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Minutes

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10:30 AM

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Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present: 7 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Duncan Hwang

2. Public Communication

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on a non-agenda item.

Michael urged the councilors to support a full clean-up of Willamette Cove.

3. Resolutions**3.1 Public hearing on Resolution No. 22-5278 For the Purpose of Adopting the Metro Council's Conditions of Approval for the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Modified Locally Preferred Alternative and Resolution No. 22-5273 For the Purpose of Endorsing the Modified Locally Preferred Alternative for the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program**

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on Resolution No. 22-5278 and Resolution No. 22-5273.

State Representative Khan Pham asked Council to Vote no on Resolution No. 22-5278 and Resolution No. 22-5273 until there is a written commitment for an investment grade analysis of traffic and toll revenue projections.

Robert Liberty urged the council to vote no on the resolutions. He explained that the conditions of approval are weak and unenforceable and contradicts the Council's climate goals.

Chris Smith, Just Crossing Alliance, stated that the project

should meet the coast guard's requirement for 178 ft of bridge clearance and expressed disappointment that the conditions of approval lack a health impact assessment.

Adah Crandall, Portland Youth Climate Strike, Urged the Council to vote no on the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) and pushed for analysis of additional alternatives. Adah explained that the current LPA does not address climate change rigorously enough.

Diane Meisenhelter, NE Portland resident expressed concerns with increased emissions and inadequate climate mitigation tactics and asked the council to vote no on the LPA.

Zach Lindahl, Washington County Chambers of Commers, stated the effects of congestion will not be met through the current LPA, adding that additional capacity will reduce idling and congestion.

Debra Higbee-Sudyak, Serra Club, Oregon Chapter, requested that Council votes no until the LPA includes an analysis of alternatives and an investment grade analysis.

Mara Gross, Non-profit consultant, expressed concerns with the LPA around health, safety, and climate change. Mara asked Council to hold off on voting until they are presented with alternative options.

Jon Isaacs, Vice President of Portland Business Alliance, explained that the alliance has concerns with adequate vehicle capacity but urged council to vote yes on the LPA.

Anna Kahler, Just Crossing Alliance, Urged the Council to vote no or delay the vote on the LPA due to ODT's reliability and credibility.

Joe Cortright, City Observatory, asked the council to vote no or abstain due to the similarity of the IBR bridge replacement to the Columbia River Crossing and lack of information on the project.

Nate McCoy asked the council to vote yes on the LPA in order to expand economic opportunity for communities of color.

Bob Ortblad, Washington resident, asked the Council to vote no on the LPA until the bridge clearance follows the suggestion of the Oregon Coast Guard.

Jacqui Treiger, Oregon Environmental Council, asked the council to delay or vote no on the LPA

R.A Faunce stated rail projects are taking money away from transit projects and should not be included in the IBR project.

Mary Peveto, expressed concern with the single option LPA and questioned where the funding will come from. Mary Urged Council to vote no or postpone their vote until more details about the project are clear.

Joe Rowe expressed concern with IBR LPA bridge safety.

Mazy Drummin, Climate Organizer, asked the council to abstain or vote no on the LPA. She stated that the project does not address climate change aggressively enough.

Calliope Ruskin, Sunrise PDX member, asked the Council to vote no or abstain the LPA until a greener option is presented that does not add additional lanes or increase vehicle miles traveled.

- 3.2 Resolution No. 22-5278 For the Purpose of Adopting the Metro Council's Conditions of Approval for the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Modified Locally Preferred Alternative

Roger Millar, WSDOT, explained the procedural timeline and details of the Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) locally preferred alternative (LPA).

Council President Peterson called on Margi Bradway, Metro and Matt Bihn, Metro, to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the IBR Modified LPA and Conditions of Approval presentation to present to Council.

Margi described the IBR program timeline, the modified LPA endorsement schedule, the difference between Resolution No. 22-5278, and Resolution No. 22-5273, and changes from exhibit A to exhibit A-1.

Matt Bihn explained next steps after the adoption of the Modified LPA

Council President Peterson asked council for any discussion on the substitution of Exhibit A with Exhibit A-1 of Resolution No. 22-5278

Council Discussion

There were none

All yes.

Council President Peterson asked councilors for any amendments to Exhibit A-1.

Councilor Lewis moved to amend Exhibit A-1 under section G, Financing Plan, to add the following sentence to the end

of the first bullet, "The Financial Plan shall include all improvements in the BIA including local improvements".

Councilor Lewis explained the intent of the amendment is to make sure local needs are not deprioritized in the final budgeting process.

A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, that Exhibit A-1 to Resolution No. 22-5278 was amended to include additional language. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Hwang

Councilor Hwang moved to amend Exhibit A-1 under the section B, Equity, to include a Health Impact Assessment under the conditions of approval.

Margi explained that Health Impact Assessments are usually led by a health agency. She recommended to add the language "work with local health agencies on a Health Impact Assessment".

Councilor Hwang clarified his amendment to include the language "working with local health agencies to conduct a Health Impact Assessment"

A motion was made by Councilor Hwang, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, that Exhibit A-1 to Resolution No. 22-5278 was amended to include additional language. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Hwang

Councilor Rosenthal moved to amend Resolution No. 22-5278, section V, to include the language “and a clear IBR program commitment to address the conditions in exhibit A-1 of Resolution No. 22-5278.”

A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal, that Resolution No. 22-5278 was amended to include additional language. The motion failed for a lack of second

Council President Peterson asked council for any discussion Resolution No. 22-5278.

Discussion

Councilor Rosenthal expressed concern for the lack of binding authority Resolution No. 22-5278 has on the IBR project.

Councilor Gonzalez remarked that the conditions of approval reflect a great amount of work from staff, council, and community. He explained that Council has received 100's of pieces of testimony that they have worked to weave into the conditions of approval.

Councilor Craddick asked Margi to respond to Councilor Rosenthal's comment.

Margi reminded council that the IBR team was in the audience listening and that the Conditions of Approval are a statement to them and community members on where Metro stands on the project. She also explained that they will aid as direction for staff to follow, adding that the IBR team committed to a response to the conditions of approval.

Councilor Lewis stated as an MPO, Metro has certain responsibilities at a staff level, which highlights Metro's unique role.

A motion was made by Councilor Gonzalez, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, that this Resolution was adopted as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Hwang

- 3.3 Resolution No. 22-5273, For the Purpose of Endorsing the Modified Locally Preferred Alternative for the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program

Council President Peterson called on Carrier Maclaren, Metro, to present to Council.

Carrier Maclaren described the process of voting on Resolution No. 22-5278 and Resolution No. 22-5273.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Nolan asked if the Metro council has the authority to make the conditions of approval binding to the project and if they have the authority to undo approval if the conditions are not being met.

Roger Alfred described how council can rely on the conditions of approval.

Margi described the difference between the conditions of approval and the LPA.

Councilor Rosenthal asked for clarification on language in Resolution No. 22-5278 and Resolution No. 22-5273.

Margi distinguished the difference between Resolution No. 22-5278 and Resolution No. 22-5273.

Councilor Gonzalez asked what other design alternatives have been researched.

Margi described alternative project options that were considered.

Councilor Craddick asked staff to explain why only one bridge design option is being considered.

Margi explained the bridge design is still in the conceptual phase, with only 2% complete. She also stresses that there is a lot of opportunity for innovation and creativity in the design process.

Councilor Hwang asked for clarity on the width of the bridge and asked why a health impact assessment was not included in the conditions for approval

Margi explained that the width of the bridge is undecided and that a health impact assessment was done in 2009 by Multnomah County during the original Columbia River Crossing project.

Councilor Lewis asked if a financial assessment will be available once the project reaches 30% design.

Margi explained that the I5B team is working to have a conceptual financial plan by fall.

Councilor Craddick asked staff to explain how the bridge design will address greenhouse gases.

Margi explained the three strategies identified in the climate smart strategy.

Councilor Nolan addressed events since the last time the Metro Council approved and LPA for the IBR replacement (the Columbia River Crossing). Councilor Nolan spoke of regional natural disasters that are directly tied to climate justice, increased racial disparities, and loss of tree canopy. They explained, since January when council approved their values, out comes, and actions for the IBR project, ODOT announced over a billion dollars of cost over run-on projects in the metro region. They explained how this affects other high priority projects. Lastly, they stated their vote on resolution No. 22-5273 is for BIPOC individuals and communities, low-income travelers, neighborhoods, businesses, and the young activists that deserve representation, for those reasons they will be voting no.

Councilor Rosenthal raised concerned that the conditions of approval are not tied to the IBR project in a meaningful way.

A motion was made by Councilor Craddick, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, that this Resolution was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Hwang

Nay: 1 - Councilor Nolan

3.4 Resolution No. 22-5274 For the Purpose of Amending Metro's Contracting and Procurement Administrative Rules

Council President Peterson recessed the meeting of the Metro Council and reconvened the meeting as the Metro Council Contract review board.

Council President Peterson called on Gabriele Schuster, Metro, to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the Procurement Administrative Rule Update Presentation to present to Council.

Gabi explained when new procurement rules were last implemented, updates to the rules since the last implementation, and the new rules staff suggest adding.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Craddick asked Gabi to describe the impact of increasing the threshold for public improvements from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Gabi explained in prior years, the \$10,000 threshold was only available for goods and services, not construction, increasing the threshold is helpful for small and historically marginalized firms that want to stick to smaller projects.

Councilor Rosenthal asked how long the \$5,000 threshold has been in place.

Gabi explained it has been in place for a very long time.

Council President Peterson ajorned the meeting of the Metro Council Contract review board and reconvened the meeting as the Metro Council.

A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, that this Resolution was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Hwang

4. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and

events:

- Councilor Craddick provided an update on the quarterly trail's forum.
- Councilor Gonzalez provided an update on ODT's new safety cross walk in Cornelius.
- Councilor Rosenthal provided an update on the joint Tualatin and Metro's Park staff presentation, and the senior citizen center groundbreaking in Tualatin.
- Councilor Hwang highlighted the recent incidents of anti-Asian hate in the region.

5. Chief Operating Officer Communication

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

- The retirement of Metro Planner Tim O'Brien.
- Andy Shaw celebrated Tim's many years of service to Metro and expressed appreciation for his diligent work.
- Council President Peterson thanked Tim for the effort he put into his work at Metro.
- Tim thanked President Peterson and those he worked with through the years.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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2. Public Communication

3. Resolutions

3.1 Public hearing on **Resolution No. 22-5278**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Metro Council's Conditions of Approval for the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Modified Locally Preferred Alternative and Resolution No. 22-5273 For the Purpose of Endorsing the Modified Locally Preferred Alternative for the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program

3.2 **Resolution No. 22-5278**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Metro Council's Conditions of Approval for the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Modified Locally Preferred Alternative

A motion was made by Councilor Gonzalez, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, that this Resolution was amended to substitute Exhibit A with Exhibit A-1. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Hwang

A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, that Exhibit A-1 to Resolution No. 22-5278 was amended to include additional language. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Hwang

A motion was made by Councilor Hwang, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, that Exhibit A-1 to Resolution No. 22-5278 was amended to include additional language. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Hwang

A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal, that Exhibit A-1 to Resolution No. 22-5278 was amended to include additional language. The motion failed for a lack of second.

A motion was made by Councilor Gonzalez, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, that this Resolution was adopted as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Hwang

3.3 **Resolution No. 22-5273**, For the Purpose of Endorsing the Modified Locally Preferred Alternative for the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program

A motion was made by Councilor Craddick, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, that this Resolution was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Hwang

No: 1 - Councilor Nolan

3.4 **Resolution No. 22-5274**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro's Contracting and Procurement Administrative Rules

A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, that this Resolution was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Hwang

4. **Councilor Communication**

5. **Chief Operating Officer Communication**

6. **Adjourn**

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF July 14, 2022

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
3.2	PowerPoint	7/14/2022	15BRP LPA presentation	071422c-01
3.4	PowerPoint	7/14/2022	LCRB Rules Update	071422c-02
3.2	Testimony	7/14/2022	7/14 Testimony	071422c-03