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Minutes

Thursday, October 6, 2022

10:30 AM

Metro Regional Center Council Chamber,
<https://youtu.be/fQ2-llb8yTo>, <https://zoom.us/j/615079992>
877-853-5257 (toll free) (Webinar ID: 615079992)

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting call 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 items. No members of the public chose to testify. Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

3. Consent Agenda

Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Councilor Craddick, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, to adopt items on the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

- 3.1 **Resolution No. 22-5283**, For the Purpose of Adding New or Amending Existing Projects in the 2021-26 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Complete Required Phase Slips and Make Required Corrections to Meet Fall Obligations or Federal Approval Steps (SP23-01-SEP)

Attachments: [Resolution No. 22-5283](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

3.2 Consideration of June 16th, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [061622c Minutes](#)

4. Resolutions

4.1 Resolution No. 22-5286, For the Purpose of Proclaiming the Second Monday of Every October as Indigenous Peoples Day in the Greater Portland Area

Attachments: [Resolution No. 22-5286](#)

Council President Peterson called on Andrew Scott (he/him), Metro Deputy Chief Operating Officer to present to Council.

Staff explained that this Resolution aims to achieve the following ends:

- Reduces the invisibility of indigenous peoples
- Pushes back against colonial narratives
- Brings diverse communities and nations together

Scott proceeded to read the proclamation language of the Resolution.

Council Discussion:

Council President Peterson stated that Metro must go further than just proclaiming Indigenous Peoples Day, but actively work to transform systems to ensure the inclusion of native voices.

Councilor Gonzalez restated the importance of this

legislation, along with Metro's commitment to a comprehensive tribal engagement approach.

Councilor Lewis noted that we must not only recognize native tribe's sovereignty, but must also recognize the historical legacy that has led many indigenous peoples to be separated from tribal membership and the government's role in creating that separation.

Councilor Rosenthal commented that Metro must now work with local jurisdictions to get them to adopt similar resolutions acknowledging Indigenous Peoples Day.

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

A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, 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

5. Other Business

5.1 2023 Regional Transportation Plan: Vision, Goals and Objectives

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)
[Attachment 2](#)

Council President Peterson called on Margi Bradway (she/her), Metro Deputy Director of Planning, Research and Development, and Kim Ellis (she/her), Metro Principal Transportation Planner, to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the *[2023 Regional Transportation Plan - Shaping our shared vision and goals for the future of*

transportation Presentation] to present to Council. The presenters explained the vision and goals for the upcoming Regional Transportation Plan, looking for discussion and feedback on key items of the plan.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Hwang began discussion by asking the presenters about how Trimet's Forward Together plan intersects with the Regional Transportation Plan, specifically questioning if the intersection is focused on service enhancement or new infrastructure. He then proceeded to inquire if the creation of construction jobs is a key component of the plan.

Staff responded that all of Trimet's service plans are being incorporated under the Regional Transportation Plan. Therefore, the plan encompasses both service enhancement policies and expansions to infrastructure. In regards to the councilor's second question, staff explained that there is currently policies under the Regional Transportation Plan that seek to further equitable job creation, however both presenters noted that this part of the plan could receive further expansions.

Council President Peterson followed Councilor Hwang's question, remarking on how the plan needs to both surpass federal requirements and act as a route towards achieving Metro's goals of quality housing and job creation.

Staff responded in agreement, emphasizing that Metro and the Regional Transportation Plan should strive to not just satisfy federal performance measures, but to go above and beyond in the scope of the plan.

Councilor Gonzalez shared his support of the plan,

commenting that the vision of the Regional Transportation Plan not only serves as a framework for future projects, but as an outward facing statement of Metro's goals and values.

Councilor Lewis first emphasized that the plan should focus on getting constituents to affirmatively choose to travel through the means provided by the Regional Transportation Plan, be that through increasing the safety, economic benefit, or ease of use of these systems. She then expressed that Metro should adopt a collaborative approach with local jurisdictions in the creation of the Regional Transportation Plan, ensuring that the most prevalent interests of the public are heard and accordingly addressed.

Councilor Craddick spoke directly to the environmental goals of the plan, asking the presenters how the goal of "substantial reductions to greenhouse gas emissions" is going to be measured. Referencing previous comments by Councilors Hwang and Lewis, Councilor Craddick remarked that the success of the plan's climate goals will be dependent on the level of cooperation between Metro and other relevant parties such as Trimet, ODOT, and city governments.

The presenters responded that the Regional Transportation Plan is required to meet Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions standards, and that to reach that target the plan will have to incorporate new policies that substantially reduce the current level of emissions. Speaking to how Metro will work with other organizations to meet this metric, the presenters explained that the department has a four-way agreement with the federally funded parties of ODOT, Trimet, Smart, and Metro that states that the parties will work together when making regional plans. Staff stated that federal funding drives these organizations to work in collaboration,

finding both short and long term solutions to the transportation infrastructure of the region.

Councilor Craddick then asked the presenters if there has been analysis of the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan, covering which aspects of the plan were successful and which could use more development.

Staff replied that the work plan for the current Regional Transportation Plan was heavily based off of the 2018 plan, and that several of the programs proposed in the 2018 plan are still being developed and discussed within the 2023 plan.

Councilor Rosenthal remarked that the vision implicitly includes the importance of the Regional Transportation Plan in connecting individuals together, strengthening social ties. He then noted that we should be mindful of the physical reality of the transportation lines being discussed, being more explicit in the long-term vision of the plan regarding how potential infrastructure and service expansions would physically interact with the region. Councilor Rosenthal also questioned if there has been any extensive review of the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan's implementation.

Staff responded, stating that the current plan includes explicit performance metrics that will be able to gauge how successful the plan is at reaching its climate, transportation, and economic goals. The presenters noted that there has been analyses performed on the 2018 plan and that similar reviews will be performed for the 2023 plan.

Councilor Hwang raised concerns to the under-representation of communities of color in the first community survey.

The presenters explained that staff was currently reviewing several community based organization proposals to help expand Metro's ability to hear from BIPOC communities for future surveys.

Council President Peterson emphasized that the most important aspect of these discussions is specifically identifying which projects within the plan will receive funding, and which will be prioritized in the short-term.

Staff replied, stating that they are working towards creating a new modeling system that will allow them to gauge how sufficiently each project fills the Regional Transportation Plan's 5 central values, therefore giving them a reliable metric to compare projects.

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

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Deputy Chief Operating Officer Andrew Scott did not have any updates to provide.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

Councilor Gonzalez notified the council that there had been an Oregon Transportation Plan committee meeting the previous day, commenting on the potential interactions between this plan and the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan.

8. Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 11:42a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Kain". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeff Kain, Legislative Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2022

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Powerpoint	10/06/2022	2023 RTP Presentation	100622c-01