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## Minutes

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

**10:30 AM**

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**Council work session**

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### 10:30 Call to Order and Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Mary Nolan, and Duncan Hwang, Councilor Shirley Craddick.

**Excused:** 1 - Council President Lynn Peterson

### Work Session Topics:

10:35 Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area Historical Collection

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Deputy Council President Lewis introduced Becky Shoemaker, Metro, Pam Welch (she/her) Metro, to present on the Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area Historical Collection.

Welch went over the summary of the presentation and noted that San Jose State University contacted Shoemaker to begin an archiving project for graduating students. Welch explained that they identified record categories and then began to collect the information and now 12,000 pages have been embedded into content manager and the archives online exhibit is on the Metro website.

Shoemaker then joined in on the conversation and added

background about why they archive records and how important it is do so including preserving Metro's history for future generations.

Alicia Butler, graduate from San Jose State University, gave a summary of the work she had done at Metro.

Elaine Stewart (she/her) went over the history of the Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area, recreation around vision access including a visitor center.

Jonathan Soll (he/him) Metro, spoke about how important the work done with the archiving is and thanked staff for the dedication to archiving.

Council president deputy Lewis thanked staff.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Rosenthal asked how prepared Metro is to adapt to future climate changes at the Smith and Bybee area.

Stewart explained that the wetlands are more difficult to draw down completely now more than ever due to sea rise and that Metro has data to analyze it and the research that has been done will provide a road map for Metro and other wetland managers to understand the changes much more.

Councilor Craddick asked what else has been archived and what the plans are for the future of archiving and if Metro will develop a relationship with San Jose State University to do more archiving.

Shoemaker explained more documents will be archived, and that more information needs to be analyzed to figure out what university they want to partner with and more funding

is needed to prioritize certain projects.

Councilor Gonzalez thanked staff for the work they have accomplished.

End of discussion.

#### 11:20 2023 RTP Congestion Pricing Policy Discussion

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[Attachment 3](#)

Deputy Council President Lewis introduced Alex Oreschak, Senior transportation planner Metro, to go over the RTP pricing policy development presentation.

Oreschak went over the 2023 rtp update and noted that the work that has been done regarding policy development included meeting with TPAC four times to dive into the technical details. Oreschak then explained that there was a Metro/JPACT workshop on July 26th, and the themes of the workshop were to focus on equity and climate resiliency, use tolling revenues to improve mobility, develop policies that benefit historically marginalized communities, low-income tolling program is essential, and diversion should include all trip distances. Oreschak then went over the Individual policies such as mobility, equity, diversion, climate, and technology & user experience.

Oreschak then announced they will continue to work on rtp policies and continue coordination with the OHP amendment and then gave updates such as meeting with JPACT on 9/15, MTAC on 9/21, and then receive feedback from TPAC on 10/28.

End of presentation.

Councilor Nolan explained that using the terms such as “per capita” is wrong and then asked for clarification as to why that happened.

Margi Bradway explained to councilor Nolan that climate smart looks at GHT and DMT per capita as it is way to look at the regions progress.

Councilor Nolan explained that reducing VMT per capita is a step toward reducing VMT total and that the policy should focus on the end result.

Bradway explained that she agrees with Councilor Nolan that meeting climate goals is important however the process has to be done this way.

Councilor Rosenthal noted that he will submit his questions in writing.

Councilor Gonzalez brought up councilor Nolans concerns and noted that it should be addressed, and that policy 4 does not seem to align to reality.

Oreschak acknowledged that the policies are not where they should be but they are addressing it to make it better.

Bradway announced her and staff will be back to give an update.

Councilor Hwang asked how they are thinking about timing of implantation.

Bradway explained that they are setting up a rtp policy

framework and that ODOT has proposed a new project that will also be implemented.

Councilor Kraddick noted she does not have any questions however she expressed her concern over the lack of partnership with a state transportation.

Council deputy Lewis pointed out that a statewide conversation is needed, and that Metro can not adopt just any policy that is presented.

Bradway addressed Lewis concerns and explained that there will be multiple workshops around transit and climate, and in terms of the Oregon Highway Plan, Metro will go back to have further discussion with them.

end of discussion.

**12:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

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

- Marissa Madrigal gave a project update on the Expo ROFEI process and announced that 7 development teams are expected to submit proposals

**12:10 Councilor Communication**

**12:15 Adjourn**

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Lewis adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 11:35am

Respectfully submitted,

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