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Minutes

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10:30 AM

**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber,
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Council work session

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10:30 Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: 6 - Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Mary Nolan, Christine Lewis, Lynn Peterson, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, and Duncan Hwang

Excused: 1 - Ashton Simpson

10:35 Work Session Topics:

10:35 Safe Streets for All update

Presenter(s): Catherine Ciarlo (she/her), Planning, Research and Development Director, Metro,
Lake McTighe (she/they), Principal Transportation Planner, Metro; 45 min

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Council President Peterson introduced Catherine Ciarlo, Metro, and Lake McTighe, Metro, to present on the Safe Streets for All Program Update to the Metro Council.

Staff pulled up the Presentation to present to Council.

Summary of presentation:

The presentation went over an overview of Metro’s Safe Streets for all grant and program, receive input on options to elevate safety and make progress on identified policy outcomes over the next two years and receive feedback. McTighe mentioned that implementation has just started, and that 3 more grant cycles are coming in the near future.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Lewis thanked staff and spoke about the concerns being voiced, and then mentioned that she is happy to have JPACT move forward to meet and set out a work plan to engage leaders across the region.

Councilor Hwang thanked staff for the work they have accomplished related to safety over the region. Hwang mentioned that when he spoke with PBOT they noted that many traffic fatalities are related to houseless people who are suffering from mental health crises. Hwang asked how they plan to address that and what effectiveness there might be to related to camping bans.

McTighe explained that staff has been leading with equity and public health to understand those questions, and they have been working with the city of Portland to discuss the impact of homelessness and that she has drew a lot from Multnomah County public health assessment of traffic fatalities however she mentioned that there isn't enough data to show whether or not camping has any correlation with traffic fatalities.

Ciarlo thanked Hwang for his questions and noted that the strategies previously being implemented are still relevant and that they are here to hear more feedback on how to better it.

Councilor Rosenthal mentioned that he hasn't heard why they are moving in the wrong direction and noted that they should go into the RTP program to identify safety components and to go over high-capacity corridors to look at structural improvements.

McTighe mentioned that if the design of 122nd street was to

be changed it could help with safety and although new vehicle technologies have better safety implementation, vehicles are still becoming heavier which plays a part into traffic fatalities.

Councilor Rosenthal mentioned that the city of Portland has been reducing speeds and asked why that hasn't been able to solve the issue.

McTighe explained that in a safe system, 30mph is still too fast to drive in order to safely avoid a crash.

Ciarlo noted to Councilor Rosenthal that they could work on reducing speeds on the road he lives on as long as jurisdiction come together to make it happen.

McTighe explained that it would still be hard to do, as with adding more stop signs and reducing street parking due to many people not wanting to see it happen.

Councilor Nolan asked how Metro can provide a leadership in a public education form around this topic.

McTighe mentioned that investing in school education to spread more awareness about this subject would be beneficial long term.

Council President Peterson mentioned that Metro Council is an asset, and she is thankful that staff is using them for more information and that the best way to start is to hear what the public wants.

Councilor Lewis explained that Metro needs to intentional around creating policy or practice when it comes to the fact that many people are on routes they don't need be on due to applications such as google maps, and that a policy needs to be directed towards those issues.

COO Marissa Madrigal explained that there was a New York Times article that addressed night time traffic fatalities and that she is thankful for staff for the work they have done as it has impacted her personal life.

McTighe noted everything council has brought up is in the work plan and that they plan on using the Metro Council and JPACT to use a steering committee and staff plans on doing more engagement to get to the broad range of people they need to be in contact with.

Council President Peterson explained that community engagement not only has to bring information into Metro but it has to also be educational to the community.

End of presentation.

11:15 Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan, Engagement Update

Presenter(s): Marta McGuire (she/her), WPES Director, Metro, Estee Segal (she/her), Principal Planner, Metro, Luis Sandoval (he/him), Senior Solid Waste Planner, Metro, Bridger Wineman, EnviroIssues

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Council President Peterson introduced Marta McGuire (she, her), WPES Director, Metro, Marissa Grass, Principal Public Affairs Specialist, Metro and Luis Sandoval, Principal Planner, Metro to present on the Garbage & Recycling System Facilities Plan.

Summary of Presentation:

The presentation went over addressing the life cycle, key decisions, system facilities plan, meeting purpose and agenda including the project timeline identifying values and outcomes, develop a preferred scenario and final draft plan.

Grass spoke about the Metro South Facility, values and outcomes, system gaps, and Metro Central recycling depot. Grass went over the phase 3 process which included building scenarios, symposium, and conversations with stakeholders.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Nolan asked what the \$3 per month is related to

Grass explained that it is \$3 per month for the average residential garbage bill.

Councilor Nolan asked how that translates into a per ton fee.

Sandoval noted he does not know the numbers currently on hand however he can come back with more information.

Councilor Nolan mentioned that \$3 per month may not seem a lot however the low-income residents she represents may think it is and then she asked for a better definition of who the stakeholders are.

Grass noted that junk haulers were apart of the stakeholder meetings.

Councilor Nolan mentioned that there are junk haulers that are not part of the delivery system.

McGuire explained that is because they provide a service that fills a gap. McGurie then thanked Councilor Nolan for bringing up the geographic equity through a cost lense instead of a access lense. She noted that there are low-income rate assistance programs to help mitigate those impacts.

Councilor Nolan asked if staff were to be asked if they should increase the garbage fees of low income or benefit paid income household if they would have the same response.

McGuire explained that response would not have been the same.

Council President Peterson noted she would like to figure out what role Metro plays and what is a public private partnership Vs what is private.

Councilor Rosenthal asked how Metro estimates the convenience factor at the sites Metro has, and if staff heard any comments about hard to recycle materials being included in the distributive service centers.

McGuire noted there is a dry time assumption built into the scenarios.

Sandoval explained they measured the travel time for different types of materials, and they focused on what percentage of the population is within a 20 minute drive to a waste facility.

Councilor Lewis asked how many surveys were done.

Grass noted it was 62 surveys.

Councilor Lewis asked what the expectation is of what is curb side collected Vs self-haul into a depot and until Metro knows more about the 43 depots she does not know how to answer that question.

Jill Hrycyk (she, her) explained there are about 40 + depots that are being recommended to the region and the producer responsibility region are the ones working on the plans that will be submitted in March. Hrycyk noted that a multipurpose depot might be implemented to fill the gaps of where hazardous materials can go.

Councilor Hwang asked what the interplay between engagement and recommendations are and how they plan on doing more engagement.

McGuire explained that the 5 phases of the project each look at benefit's and challenges to help inform the next steps and now they are at the point where they will develop options under each category and that it is an ongoing process.

Sandoval explained that the tribal engagement is a ongoing process and there is a chance they will get more input from tribal governments during the draft process.

Councilor Hwang asked when the final draft and decision making deadline is.

McGuire announced it will be fall of 2025.

Council President Peterson asked when they will narrow down to the distributive model.

McGuire explained that they are at the narrowing point right now and they will bring more information for Metro to decide.

End of presentation.

11:55 Chief Operating Officer Communication

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

2023 compliance report detailing the cities and counties compliance with the UGB and RTP plans. The plans include housing, water quality. Madrigal mentioned all counties and jurisdictions are complying except a few as they are getting ready to do so.

12:25 Urban Growth Management Functional Plan Annual Compliance Report

Attachments: [2023 Compliance Report](#)

12:30 Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- Councilor Lewis spoke about the Supportive housing services committee meeting.
- Councilor Hwang spoke about the 82nd Ave steering committee meeting.

12:35 Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Work Session at 12:31pm

Respectfully submitted,

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