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Minutes

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10:30 AM

**Metro Regional Center, Council
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Council Work Session

This meeting will be held electronically and in person at the Metro Regional Center Council Chamber. You can join the meeting on your computer or other device by using this link:

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<https://zoom.us/j/615079992>, or 877-853-5257 (toll free) (Webinar ID: 615079992).

10:30 Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Present: Council President Lynn Peterson, Council Deputy Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal Councilor Duncan Hwang, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

Work Session Topics:

10:30 2023 Regional Transportation Plan: Process Update and Feedback on Draft Policies and Implementation Chapter

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

Council President Lynn Peterson called on Catherine Ciarlo, PD&R Director Tom Kloster, Regional Planning Manager Kim Ellis, RTP Project Manager to present the *2023 Regional Transportation Plan Presentation*

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

Summary of Presentation:

The Presentation went over the update on timeline, decision processes, overview of public comments and major themes, and preview process for recommendations on key policy topics.

Council discussion:

Councilor Juan Carlos-Gonzalez explained that he has

gathered a lot of feedback from others and that safety, climate and innovation could see more improvement. Councilor Gonzales acknowledges there are some incongruence's with the public and that JPACT has been working on a way to show the public a reflection of learning from the 2018 RTP to 2023 RTP.

Councilor Christine Lewis explained that tolling is still not where it should be and that she is looking for a realistic check of tolling, the harms it will create and the repercussions that would roll out if Metro does not abide by its values. Councilor Lewis then ended her discussion by asking if these are the only 3 projects in the last 8 years or if there is a list of projects on freeways that were contemplated being started in 2016.

Kim Ellis explained that most of the feedback were on the 3 big projects and that there are 3 other projects in the draft plan.

Tom Kloster Explained that they have been working with ODOT on a series of checkpoints before they start construction and they have agreed to work on RTP language that will go over impacts on climate, and safety.

Councilor Ashton Simpson explained that he believes they are moving in the right direction and that he is prepared for the next round of projects and implementing people in these projects.

Councilor Mary Nolan explained policy #3 should be funding transit and if Metro does not do it then the gap will never close. Councilor Nolan then expressed that electrification of the fleet conversation should move to the 2028 RTP as it should depend on those would provide influence and have

control.

Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal explained that Metro should think about moving forward about coming up with a vision for transportation and safety and that it does not necessarily need to be in the RTP.

Councilor Duncan Hwang mentioned that collaboration with the state and orphan highways was not mentioned and then asked how Metro can help break the cycle of tragedy on the highways.

Catherine Ciarlo explained that there are ways that Metro can use Jpact/Mpact influence and authority to raise the priority.

Councilor Gonzales mentioned the subject about community's desire to feel safe during transit and that implementing partners and funds is in discussion.

Ciarlo then went over the summary of the conversation that took place during council discussion.

End of Discussion.

11:15 Waste Prevention and Environmental Services (WPES): Regional Waste Plan Outcomes and Council Priorities Discussion

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

Council President Lynn Peterson called on Marta Mcguire, waste prevention and services director and Rob Nathan to present the Waste Prevention and Environmental Services

Presentation.

Staff pulled up the Waste Prevention and Environmental Services Presentation to present to Council.

Summary of Presentation:

The presentation went over the progress to date, key planning efforts underway, values and visions and services roles.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Lewis explained that she would like to know how to create more availability around the bulky waste work and then asked if there will be council involvement around the budget note.

Mcguire explained that she will dive into the bulky waste information more on Thursday however she did mention they are hosting events and testing pilots to see what adequate waste bulking look like.

Councilor Rosenthal asked for a better explanation about how greenhouse gases made up .5% from recycling and expressed that number seems low.

Mcguire explained that 60% comes from consumption, 30% came from development and that within the measure most greenhouse gases are consumed within that lifecycle.

Planner in Waste Prevention and Environmental Services, Luis Sandoval explained that greenhouse gas inventory is just looking at emissions which are related to garbage and recycling thus making it a very small portion of emissions compared to making the product.

Council President Peterson explained that the conversation around the systems felt missing and the conversation around who is in charge and the roles felt missing but acknowledged that there are steps that need to be taken in order get more information.

Councilor Lewis asked how things are different now within the rate assessment

McGuire explained that the part about a goal based evaluation, and a re-model assessment, and the next step will be to work with the private transfer stations.

Councilor Gonzalez explained that the focus on the multifamily access, investment and community education has stood out to him and he is proud about it.

COO Marissa Madrigal explained that brining new direction and plans is important and that these goals and actions are an important consensus.

End of discussion.

11:55 Chief Operating Officer Communication

No communication was given.

12:00 Councilor Communication

No communication was given.

12:05 Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 1:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF September 12 2023

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	09/12/2023	2023 Regional Transportation Plan Process Update and Feedback on Draft Policies and Implementation Chapter	091223cw-01
2.0	PowerPoint	09/12/2023	2030 Regional Waste Plan Outcomes	091223cw-02