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METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sharon Meieran
Vince Jones-Dixon
Terri Preeg Riggsby
Mark Shull
Denyse McGriff
Brett Sherman
Ed Gronke
Pam Treece
Steve Callaway
Allison Tivnon
Miles Palacios
Thomas Kim
Kristin Greene
Glen Yung
Ty Stober
Mary Nolan
Duncan Hwang
Gerritt Rosenthal
Keith Kudrna

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County
City of Gresham
Special Districts
Clackamas County
Second Largest City in Clackamas County
Other Cities in Clackamas County
Citizen of Clackamas County
Washington County
Largest City in Washington County
Second Largest City in Washington County
Special Districts Washington County
Trimet
Oregon Dept of Land Conservation and Development
Clark County
City of Vancouver
Metro Council
Metro Council
Metro Council
City of Fairview

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ted Wheeler
Omar Qutub
Joe Buck
Tim Rosener
Luis Nava
Susan Greenberg
Emerald Bogue
Brian Hodson
James Fage

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
Citizen of Multnomah County
Largest City in Clackamas County
Other Cities in Washington County
Citizen of Washington County
School Districts
Port of Portland
City in Clackamas County Outside the UGB
City in Washington County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Laura Kelly
Jim Duggan

AFFILIATION

Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
Special Districts Washington County

OTHERS PRESENT: Jean Senechal Biggs, Adam Torres, Stephen Roberts, Medha Pulla, Smart Ocholi, Jessica Pelz, Dave Huber, Anthony Martin, Erin Stein, Kevin Cook, Al Jeck, Jamie Stasny, Cindy Rogers, Gia Ballash, Tom Armstrong, Josie Tecum, Arashi Young, Marc Farrar, Beth Vargas Duncan

STAFF: Georgia Langer, Sam Hart, Roger Alfred, Catherine Ciarlo, Malu Wilkinson, Ted Reid, Jaye Cromwell, Marissa Grass, Serah Breakstone, Marta McGuire, Jess Zdeb, Laura Combs, Anne Buzzini, Luis Sandoval, Rosalynn Greene

1. CALL TO ORDER

MPAC Chair Pam Treece called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Metro staff Georgia Langer (she/they) called the role.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

MPAC Chair Pam Treece read aloud the instructions for providing public testimony.

Seeing none, Chair Treece moved onto the next agenda item.

3. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Mary Nolan and Councilor Duncan Hwang gave an update on Metro's departments. They discussed Metro's ongoing engagement with stakeholders and the development of an integrated regional program combining affordable housing with supportive housing services. They reported that on October 17, the Council approved principles to extend funding beyond 2030, enable cities to receive funding, and strengthen oversight. They noted that the Council will further discuss these changes, aiming for final legislation or a ballot measure by December or January. Additionally, they shared that the deadline for Metro's Future Vision Commission has been extended to October 27, and highlighted updates on placemaking grants and the Nature in Neighborhoods program.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATE

Thomas Kim reported that two additional board members were added to the TriMet board, including JT Flowers, who will be representing TriMet at MPAC going forward.

Kirstin Greene reported on the rulemaking underway for the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis, and shared a link for more information.

With no further discussion, Chair Pam Treece moved onto the next agenda item.

5. INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan- Phase 4 Draft Plan

Chair Treece introduced Marta McGuire, Director of Waste Prevention and Environmental Services,

Metro, Estee Segal, Principal Solid Waste Planner, Metro, and Luis Sandoval, Principal Solid Waste Planner, Metro, to present on the topic.

Presentation summary

Presenters outlined Metro's Regional Waste System Facilities Plan, which builds on the 2030 Regional Waste Plan to ensure equitable and affordable services. They reviewed the need for investments to update aging infrastructure like the Metro South Transfer Station, add community drop-off depots, and support reuse, recycling, and organics processing. The draft plan proposes a 20-year roadmap for future investment, estimated at \$273 million, financed through revenue bonds. The public comment period runs through October, with Council expected to consider the plan's adoption in December.

MPAC Member Discussion

Commissioner Mark Shull asked how the new plan to relocate commercial haulers from Metro South to Metro Central is viable when there have been difficulties with these models in the past. McGuire explained how Metro South and Metro Central will split tasks, and that if the two facilities are not sufficient they will look into building a new facility. Sandoval expanded further on the different types of waste that will be accepted by each facility.

Mayor Callaway asked if the extra \$1.50-\$2 per month covers the cost of labor as well, or just the capital costs. Sandoval confirmed that it does include both labor and capital costs.

Ed Gronke suggested Metro launch a public relations campaign to explain the rate increases to the public. McGuire agreed and confirmed there is already a number of outreach efforts being made.

Mayor Denyse McGriff encouraged a program to link waste costs to quantity of waste produced in order to incentivize waste reduction by citizens.

Seeing no further discussion, MPAC Chair Treece moved onto the next agenda item

5.2 Future Vision: Work plan review

Chair Treece introduced Malu Wilkinson (she/her), Deputy Director of Planning, Development & Research, Metro, and Jessica Zdeb (she/her), Principal Regional Planner, Metro to present on the topic.

Presentation summary

Presenters outlined the regional planning "Future Vision" update, discussing the historical context, evolving priorities, and scope for future growth. They emphasized how Metro's 1995 foundational vision and 2040 Growth Concept helped guide development, maintaining urban boundaries and fostering up-not-out growth while noting gaps in addressing today's issues like climate change and equity.

The team presented the Future Vision Commission, established by Metro's charter, tasked with

steering the vision update through public and private sector collaboration. This advisory body will consider diverse perspectives across the region, including monthly meetings from January 2025 through mid-2026, with representation from a range of community stakeholders. They noted that the project engagement plan seeks meaningful public input while focusing on long-term challenges and engagement efforts will ensure transparent communication with elected officials and community groups to collectively refine a vision that reflects current values and prepares for a sustainable, inclusive future.

MPAC Member Discussion

Councilor Allison Tivnon expressed excitement about this type of work, and encouraged a deep dive into the visioning that cities and counties have already done as a part of Metro's visioning process. Zdeb agreed and outlined the way Metro plans to come to people to gather their data.

Councilor Brett Sherman asked how presenters plan to balance possibility and probability to mitigate the overestimation of certain things and underestimation of other things. Zdeb confirmed that professional futurists will be brought in to help establish the scope of probable possibilities.

Councilor Ty Stober brought up the necessity of including Vancouver in these estimations, noting that Vancouver could likely match the population of Portland by then. Wilkinson agreed and confirmed that they have been including Vancouver in conversations already through this project.

Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal urged consideration of the entire state, not just the region, in order to remain a part of a larger Oregon and recognize our impacts on the rest of the state.

Seeing no further discussion, MPAC Chair Treece moved onto the next agenda item

5.3 2040 Planning & Development Grants Program Updates

Chair Treece introduced Serah Breakstone, Principal Regional Planner, Metro, to present on the topic.

Presentation summary

Breakstone outlined recent changes to Metro's 2040 Planning and Development Grants Program, aimed at increasing accessibility and flexibility. She explained that these grants are funded by a construction excise tax to support planning initiatives aligned with Metro's 2040 Growth Concept, focusing on equitable communities and removing barriers to development. The program now offers quarterly grant cycles, allowing applicants more flexibility, and has expanded eligibility to include federally recognized tribes and unincorporated community groups. Up to 20% of funds can now cover local staff costs, and grant categories have been simplified to focus on areas inside and outside the urban growth boundary. The first quarterly applications are under review, with awards expected mid-November, after which recipients will finalize project scopes with Metro.

MPAC Member Discussion

Malu Wilkinson asked what the anticipated timing will be for the grants, and Breakstone responded that that applications will be due mid-February, and then every quarter after that, and awards will be at the end of each quarter starting in march.

Seeing no further discussion, MPAC Chair Treece moved onto the next agenda item

ADJOURN

Chair Pam Treece adjourned the meeting at 6:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sam Hart

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Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2024

| ITEM | DOCUMENT TYPE | DATE | DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION | DOCUMENT NO. |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------|---|---------------------|
| 4.1 | Presentation | 10/23/2024 | Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan- Phase 4 Draft Plan Presentation | 102324m-01 |
| 4.2 | Presentation | 10/23/2024 | Future Vision: Work Plan Presentation | 102324m-01 |
| 4.3 | Presentation | 10/23/2024 | 2040 Planning Grants Presentation | 102324m-01 |