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## Minutes

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

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**

Council President Peterson called the Work Session to order at 10:32 a.m.

**Present:** 7 - Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Mary Nolan, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Duncan Hwang, Christine Lewis, Lynn Peterson, and Ashton Simpson

**10:35 Work Session Topics:**

10:35 2028-2030 Regional Flexible Fund Allocation - Program Direction

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1](#)  
[Attachment 2](#)  
[Attachment 3](#)

Council President Peterson introduced Ted Leybold (he/him), Resource Development Section Manager, Metro, to present on the topic.

Staff pulled up the 2028-2030 Regional Flexible Fund Allocation - Program Direction PowerPoint to present to Council.

Presenters outlined Metro's endeavors in transportation planning, expressed gratitude for council engagement, and discussed the input received and its integration into program criteria. They touched on the potential bond effort, aiming to align investments with the regional vision, emphasizing the connection to the growth plan. They delved into the regional flexible fund allocation (RFFA), detailing ongoing commitments, funding forecasts, and proposed refinements. Themes emerged from stakeholder outreach, prompting

adjustments to encourage larger projects and facilitate smoother project delivery. They also highlighted the redistribution funds and proposed investments to address schedule risks and improve project delivery.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Hwang asked for clarification on bonding are how that will affect the discretionary fund, and presenters described the relationship between the two.

Councilor Lewis inquired about the use for the \$3 million investment, and presenters confirmed that it is for the projects that will be awarded funds in the next cycle.

Councilor Simpson asked for elaboration on the safety corridor portion of the project, and presenters responded that these projects will be focused on transit access but will depend on the proposals that are brought to them over the next few months

11:15 Private Transfer Station Cost of Service Study

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)  
[Resolution No. 24-5398 \(Draft\)](#)  
[Attachment 1](#)

Council President Peterson introduced Marta McGuire (she/her), WPES Director, Metro, and Holly Stirnkorb (she/her), Principal Planner, Metro, Shane Abma, Senior Attorney, Metro, and Peter Brandom, City Manager, City of Cornelius, to present on the topic.

Staff pulled up the Private Transfer Station Cost of Service Study PowerPoint to present to Council.

Presenters updated council on the private transfer station cost of service study for the metro region, emphasizing its impact on trash disposal costs for residents and businesses.

They highlighted collaborative efforts between local governments and private transfer stations to improve rate transparency over the years. Concerns about the need for more specific findings were addressed, and the perspective from the City Manager of Cornelius underscored the need for transparency and notification of rate changes. The proposal for the cost-of-service study aimed to support public trust and operational improvements, with measures to protect sensitive business information. Stakeholder engagement, including support from cities, counties, and private operators, was highlighted. Finally, staff sought direction to proceed with a resolution for the study.

*Council Discussion*

Council President Peterson noted the unique position Metro is in of being both a regulator and a market actor in solid waste and discussed that relationship with Brandom.

Councilor Nolan pointed out that the Waste Fee Policy Taskforce was designed to discuss fees, but was not looking at how efficiently the fees are being used by the transfer stations already, and suggested this process be done before fees are raised. They also noted that Metro should define where they are trying to go before moving forward.

Councilor Gonzalez expressed a need for further time to establish a vision for the future.

Councilor Lewis emphasized the importance of collecting this data and finding which numbers have the largest swings, and expressed an eagerness to design the study well.

Council President Peterson asked about next steps, and presenters explained that the Systems Facilities Plan workshop in a couple weeks will be the next phase to

establish priorities and vision.

Councilors and presenters discussed the timeline for this project.

11:55 Regional Emergency Transportation Routes, Phase 2

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

Council President Peterson introduced John Mermin (he/him), Senior Transportation Planner, Metro, to present on the topic.

Staff pulled up the Regional Emergency Transportation Routes, Phase 2 PowerPoint to present to Council. Presenters provided Council with an update on Metro's regional emergency transportation route planning. They discussed Metro's historical role in the 1990s, followed by the shift to the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO). The current phase, funded by a federal grant, aims to prioritize routes identified in previous work. They provided an overview of phase 2, focusing on adding new routes. The project's scope excludes developing evacuation or recovery plans but aims to facilitate access for emergency responders. Engagement will involve workshops, community organizations, and technical groups, with city and county jurisdictions playing crucial roles. The project's timeline spans 18 months, with recommendations informing the next Regional Transportation Plan update.

*Council Discussion*

Council President Peterson brought up that the east side has a lot of redundancy in emergency transportation routes, but the west side does not, suggesting the presenters keep that in mind during this process.

Councilor Hwang wondered how community resilience hubs overlay with this process, and presenters agreed to consider that in the next phase.

Councilor Simpson asked if there are many emergency operation centers in this plan, or just one. Madrigal explained that Metro's emergency management team is relatively small but will partner with others depending on the scale of a given emergency.

Councilor Lewis suggested mapping the technological assets in the region to aide with a strategic response.

#### **12:25 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Marissa Madrigal updated Council on the stakeholder advisory committee, noting that their final meeting is this Friday.

#### **12:30 Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- Councilor Gonzalez celebrated the Nueva Esperanza affordable housing project that will be opening this week.
- Councilor Lewis reported that last Tuesday she met with transportation leaders about the I-5 bridge.
- Councilor Hwang noted that FTA did a tour of the corridor last week, and that May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month.
- Councilor Simpson attended the Oregon Zoo gala last week.

#### **12:35 Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Work Session at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sam Hart*

Sam Hart, Legislative Assistant