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METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Buck (Chair)
Vince Jones Dixon
Mark Shull
Denyse McGriff
Brett Sherman
Ed Gronke
Steve Callaway
Nadia Hasan
Peter Truax
Thomas Kim
Alex Howard
Gerritt Rosenthal
Christine Lewis
Mary Nolan
Gordon Hovies

Omar Qutub

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Susheela Jayapal
Ted Wheeler
Carmen Rubio
Brian Cooper
Terri Preeg Riggsby

Pam Treece
Luis Nava
Mark Watson

Kirstin Greene
Temple Lentz
Diana Perez
Brian Hodson
James Fage

AFFILIATION

City of Lake Oswego, Largest City in Clackamas County
City of Gresham, Second Largest City in Multnomah County
Clackamas County
City of Oregon City, Second Largest City in Clackamas County
City of Happy Valley, Other Cities in Clackamas County
Citizen of Clackamas 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
TriMet
Port of Portland
Metro Council
Metro Council
Metro Council
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Special Districts in Washington
County
Citizen of Multnomah County

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County
City of Portland
City of Portland
City of Fairview, Other Cities in Multnomah County
West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Special
Districts in Multnomah County
Washington County
Citizen of Washington County
Hillsboro School District Board of Directors, Governing Body
of a School District
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
Clark County
City of Vancouver
City of Canby, City in Clackamas County outside UGB
City of North Plains, City in Washington County outside UGB

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Nafisa Fai
Anthony Martin

AFFILIATION

Washington County
City of Hillsboro, Largest City in Washington County

OTHERS PRESENT: Brenda Bartlett, Colin Cooper, Elissa Gertler, Jamie Lorenzini, Jeff Gudman, Laurie Petrie, Marc Farrar, Meagan An, Megan Mckibben, Schuyler Warren, Shirley Craddick, Steve Silksom.

STAFF: Ally Holmqvist, Carrie MacLaren, Connor Ayres, Emily Lieb, Margi Bradway, 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.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

3. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Mary Nolan (they/them) announced that Metro has received fourth quarter reports from all three counties on Supportive Housing Services and information should be compiled and ready by next month's meeting. Councilor Nolan voiced that the Parks and Nature department referred the renewal of the operating levy which will be on the November ballot.

Mayor Peter Truax asked if there is a way formally support the Parks and Nature levy.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Thomas Kim (he/him) announced a \$5.6 million Federal Transit Administration (FTA) award to the Beaverton Transit Center and invited everyone to the FX-2 Division official opening on September 17th. Thomas put the following link in the chat:

<https://trimet.org/fx/?fbclid=IwAR2V2WWOeIgWq-DVInmfBR4CqBKSmbD6q5k1Jw8VhrCJHCbuqrE7rMac820>

Mayor Peter Truax announced to MPAC that Tigard Mayor Jason Snyder, Sherwood Mayor Keith Mays, and Dayton Mayor Beth Wytoski will not be seeking re-election.

Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal (he/him) updated members on Senator Ron Wyden's recent comments regarding the Chips Act and the potential for this to bring a lot of money to Oregon

and Washington.

Commissioner Denyse McGriff (she/her) announced the 100 year celebration for the Arch Bridge between Oregon City and West Linn.

Mayor Steve Callaway (he/him) reminded MPAC members of Mayor Truax's retirement and expressed admiration for Mayor Truax's time mayor of Forest Grove.

Chair Buck announced that for September's MPAC meeting members will be asked to reflect on what they have learned from recent discussions around factors of homelessness. He tasked MPAC members to come to the September meeting prepared to share concrete ideas on how cross jurisdictional partnership can be improved to create more safe spaces for houseless individuals across the region.

5. **CONSTENT AGENDA**

This item was postponed due to a lack of a quorum.

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

6.1 River Terrace 2.0 Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) exchange: process update

Chair Buck introduced Metro staff Malu Wilkinson (she/her) and Anneliese Koehler (she/her) to present to MPAC.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Malu emphasized the focus on land readiness for housing and job growth, described the proposed UGB exchange as 350 buildable acres being added to the UGB and 350 buildable acres being removed elsewhere, and summarized the process for identifying exchange candidates.

Key elements of the member discussion included:

Ed Gronke asked if there is any area outside of River Terrace 2.0 that is petitioning for inclusion in the UGB.

Malu responded by explaining that there is not another area currently looking for inclusion in the UGB.

Mayor Callaway asked if Metro will look at land swap as opposed to expansion of the UGB more frequently moving forward, if Clackamas County and effected jurisdictions have input in this process, and if the land that might be removed from the UGB during this process will

automatically be the first land back into the UGB.

Anneliese responded by explaining that the state mandated Urban Growth Management Process will not change and Metro has not decided if they will attempt land use swaps in the future.

Malu explained that they are currently looking for input on this exchange process and responded to Mayor Callaway's final question by explaining that land being added into the UGB depends on the readiness of the land.

Commissioner Mark Shull asked if the planning that has gone into the Sunrise Corridor will be taken into account with the exchange process.

Councilor Rosenthal explained the unpredictability of any UGB mid-cycle processes.

Mayor Callaway discussed the importance of some manor of predictability of the UGB process.

In the chat Commissioner McGriff asked "has consideration been given to all of the under developed land Tigard has to be looked at before expanding the UGB?"

Anneliese responded to Commissioner McGriff's question by explaining that the exchange process is different from UGB expansion processes.

In the chat Mayor Callaway asked, "Would it only be residential swapped for residential and industrial for industrial?"

Chair Buck asked about the classification of the land that Tigard is proposing to move into the UGB.

6.2 Housing Bond Progress Report

Chair Buck introduced Metro staff Emily Lieb (she/her) to present to MPAC.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Emily listed the guiding principles for the program, highlighted the production progress, geographic distribution for the projects, and described project equitable contracting, workforce, and access. Emily described the alignment of supportive services, sustainability and resilience in the program, community engagement, efficient use of funds, and local tools and incentives. Emily highlighted the shifting landscape for this program, the housing bond oversight committee's charge and findings, recommended focus areas for 2022-23, and ongoing opportunities to strengthen outcomes.

Key elements of the member discussion included:

Chair Buck asked if there is any action that can be taken at the federal level to help provide funding.

Emily explained that Metro is working with federal partners but will follow up with any immediate action or advocacy that can be taken.

Councilor Christine Lewis (she/her) described some of the action taken at the federal level by the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department.

Mayor Callaway asked how the new Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) rules will impact some of these projects.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if there is a way to tie this program into programs that generate longer term wealth such as home ownership.

Emily explained that several of the local implementation plans for the housing bond include an aspirational goal of trying to incorporate an affordable homeownership element into their housing bond portfolio.

Councilor Nolan asked for clarification on restrictions of incorporating an affordable homeownership element to the program.

Emily responded by explaining there are no legal restrictions but a limiting factor is the availability of other funding tools.

Mayor Callaway asked what is being done about burdensome upfront fees that present challenges to renters.

Emily described that there is no regional policy around this and that upfront fees may look different from project to project.

Chair Buck asked if there are vouchers that are attached to the unit, not to the resident.

Emily provided details on project based rental assistance vouchers.

6.3 Introduction to the High Capacity Transit Strategy Update for the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Chair Buck introduced Metro staff Ally Holmqvist (she/her) and Margi Bradway (she/her) to present to MPAC.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Margi reminded MPAC of the RTP update happening in 2023.

Ally defined high capacity transit (HCT) and the characteristics of different transit types and described the importance of HCT because it is the backbone of the 2040 Growth Concept, it supports the RTP priorities, it's critical to meeting climate goals, and it's an important part of the Regional Transit Strategy vision. Ally summarized where HCT is today, who the HCT program is partnering with, how the work is organized, HCT policy framework, what is being considered and community feedback. Ally went on to describe HCT vision, what guidance the RTP provides for corridors, HCT tiered corridors, and what guidance the RTP provides for readiness. Ally concluded by describing a future HCT strategy report and next steps.

Key elements of the member discussion included:

Councilor Nadia Hasan (she/her) addressed the importance of discussing what public safety means to different people and how people feel safe on public transit.

Mayor Callaway asked for more information on the identification of high transit corridors and highlighted the importance of not only access to transit but also accessing where individuals need to go via transit.

Councilor Rosenthal discussed high efficiency transit, high frequency transit, and the importance of a core centric and peripheral transportation system.

Councilor Brett Sherman (he/him) agreed with many of the points mentioned by Councilor Rosenthal and stressed the importance of a robust transit system for areas towards the outside of the Metro region.

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 AUGUST 24, 2022

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
6.1	Presentation	08/24/2022	River Terrace 2.0 UGB Exchange Process Update Slides	082422m-01
6.2	Presentation	08/24/2022	Housing Bond Progress Report Slides	082422m-02
6.3	Presentation	08/24/2022	Introduction to the High Capacity Transit Strategy Update for the 2023 RTP Slides	082422m-03