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**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber,
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Council meeting

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Hwang called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Councilor Simpson and President Peterson were excused

Present: 5 - Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Duncan Hwang

Excused: 2 - Council President Lynn Peterson, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

2. Public Communication

Deputy Council President Hwang opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on a non-agenda item.

There were none.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Resolution No. 24-5422 For the Purpose of Amending or Adding a Total of Five Projects in the 2024-27 MTIP to Meet Federal Transportation Project Delivery Requirements

Attachments: [Resolution No. 24-5422](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

[Staff Report](#)

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approved

- 3.2 Resolution No. 24-5423 For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of Oregon for a Heavy Freight Rail Assets Study

Attachments: [Resolution No. 24-5423](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)
approved

4. Resolutions

4.1 Resolution No. 24-5420 For the Purpose of Approving Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants

Presenter(s): MG Devereux, Metro,
Crista Gardner (she/her), Metro
Gail Shaloum, Clackama WES
Torrey Lindbo, City of Gresham

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Deputy Council President Hwang called on MG Devereux (he/him) Deputy Director Parks and Nature, Metro, Crista Gardner (she/her), Metro, Gail Shaloum, Clackamas WES, and Torrey Lindbo (he/him), City of Gresham, Charles George (he/him), Associate vice president of Facilities at Mount Hood Community College and Kathy Sheran, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conversation District to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the Resolution No. 54-5420 For the Purpose of Approving Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Presentation PowerPoint.

Presentation Summary:

The Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants bond supported investments that increased access to parks, trails, and natural areas, providing benefits such as clean water and healthy habitats. Over the past several days, many appreciated these benefits while seeking cool spots and shade. Despite a drop from triple-digit temperatures, people continued to access these areas throughout the summer. Online surveys and open houses were conducted to engage

the community at metro sites like Willamette Cove, Lone Fir, and to guide Blue Lake Park renovation. The second round of large community divisions and local share allocations continued, and a slate of projects for the second round of nature and neighborhoods capital grants was presented, aiming to enhance access to healthy habitats, clean water, and public spaces.

Krista Gardner, program manager of the Nature and Neighborhoods Capital Grants, provided further details. The program consisted of two parts: the Nature and Neighborhoods Capital Grants program, with initial and recommended rounds of funding, and the Nature Neighborhoods Community Choice Grants, designed to engage community groups in neighborhood projects. Gail Shaloum from Clackamas Water Environment Services discussed the Three Creek Stream restoration project, highlighting its significance due to its urban location, presence of threatened species, and potential for enhanced habitat. The project aimed to restore the stream bed and improve water quality and habitat diversity. The significance of the site was emphasized, including its proximity to residents and workers, its role in a wildlife corridor, and its readiness for future fish accessibility. The funding from the Metro grant was crucial in completing the project and collaborating with community partners.

The next project involved demonstrating the removal of pervious pavement and replacing it with impervious pavement to train students. This pervious pavement captured a chemical from tires, 6PPD-quinone, toxic to salmon, thus preventing it from entering waterways. The project served as a demonstration and learning opportunity for the diverse student body, which includes a significant percentage identifying as BIPOC. She emphasized the project's dual benefits of water quality improvement and student engagement in natural resources, expressing gratitude for the grant consideration and the opportunity to present.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Rosenthal (he/him), wondered if the creek every dried up in late summer, and inquired about the flow level.

Gail Shaloum stated that the creek run a perennial stream.

Councilor Lewis, wondered about the trail plans for the creek as well as transforming into a trail for pedestrians, cyclists, and other mobility device users.

Gail Shaloum (she/her), noted that the North Clackamas Parks and Rec is working on their system plan to build trails in the future that can be worked together.

Councilor Nolan wondered if the previous pavement captured unhealthy run-off that affected wildlife.

Kathy Sheran, (she/her), stated that there are samples that are being taken and studied for unhealthy run-off currently.

Councilor Lewis wondered how many students were expected to participate in the project, especially in relation to the number of students at Mount Hood Community College who were in the field or interested in that set of classes.

Terry Lindbo (he/him) mentioned that Mount Hood Community College fisheries students, was one of the few spots in Oregon where pre-spawn mortality was observed. Students conducted spawning surveys, documented spawning sites and dead fish, and took samples from those fish, noting that some fish were full of eggs but unable to spawn successfully due to 6PPD-quinone. Natural resource students were also involved, particularly in projects like last

year's tree planting. This project would be their first opportunity to collect data, with several professors and students eager to participate in the monitoring efforts.

Seeing no further discussion, Deputy Council President Hwang moved on to the next agenda item.

adopted

Aye: 5 - Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Hwang

Excused: 2 - Council President Peterson, and Councilor Simpson

- 4.2 Resolution No. 24-5414 For the Purpose of Directing the Allocation of \$13.6 Million of Federal Transportation Redistribution Funds to Projects and Programs

Presenter(s): Catherine Ciarlo (she/her), Planning, Development, and Research Director, Metro
Ted Leybold (he/him), Resource Development Manager, Metro
Grace Cho (she/her), Senior Transportation Planner, Metro

Attachments: [Resolution No. 24-5414](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
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Deputy Council President Hwang called on Catherine Ciarlo (she/her), Planning, Development, and Research Director, Metro Ted Leybold (he/him), Resource Development Manager, Metro and Grace Cho (she/her), Senior Transportation Planner, Metro to present on Resolution No. 24-5415 For the Purpose of Directing the Allocation of \$13.6 Million of Federal Transportation Redistribution Funds to Projects and Programs.

Presentation Summary

The presentation included a proposal for the federal funds that were awarded to states that had obligated all their federal funding authority, with Oregon diligently ensuring this through the Oregon Department of Transportation. Over the last three years, an agreement was made that if they obligated at least 80% of their federal funds on schedule, they would receive a proportion of redistribution funds. The presentation concluded in allocating \$13.6 million to support regional projects, address inflation impacts, prepare new projects, and provide tools for improving project delivery.

Council Discussion

Councilor Gonzalez thanked everyone for attending and expressed his appreciation for working regularly with Councilors Lewis and Simpson on JPAC. He mentioned that the current action item had been the result of a productive and deliberate conversation regarding the Ropa package. He highlighted that Oregon's strong project delivery performance was rewarded with redistribution dollars, which were being reinvested into the region.

Councilor Rosenthal (he/him), highlighted that one of the main challenges had been delays in materials delivery due to supply chain issues. He questioned what other delays they faced and how they could be reduced, noting that some issues, like ships getting stuck in San Diego harbor.

Ted Leybold (he/him), explained that most delays addressed were project issues arising during development, which could be better managed with earlier and more thorough project development work. He mentioned unforeseen problems such as hazardous materials or cultural resources in the right of way and process issues like opposition from key constituencies. He emphasized the importance of doing more survey work upfront, like lidar surveys, to better understand potential risks to project schedules and budgets. He noted that the \$3 million would be used for such early

development work to mitigate these risks.

Seeing no further discussion Deputy Council President Hwang moved on to the next agenda item.

adopted

Aye: 5 - Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Hwang

Excused: 2 - Council President Peterson, and Councilor Simpson

- 4.3 Resolution No. 24-5415 For the Purpose of Adopting 2028-2030 Regional Flexible Fund's Program Direction for the Portland Metropolitan Area

Presenter(s): Catherine Ciarlo (she/her), Planning, Development, and Research Director, Metro
Ted Leybold (he/him), Resource Development Manager, Metro
Grace Cho (she/her), Senior Transportation Planner, Metro

Attachments: [Resolution No. 24-5415](#)
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Deputy Council President Hwang called on Grace Cho, Senior Transportation Planner, Metro, (she/her), presented the 2028-2030 Regional Flexible Fund allocation program direction, requesting council adoption through resolution 24-50-415.

Grace Cho (she/her) explained that Metro, in consultation with regional partners, establishes a program direction for each allocation cycle to advance regional transportation plan goals. She highlighted two main updates: the development of a new project bond proposal and modifications to the

step two evaluation criteria and process. Finally, she outlined the work plan for developing the bond proposal and competitive allocation, emphasizing the incorporation of council and partner feedback.

Council Discussion

Councilor Gonzalez noted the significant role RFFA bonds had played in developing the region's light rail system and saw the current moment as a crucial opportunity for JPACT and the council to make major investments in capital transit. He expressed gratitude for being part of this council during this time, highlighting the importance of leveraging the bipartisan infrastructure law and grants to match local funding and ensure successful project planning.

Councilor Rosenthal reiterated his concern from the approval of the regional transportation plan, noting the lack of a cohesive vision and the omission of specific plans to address major bottlenecks. He emphasized the need for a complete transit system over the next decade and recognized the work required, while acknowledging that the existing process allows for potential adjustments.

adopted

Aye: 5 - Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Hwang

Excused: 2 - Council President Peterson, and Councilor Simpson

5. Ordinances (first reading and public hearing)

- 5.1 Ordinance No. 24-1516 For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Approximately 1.15 Acres of NE Sewell Ave Right-of-Way in Hillsboro Between NE Evergreen Rd and NW Meek Rd

Presenter(s): Glen Hamburg (he/him), Associate Regional Planner, Metro

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 24-1516](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Deputy Council President Hwang called on Glen Hamburg (he/him) Associate Regional Planner, Metro, to present to Council Ordinance No.24-1516 For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Approximately 1.15 Acres of NE Aewell Ave Right-of Way in Hillsboro between NE Evergreen RD and NW Meek Rd.

Presentation Summary:

Glen Hamburg (he/him), stated that the proposal involved annexing approximately 1.15 acres of land, specifically a 1,053-foot section of Northeast Seawall Avenue in Hillsboro, for the city to improve the road to urban standards. He noted that the proposal met all the criteria for annexation to the metro boundary, had Washington County's consent, and had been published and notified to nearby property owners.

Public Hearing:

Deputy Council President Hwang opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on Ordinance No. 24-1516.

There were none.

Seeing no further discussion, Deputy Council President Hwang moved on to the next agenda item.

6. COO Communications

Holly Calhoun, provided an update on the following events or items:

- Provided an updated on the UGB comment period concerns. The deadline has been extended for up to 45 days after feedback from Council. The COO recommendation will be pushed to August 26th instead of August 14th
- Updated on Metro's response to the extreme heat experienced over the last week. Gave a huge kudos to the staff across the agency for their excellent job in implementing protocols and polices.

7. Councilor Communications

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- Councilor Lewis stated that the Lamprey celebration organized by tribal friends, particularly members of the Willamette Falls Trust and the Yakima Nation, was to be held in Oregon City. The celebration aimed to honor lamprey harvesting, the seasonality of the species, and foster fellowship. The event was scheduled to run from 11:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m.
- Councilor Rosenthal congratulated the team and TriMet for securing \$39 million for the 82nd Avenue transit project. The funding was allocated for hydrogen fuel buses and would be considered part of a local match for future applications.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Hwang adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 12:01p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anushka Kargathara

Anushka Kargathara, Legislative Assistant