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## Minutes

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10:30 AM

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber,  
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> Webinar ID: 615 079 992 or  
888-475-4499 (toll free); [https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=qwYZ9T53A8U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwYZ9T53A8U)

## Council Work Session

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Council President Peterson called the Work Session to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Present:** 6 Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Gerrit Rosenthal, Councilor Ashton Simpson, and Councilor Duncan Hwang

Excused: 1 - Councilor Mary Nolan

**Work Session Topics:**

10:30 2023 RTP: Council Discussion

**Presenter(s):** Kim Ellis, (she/her), Metro  
Catherine Ciarlo (she/her), Metro  
Tom Kloster (he/him), Metro

**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 23-5343](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Exhibit B](#)  
[Exhibit C](#)  
[Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1](#)

Council President Peterson introduced Kim Ellis, (she/her), Metro, Catherine Ciarlo (she/her), Metro and Tom Kloster (he/him), Metro to present on the 2023 RTP: Council Discussion.

Staff pulled up the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan Update *Powerpoint* to present to Council.

Ellis explained Resolution No. 23-5343 and the new and updated policies. Ellis discussed a map of draft planned projects, the mixed progress toward the RTP outcomes. Ellis noted the 2021-2023 engagement touchpoints and feedback from their engagement efforts and from the Council. Ellis mentioned opportunities to further advance RTP goals by 2030 and next steps.

*Council Discussion*

**President Peterson** asked if their city and county partners had enough capacity to meet the federal deadlines.

Ellis also raised concerns about their partners capacity. She mentioned that staff have asked them to refine their project list.

**President Peterson** empathize that they still have opportunities to work with their partners.

Ellis agreed with President Peterson.

**Councilor Rosenthal** asked if the public review period is formally required and if there is a specific time period. Ellis stated that they are required to have a 45-day public comment period under Federal requirements and Metro's own public engagement requirements.

**Councilor Rosenthal** asked what response they expected from jurisdictions that have not been involved.

Ellis noted that they usually get feedback from jurisdictional partners and advocacy organizations. She also mentioned an online survey for feedback. Ellis expected that feedback could be plan refinements and larger policy that JPACT and the Council would need to discuss.

Ciarlo added that Council will see a summary of the feedback. She mentioned that the Council has the chance to impact future MTIP submissions and criteria for future project lists.

**Councilor Gonzales** thanked staff for their work.

**President Peterson** thanked staff for their work.

**Councilor Lewis** mentioned that she was open to add a request from a tribal government.

**President Peterson** asked if staff has thought about conversations with tribal governments.

Ellis noted Katie McDonald's work and that there is a project in the draft list.

11:15 FY 2023-24 Budget Work Session - Discussion of Budget Amendments and Notes

Presenter(s): Marissa Madrigal (she/her), Metro  
Brian Kennedy (he/him), Metro;

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Council President Peterson introduced Marissa Madrigal (she/her), Metro and Brian Kennedy (he/him), Metro to present on the FY 2023-24 Budget Work Session - Discussion of Budget Amendments and Notes.

Staff pulled up the *FY 2023-24 Proposed Budget Amendments & Budget Notes Powerpoint* to present to Council.

Kennedy explained the upcoming process, the proposed budget amendments, and appropriation changes. Kennedy also discussed the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

*Council Discussion*

Kennedy asked if the Council would consider the Amendments together or separately.

**President Peterson** recommended that they consider these altogether.

**Councilor Rosenthal** mentioned that a survey that showed that Metro was lacking in communication outreach. He asked if they need a communications position for to address this issue, not just housing.

Kennedy added that there are additions to the budget for engagement staff in other departments that address these gaps.

Madrigal noted that they are addressing the findings of the study. She added that this position would be for Housing.

**Councilor Hwang** asked about the \$1 million project carry over for the solid waste fund. He also asked about the use of the funding for the Parks and Nature's Capital Improvement Plan.

Kennedy noted that some of the project work for Parks and Nature will happen sooner than expected. He added that this is not additional appropriation.

Cinnamon Williams (she/her), Metro noted that the project carry over was for the Investment in Innovation program.

**Councilor Lewis** mentioned her support of these housing investments.

**Councilor Rosenthal** asked about the Meyers project.

Kennedy explained that when Parks and Nature acquires a project, they associate a name with it before it is a site.

President Peterson stated that they will do the amendments as a package.

Kennedy continued the presentation by explaining the proposed budget note #1.

*Council Discussion*

Kennedy noted that the budget note is not needed because it has been added to the budget. He asked if Council still wants to include the note in the budget.

**Councilor Gonzales** explained that they wanted to go through the formal process and wanted to keep it.

**President Peterson** mentioned that staff can add a note saying it is in the budget

Kennedy continued the presentation by explaining the rest of budget notes.

*Council Discussion*

**President Peterson** mentioned that she met with the North Plains Mayor and will speak with the City of Sandy.

**Councilor Rosenthal** mentioned the impacts of developments for cities and added that the region is larger than what was originally envisioned.

**President Peterson** suggested that they and staff figure out how to do the outreach.

**Councilor Gonzales** asked if budget notes #3 and #4 had a budgetary implication or if staff would do this within their current resource.

Kennedy noted that those budget notes direct staff to do some work that can potentially be a budget ask in the future.

**Councilor Lewis** mentioned that they already have ways to communicate with smaller cities. She suggested to have Hamlets and CBOs as priority and remove the quarter time restriction.

President Peterson asked Councilor Rosenthal if he will accept the amendment.

**Councilor Rosenthal** stated that he did not have an issue with the amendment.

Staff distributed President Peterson's Budget Notes during the meeting.

President Peterson explained her budget note #1.

*Council Discussion*

**Councilor Gonzales** asked if the proposal in January was for her budget note #1 or for all of them.

**President Peterson** stated it was not for all of them.

President Peterson continued to explain the rest of her budget notes.

*Council Discussion*

**Councilor Gonzales** asked about President Peterson's Budget Note #3 and if it was related to previous conversations during their last rate setting conversation.

Kennedy asked if President Peterson's Budget Note #3 was to add a limited duration position.

**President Peterson** mentioned that it was to take an existing.

**Madrigal** explained that there needs to be an amendment to redirect resources.

**President Peterson** noted that it was an internal position.

**Councilor Rosenthal** asked about budget note #2 is to add staff or to contract for the work. He also asked if budget #3 would include the Rate Transparency study for solid waste fees.

**President Peterson** stated that for budget note #2, the work would be contracted. She also added that the study could be included in budget note #3 if the Council wanted.

**Councilor Hwang** asked if there is a role for Councilors in Budget note #3.

**President Peterson** mentioned that the CEO, WPES Director and the Council President will set it up and then come back to Council.

**Councilor Simpson** mentioned that in East County they work with other partners. He asked if they include that language in budget note #1.

**Present Peterson** stated that they could but cannot allocate their staff.

**Councilor Gonzales** asked for clarification about the report in budget note #2.

**President Peterson** explained that they are finding the available resources to develop the land they currently have.

**Councilor Rosenthal** mentioned that President Petersons budget note #1 and his budget note #1 are similar. He asked if they can be combined.

**President Peterson** explained that her budget note is focused on jurisdictions inside the Urban Growth Boundary and why it is important to understand their jurisdictions.

Kennedy noted that staff will work on formatting the budget notes for Thursday's meeting.

**Councilor Lewis** asked for budget note #2, if data resource staff can help instead of contracting all the work out.

**President Peterson** mentioned that financial and data resource staff could do some of the work. She added that there are somethings out of their authority.

**Councilor Hwang** explained the reasoning behind his budget note.

Kennedy stated that staff will package the budget notes together.

12:00 Metro Affordable Housing Bond 2022 Annual Report

Presenter(s): Patricia Rojas (she/her), Metro  
Liam Frost (he/him), Metro  
Emily Lieb (she/her), Metro  
Steve Rudman,  
Jenny Lee

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Council President Peterson introduced Patricia Rojas (she/her), Metro, Liam Frost (he/him), Metro, Emily Lieb (she/her), Metro, Steve Rudman, and Jenny Lee to present on the Metro Affordable Housing Bond 2022 Annual Report.

Staff pulled up the *Metro affordable housing bond 2022 annual report Powerpoint* to present to Council.

Lieb discussed their principles, their partnerships, and production progress. She mentioned the six projects and the geographic distribution. Lieb noted the outcomes in equitable contracting and workforce diversity. She discussed the priority communities, equitable access, demographic outcomes, and aligning supportive services. Lieb mentioned sustainability, community engagement and the use of funds. She discussed the shifting financial landscape and the forecasted pipeline and production outcomes. Rudman explained housing bond oversight committee review and their findings. Lee discussed the recommended focus areas for 2023.

#### *Council Discussion*

**President Peterson** thanked the co-chairs for their work.

**Councilor Gonzales** thanked staff and the oversight committee members for their work. He what the 120% overperformance is a result of.

Rudman noted their used federal funds and good interest rates, but the market has changed.

Madrigal thanked staff and the oversight committee for their work.

**Councilor Simpson** mentioned needing more people of color in trades and women on projects. He asked if they could measure and evaluate outcomes for each future project.

Lieb noted that there is opportunity for the Council to set regional requirements for workforce tracking. She also noted the difficulty of changing existing contracts and IGAs to include the reporting.

**President Peterson** mentioned that the bond measure did not have a reporting measure, so it was optional to report. She also mentioned that there were barriers with BIPOC contractors being able to propose and bid.

Lieb stated the 20% COBID regional goal and that the Construction Careers initiative was just beginning at the time of the bond.

Lee suggested looking at the workforce and type of jobs.

**Councilor Lewis** asked how they can better coordinate with TOD. She also asked if they have policy recommendations for their general fund.

Rudman noted that they did not have recommendations about the general fund. He added that they need to continue developing agency infrastructure.

**President Peterson** mentioned the issue of lack of administrative funding.

Rudman mentioned that it is the biggest obstacle.

**Councilor Lewis** suggested that the Council be on the same page with the oversight committee about expenditures.

**Councilor Hwang** asked if there is plan for the existing developments to get air conditioning.

Lieb noted that they have funding for projects to include A/C. Staff expected that most projects will have air conditioning.

**Councilor Hwang** asked if they have considered having community partners implementation with the bond funding.

Lieb stated that the opportunity to support capacity building for diverse organizations.

Rojas mentioned that there are new opportunities and staff can do more.

**Councilor Hwang** asked if they could go back to the beginning, what would they tell the stakeholder committee to think about.

Rudman recommended that the capital bond and the services would be connected.

Lee mentioned the workforce and what data was available.

**Councilor Rosenthal** asked how many would have qualified for TOD support. He also asked if it will be difficult to switch from gas to induction cooking for housing units.

Lieb mentioned that 70% of the projects are located near rapid service bus or transit.

Lieb noted that affordable housing could do more to support energy smart strategies. She mentioned that the lack of administrative funding cap has limited staff.

**12:45 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Marissa Madrigal asked Andy Shaw, Government Affairs Director to give an update on the following item:

- Andy Shaw, Metro explained House Bill 3014, a Land Use Bill, and its potential impacts.

*Council Discussion*

**President Peterson** asked if the bill effects rural reserves. She mentioned it would impact their needs analysis.

Shaw stated that it effects urban reserves or non-resources for cities that do not have urban reserves.

**Councilor Rosenthal** asked if the provisions add to cities ability to deny variances.

Shaw agreed with Councilor Rosenthal and added that it creates a new dual agency office. He noted that the agreement is to add land supply elements to the bill to move the package forward.

**12:50 Metro Attorney Communication**

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney mentioned that the legal clerkship program has restarted and introduced two new law clerks.

**12:55 Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- **Councilor Rosenthal** mentioned an Expo tour, the Zoo Brew event and Plambeck Gardens groundbreaking.
- **Councilor Hwang** mentioned the groundbreaking at the 74th and Gilsan site.
- **Councilor Simpson** mentioned the Juneteenth Rodeo.
- **Councilor Lewis** mentioned the Expo open house, the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee Retreat and the JPACT trip.

- **Councilor Gonzales** mentioned that Councilor Lewis was in 40 under 40 and the JPACT trip.

*Council Discussion*

**Councilor Simpson** added that 82nd and TV Highway funding was big sticking point.

- **President Peterson** mentioned the State of the Region event.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Work Session at 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jemeshia Taylor*

Jemeshia Taylor, Legislative Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2023**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>
<b>1.0</b>	Powerpoint	06/13/2023	2023 Regional Transportation Plan Update Presentation	061323c-01
<b>2.0</b>	Powerpoint	06/13/2023	FY 2023-24 Proposed Budget Amendments & Budget Notes Presentation	061323c-02
<b>3.0</b>	Powerpoint	06/13/2023	Metro affordable housing bond 2022 annual report Presentation	061323c-03
<b>4.0</b>	Printed Handout	06/13/2023	Metro Council President Peterson Budget Notes Handout – Distributed at the meeting	061323c-04