor Truax asked for a definition of new normal.

Councilor Diana Perez (she/her/ella) asked Kim to expand on what she meant by climate leadership. And followed up by asking if Washington State's plan for reducing emissions falls into the RTP.

Kim responded by expressing that this is about developing plans and strategies and prioritizing investments that are achieving climate outcomes. Kim responded to Councilor Perez's second question by explaining that this plan is used more as a coordination piece.

Commissioner Carmen Rubio (she/her/ella) voiced that the values and outcomes are very well aligned with the goals and efforts of the City of Portland and expressed that the RTP Update should keep the region in line with meeting climate and carbon reduction goals.

Commissioner Mark Shull (he/him) expressed the following concerns: values and outcomes should be directly tied to the current RTP, there should be a mention on economic development, and congestion management does not currently support a balanced transportation system.

Ed Gronke (he/him) supported all previous comments made and voiced concern over community engagement as he feels the outreach was not as successful as it should have been.

Kim responded by explaining that community engagement came from a number of different outlets and agreed that Metro has to continue to work to remove barriers to make it easier for community leaders to engage. She explained that work is being done to show who is being reached and who is not.

Terri Preeg Riggsby echoed Ed's concerns about outreach and asked about proposed funding options to reach the region's climate goals as the reliance on the gas tax is reduced.

Kim responded by explaining that research on potential alternatives is currently being done. She noted that congestion pricing will be a source of alternative funding.

Councilor Hasan voiced that all the values that were identified are important to the Beaverton community and noted that education work must be done to bring historically excluded communities along and keep them engaged in this planning process.

Mayor Callaway stressed that safety will always come before speed of traffic. He explained that a number of roads in Washington County have turned from agricultural roads to commuter roadways which is a distinction from many urban areas.

Commissioner Pam Treece (she/her) stressed the necessity of having a contact point with the business community in the region.

Councilor Brett Sherman (he/him) expressed pleasure with the broad goals that were presented. He voiced that the region must have strong communication and transparency around why congestion pricing is beneficial and also work towards providing constituents with the tools to get around more effectively through the means of efficient and effective public transportation.

Chair Buck asked what he can tell residents who ask him about the importance of the RTP to them.

Kim responded by explaining that staff is currently looking to find ways to better communicate the importance of the RTP to individuals.

Kim put the following link in the chat: <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/2023-regional-transportation-plan> and asked MPAC members to share with their networks.

## **7.2 Emerging Transportation Trends Study: Initial Results**

Chair Buck introduced Metro Staff Eliot Rose (he/him) to present to MPAC.

### *Key points of the presentation included:*

Eliot explained the study's purpose, timeline and summarized emerging trends and equity. He presented the following charts that look at past data and predict future data: transit service and ridership, telework rates in Oregon, national ecommerce sales, percent of Oregon vehicles that are EVs, and Metro region Strava bike trips. Eliot highlighted qualitative data that was analyzed, this included fatal crash rates, personal safety and agency funding. He summarized the impacts on regional goals, key findings, next steps, and presented a few discussion questions to MPAC.

### *Member Discussion Included:*

Jaye Cromwell put the following information in the chat: "Discussion questions for the Emerging Transportation Trends topic: 1. Do you have any questions or feedback about the results that we are presenting today? 2. What issues and questions are you interested in exploring as we develop scenarios and policy recommendations for the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan update based on these trends?"

Councilor Sherman asked about future transit ridership and what levers the region might have to increase transit ridership.

Eliot responded by speaking to transit agencies' creative solutions to changes in need. Eliot explained that the transit corridors that have remained strong with ridership serve all day destinations.

Thomas Kim put the following information in the chat: "TriMet has the revised TriMet Business Plan, and public comments are open through Friday, April 1 by going to <https://trimet.org/businessplan/index.htm>. Please feel free to invite your constituents to provide comments on TriMet's Business Plan and proposed updates to the Plan for 2022."

Councilor Hasan encouraged MPAC members to think about what safety looks like to people who do not feel safe on public transit.

In the chat, Kirstin Greene supported Councilor Hasan's comments.

In the chat, Mayor Truax agreed with Councilor Hasan's comments and emphasized that safety in transportation includes the protection of all those using public transportation.

Councilor Perez asked if any data presented includes southwest Washington data. She followed up by asking if southwest Washington data can be included. Councilor Perez discussed restoring transit ridership and asked if transit service was meeting the outlines values before the pandemic. She stressed that a holistic picture of regional trends needs to include data from southwest Washington.

### **7.3 Food Scraps Requirement Policy Update**

Chair Buck introduced Metro Staff Holly Stirnkorb (she/her) and Rosalynn Green (she/her) to present.

*Key points of the presentation included:*

Holly provided background on why Metro is so focused on food waste by showing data around food waste in the Metro region, She summarized Metro's work around food scrap collection over the past 20 years, how Metro is creating a stable and sustainable system, and emphasized that this system is focused on business food scraps programs. Holly highlighted Ordinance 18-1418, key policy elements, the implementation timeline, how businesses will be supported, and the Food Waste Requirement Evaluation Requirement Dashboard (FRED).

*Member Discussion Included:*

Ed Gronke asked if this program was running into any problems with getting haulers to agree to devote separate trucks to this effort.

Holly responded by agreeing that making the economics work with this program has been a challenge but they have done work to offset some of the cost problems.

Chair Buck asked if jurisdictions are aware of these rollout dates and asked about food receptacles, explaining that new buildings are built without the space to temporarily store food waste.

Holly explained that notification rollout will start with large and midsize organizations on March 31, 2022. Local governments will notify businesses. Holly responded to Chair Buck's second question by agreeing that space for receptacles is an issue and highlighted that a waiver that this program has in place will provide acknowledgement of this problem and local governments will provide technical assistance to support businesses address this problem.

Chair Buck responded by asking if jurisdictions are working on adopting new regulations and development codes to accommodate appropriate enclosure space.

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Holly explained that the program is starting by making sure that multifamily residences have the enclosure space for adequate waste services and from there the program will shift focus to other areas.

Ed Gronke expressed that a local restaurant owner who was involved in this program's pilot program told him that space was not as big of an issue as they thought it would be when collecting food scraps.

Commissioner Shull discussed the issue of access to transfer collection stations and supported the idea of a system of payment rates for collectors that are incurring disproportionately high costs to access transfer stations.

Holly responded by explaining that Metro will be looking at the additional distance that some haulers will have to drive to get the materials to Metro Central and will be looking to compensate for extra transportation costs.

7. **ADJOURN**

Chair Buck adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Stellan Roberts*

Stellan Roberts  
Recording Secretary



**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2022**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
7.1	Presentation	02/23/22	RTP Values and Outcomes Presentation	022322m-01
7.2	Presentation	02/23/22	Emerging Transportation Trends Presentation	022322m-02
7.3	Presentation	02/23/22	Food Scraps Policy Slides	022322m-03