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Minutes

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10:30 AM

<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
929-205-6099 (toll free)

Council work session

10:30 Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Excused: 1 - Councilor Christine Lewis

Work Session Topics:

10:35 I5BRP Regular Update: Introduce Draft Modified LPA

Council President Peterson introduced [Margi Bradway] (she/her), Metro, [Frank Green] IBR [John Willis] [he/him], Metro to present on the topic.

Staff pulled up the [*Introduction of Recommended Modified Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) Presentation*] to present to Council.

Staff introduced the recommended Modified LPA.

Council Discussion

Councilor Nolan asked why the Modified LPA recommends ending the light rail line at Evergreen. The IBR equity report recommends extending the line to Clark College. Will it be possible to change the length of the light rail line later?

Which version of the MLPA provides the most leeway as the specifics of the project are refined?

John explained that the MLPA still recommends light rail

stops at 3 of the 4 discussed locations, and a light rail has much better equity outcomes compared to no light rail at all. Staff also had to consider the project, which meant sacrificing some parts of the project for others. He added that the Evergreen terminus itself has very good equity outcomes.

Margi clarified that in the MLPA, the terminus for the light rail is considered an MOS (Minimum Operating Segment), which means it can be extended later. She also clarified that extending the light rail will most likely require additional funding not included in this MLPA.

Councilor Hwang had two questions:

- What would be the process for developing community benefits agreements?
- What challenges do we face when trying to meet traffic demand during peak hours?

John explained that the IBR team will be collecting program agreements from all the partner agencies and, though there are no solid steps towards any community benefit agreements yet, they acknowledge the work that has already been done and are considering them strongly. He added that they will be unable to meet peak hour demands unless improvements on both sides of the river are completed.

Councilor Gonzalez asked when the light rail will be open, when bridge construction will begin, and when tolling will be implemented.

The goal is to begin construction in 2025, though Staff currently does not have enough information to give Council a set timeline. However, Frank mentioned that it would make sense to begin tolling before completing construction.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if the equity advisory groups made any comments on the aesthetics of the active transit route and added that the visuals of it will dramatically

influence its demand.

John clarified that the current illustration of the bridge is at about 2% of its completed design, so there will be plenty of time for more public input. Margi added that Staff recognizes that the current active transit routes are quite poor and have committed to dramatically improving them.

Councilor Craddick asked if the active transit routes will include any sound-dampening for pedestrians.

John explained that Staff has been considering different designs that would reduce noise for active transit users but are not far along enough to give any concrete answers.

Council President Peterson recommended continuing these particular discussions offline.

Councilor Nolan asked if Staff's analysis of total trip times assume tolling on I-5 and the Glenn Jackson Bridge, not on I-205.

Staff provided some clarification, but recommended taking this discussion offline, since it is a very complicated topic. Council approved.

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

11:20 Chief Operating Officer Communication

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

- Metro is finalizing a purchase of 3.9 acre on Gordon Creek in the Sandy River target area.
- The Parks & Nature Department has hired a Working Lands Coordinator.

The Regional Flexible Funds Allocation process for trails grants is moving ahead.

11:25 Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- **Councilor Gonzalez** updated Council on the recent West Side Economic Alliance Board, who is looking to hire an executive director.

11:30 Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Work Session at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF May 12, 2022

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Powerpoint	5/12/22	Introduction of Recommended Modified Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)	051222cw-01
2.0	Testimony	5/12/22	Doug Larson Letter	051222cw-02
3.0	Testimony	5/12/22	Doug Larson Testimony	051222cw-03
4.0	Testimony	5/12/22	John McCabe Testimony	051222cw-04
5.0	Testimony	5/12/22	Roger Campbell Testimony	051222cw-05