

**METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)**

## Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2022

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Joe Buck (Chair)  
Mark Shull  
Vince Jones-Dixon  
Denyse McGriff  
Pam Treece  
Gordon Hovies

Kirstin Green  
Gerritt Rosenthal  
Mary Nolan  
Christine Lewis  
Peter Truax  
Nadia Hasan  
Steve Callaway  
Mark Watson

Brett Sherman  
Luis Nava  
Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong

**AFFILIATION**

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

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Ted Wheeler  
Brian Cooper  
James Fage  
Temple Lentz  
Brian Hodson  
Shusheela Jayapal  
Carmen Rubio  
Terri Preeg Riggsby  
Ed Gronke  
Diana Perez  
Omar Qutub  
Thomas Kim

**AFFILIATION**

City of Portland  
City of Fairview, Other Cities in Multnomah County  
City of North Plains, City in Washington County outside UGB  
Clark County  
City of Canby, City in Clackamas County outside UGB  
Multnomah County  
City of Portland  
Special Districts in Multnomah County  
Citizen of Clackamas County  
City of Vancouver  
Citizen of Multnomah County  
TriMet

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Elizabeth Amira Streeter

AFFILIATION

Citizen of Multnomah County

OTHERS PRESENT: Katie Savares, Carol Chesarek, Carol Johnson, Chris Deffebach, Felicita Moneblanco, Jamie Lorenzini, Jamie Stasny, Katherine Kelly, Katy Gavares, Laura Kelly, Leah Navarro, Peter Swinton, Rachel Verdick, Schuyler Warren

STAFF: Andy Shaw, Connor Ayers, Eliot Rose, Elissa Gertler, Jaye Cromwell, Jon Blasher, Mychal Tetteh, Ramona Perrault, Roger Alfred, Stellan Roberts.

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

MPAC Chair Joe Buck (he/him) called the virtual Zoom meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Metro Staff Connor Ayers (he/him) called the role. Chair Buck declared a quorum.

**2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Felicita Montebianco (she/her) with Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD) voiced THPRD's enthusiastic support for the renewal of Metro's local option levy and highlighted the importance of levy operating dollars to THPRD.

Katie Gavares (they/them) with the Intertwine Alliance provided testimony. They described the work of the Intertwine Alliance, voiced their support for the renewal of Metro's local option levy and highlighted the importance of the levy.

**3. COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal (he/him) announced that Chehalem Ridge Nature Park officially opened last Friday, the groundbreaking for the Wishcamper Development affordable housing project, and the ground opening for the Viewfinder affordable housing project. Councilor Rosenthal then provided information on the Expo Development Opportunity Study (DOS) and the Climate and Transportation expert panel that was hosted by Metro.

Councilor Christine Lewis (she/her) announced that Metro planning director, Elissa Gertler, is leaving Metro on July 1.

In the chat MPAC members congratulated and thanked Elissa.

Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal updated MPAC on Tigard's mid-cycle Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) expansion request.

#### **4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

Mark Watson (he/him) announced that he is looking to find a new person to serve as the school district representative for MPAC.

Mayor Steve Callaway (he/him) highlighted that it would be good to have a school district representative from Clackamas County as there have recently been one from Multnomah and Washington Counties.

Chair Buck announced that MPAC is tentatively planning to hold a meeting on August 25 at 5PM and that Metro parks staff is planning to host a tour of the Orenco Woods Nature Park on Wednesday, July 6. He also noted that Lake Oswego is moving forward with what will be the city's first Metro Bond affordable housing project.

#### **5. CONSTENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Councilor Nadia Hasan (she/her) moved to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Callaway seconded.

**ACTION:** With all in favor, the consent agenda passed.

#### **6. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **6.1 Parks and Nature Bond and Levy Update**

Chair Buck introduced Jon Blasher (he/him), Metro and Mychal Tetteh (he/him), Metro to present to MPAC.

*Key elements of the presentation included:*

Jon described Metro Parks and Nature's role in the region, some the work that Metro's Parks and Nature department has done in the region, bond progress, and the parks and nature levy. Jon explained that the levy allows Metro to operate and maintain Metro sites purchased by the bond measure. The levy funding goes towards: safe and welcoming spaces, building climate resilience through habitat restoration, regional conservation projects, and community led nature projects.

Mychal described the community, partner, and staff guidance for the levy renewal as continuity, adaptability and accountability. Mychal explained what the levy renewal needs, the process and next steps.

*Member discussion included:*

Mayor Peter Truax asked about the process of getting public official endorsement and what advocacy they can do for the item.

Councilor Lewis responded to Mayor Truax by describing that they are pre-referral and Metro Councilors will be used as a campaign referral.

Councilor Sherman asked if this would be on the November ballot or may of next year. He also described interest in a partnership between Happy Valley's parks district and offered assistance from his Happy Valley Hikers group.

Jon explained that they are preparing a package for Metro Council to consider for the November ballot.

Chair Buck asked what percent of the parks budget the levy makes up.

Jon responded by stating that 75% of Metro park's operating funds comes from the levy.

Councilor Vince Jones-Dixon (he/him) thanked the parks team for focusing on access to parks and greenspaces and voiced the city of Gresham's strong support for the levy.

Councilor Hasan thanked staff for the presentation and expressed her support for the levy.

Commissioner Denyse McGriff (she/her) described her full support of the levy.

Commissioner Pam Treece (she/her) voiced her support for the levy and the equity focus of the most recent levy.

Chair Buck voiced the importance of engagement efforts.

Councilor Rosenthal expressed appreciation for all the support for the parks program.

**6.2 Emerging Transportation Trends Study Recommendations for 2023 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**

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

*Key elements of the presentation and member discussion included:*

Eliot discussed the study's purpose, timeline and focus and discussed the final draft work products. Eliot provided an overview on their corridor analysis, described the data and presented the findings of the corridor analysis. Eliot provided an overview on scenario analysis,

presented assumptions about current and future teleworking rates, transit service, vehicle miles traveled per capita and change in transit ridership then discussed findings from the scenario analysis. Eliot concluded by summarizing draft recommendations.

*Member discussion included:*

Councilor Sherman put the following question in the chat: “Will we be repeating the study of these data points in the future to validate the direction of the trends? Also, do we incorporate increased electric vehicle utilization in the future vehicle miles traveled reduction impacts?” and asked how to incorporate distinct factors into greenhouse gas calculations.

In the chat Eliot responded to these questions by explaining that continuing to collect arterial data is a recommendation Metro is asking you to consider from the study and highlighted that there will be more opportunities to dig into Councilor Sherman’s second question.

In the chat Councilor Hasan asked about people buying electric vehicles in the future.

Eliot responded in the chat by explaining that electric vehicles were not accounted for in the vehicle miles traveled forecast.

Commissioner McGriff described the challenges of people in outlying counties to utilize transit.

Councilor Hasan described that there are companies who have started to go back in person after this data was collected, noted the difficulty of finding an electric vehicle that is suitable for a family of five and highlighted the importance of public safety on transit.

Mayor Callaway agreed with Commissioner McGriff’s comments about the difficulties of riding public transit in outlying Metro areas and noted that he anticipates a time when congestion hits pre-pandemic levels which is when arterial traffic will pick up again.

Chair Buck asked how this arterial data and climate friendly equitable community policies may intersect.

Eliot responded to Chair Buck by explaining that a land use follow up on emerging trends is planned.

### **6.3 Tigard Mid-Cycle Urban Growth Boundary Exchange update**

Chair Buck introduced Metro Staff Elissa Gertler (she/her) and Ted Reid to present to MPAC.

*Key elements of the presentation and member discussion included:*

Elissa explained the mid-cycle review process, Tigard’s expansion request, Metro’s COO

recommendation which is a Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) exchange process, described why Metro changed their approach to managing growth and the improvement in its growth management process. Elissa highlighted Metro's continued focus on land readiness for housing and job growth, described where growth is happening and the land readiness timeline.

Ted described the proposed UGB exchange, candidate for removal from the UGB, defined readiness, and highlighted proposed next steps.

Elissa acknowledged that there are many partners doing work on land readiness.

Chair Buck introduced Schulyer Warren (he/him) with the Department of Community Development in Tigard, to present to MPAC.

Schulyer provided information on Tigard's River Terrace and River Terrace 2.0, the project focus statement, the project vision, community engagement, gave an overview on the concept plan, described the three housing typologies, recommended housing policies, Tigard's 2018 Housing Options Project and affordable homeownership in Tigard.

*Member discussion included:*

Mayor Callaway put the following questions in the chat: "Does the property owner have to agree? Does the jurisdiction that the property selected must agree with the land being removed from their portion of the UGB? How will Metro engage with local jurisdictions in the review process?"

Roger Alfred, Metro Attorney, responded to Mayor Callaway's questions by explaining that Metro is going through serious engagement efforts and the process is still evolving as Metro Council just approved this to move forward.

Councilor Hasan asked the following question in the chat: "I know there was a Gurudwara in that area and was curious what's happening with it".

Schuyler responded to Councilor Hasan's question by explaining that a member from that community was on the advisory committee and will stay involved in the engagement process.

Chair Buck read Mayor Callaway's question from the chat asking if River Terrace 2.0 will be subject to the new Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities rules being approved in July.

Kirsten Green (she/her) explained that she assumes that these rules would apply to this community.

7. **ADJOURN**

Chair Buck adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Stellan Roberts*

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Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 22, 2022**

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
6.1	Presentation	06/22/2022	Parks and Nature Bond and Levy Update Slides	06222022-01
6.2	Presentation	06/22/2022	Emerging Transportation Trends Study Recommendations for the 2023 RTP Slides	06222022-02
6.3	Presentation	06/22/2022	Tigard Mid-cycle Urban Grown Boundary Exchange update - Metro	06222022-03
6.3	Presentation	06/22/2022	Tigard Mid-cycle Urban Grown Boundary Exchange update - City of Tigard	06222022-04