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## **METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)**

Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2024

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Sharon Meieran  
Vince Jones-Dixon  
Keith Kudrna  
Mark Shull  
Joe Buck  
Ed Gronke  
Pam Treece  
Allison Tivnon  
Luis Nava  
JT Flowers  
Kristin Greene  
Mary Nolan  
Duncan Hwang  
Gerritt Rosenthal  
Sherry French

### AFFILIATION

Multnomah County  
City of Gresham  
City of Fairview  
Clackamas County  
Largest City in Clackamas County  
Citizen of Clackamas County  
Washington County  
Second Largest City in Washington County  
Citizen of Washington County  
TriMet  
Oregon Dept of Land Conservation and Development  
Metro Council  
Metro Council  
Metro Council  
Clackamas County Special Districts

### MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ted Wheeler  
Terri Preeg Riggsby  
Omar Qutub  
Denyse McGriff  
Brett Sherman  
Steve Callaway  
Tim Rosener  
Miles Palacios  
Susan Greenberg  
Glen Yung  
Ty Stober  
Emerald Bogue  
Brian Hodson  
James Fage

### AFFILIATION

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

### ALTERNATES PRESENT

Anthony Martin  
Laura Kelly  
Katherine Kelly

### AFFILIATION

Largest City in Washington County  
Oregon Dept of Land Conservation and Development  
City of Vancouver

OTHERS PRESENT: Adam Torres, Anna Slatinsky, Gerard Mildner, Jaimie Lorenzini, Jessica Pelz, Kevin Cook, Stephen Roberts, Jena Hughes

STAFF: Georgia Langer, Sam Hart, Catherine Ciarlo, Malu Wilkinson, Ted Reid, Jaye Cromwell, Marissa Grass, Laura Combs, Carrie MacLaren, Ally Holmqvist, Eryn Kehe, Craig Beebe, Daisy Quinonez, Emily Lieb

## 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.

Gerard Mildner - Mildner testified that, while acknowledging Metro's efforts in supportive housing, the Revitalize Portland Coalition opposes the proposed 20-year extension of the SHS tax, which would redirect funds from homeless services to subsidized housing construction. He argued that county-led public health programs and tenant vouchers provide more efficient and equitable housing solutions than Metro's construction-based approach, and he expressed concern over the region's high income tax rates, advocating instead for state-led solutions to support affordable housing and social welfare.

Edward Gronke asked when the next update would be on the HPAC resolution, and Chair Treece described the schedule and reassured him that MPAC would be kept in the loop.

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

## 3. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Rosenthal reported that Metro's housing bond and Supportive Housing Services teams are actively addressing homelessness and housing needs through partnerships providing stable housing, supportive services, and eviction prevention. He noted that, after extensive stakeholder engagement, the Metro Council recently adopted guiding principles to expand the Supportive Housing Services tax to include affordable housing, extend sunset timelines, improve regional oversight, and make cities eligible for funding, with further policy discussions set for potential ballot measures in December. He reported that Metro recently received the IAP2 USA Core Values Award for its Nature in Neighborhoods community choice grants program, which funds community-led parks and nature projects for underserved communities. Metro's real estate team had completed acquisitions in target areas, including connections for the Tualatin River Greenway, and he stated that Metro's planning team continues its community engagement for bond-funded improvements at sites like Willamette Cove. He added that Metro is making progress on large-scale community visions that integrate nature, jobs, affordable housing, and safe transit, with final awards to be decided in December. He also reported that Metro is now accepting 2040 grant applications on a rolling basis to support livable and equitable land development, with Letters of Interest due by December 6, 2024.

Commissioner Mark Shull asked Councilor Rosenthal if they had filled all the slots for the RWAC Committee, and Rosenthal confirmed that they had and provided an update on the state of that committee. Councilor Nolan also confirmed that they are finalizing that list, and told him the first meeting would be in January.

#### **4. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATE**

There were none.

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

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Treece noted that there were three items on the consent agenda: Consideration of the September 11, 2024 MPAC Minutes, consideration of the September 25, 2024 MPAC Minutes, and Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) Nominations for Member/Alternative Member Positions.

Due to lack of quorum, Chair Pam Treece moved the consent agenda to the next meeting.

#### **6. INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **6.1 Regional Housing Coordination Strategy: Introduction**

Chair Treece introduced Eryn Kehe (she/her), Metro to present on the topic.

##### *Presentation summary*

Kehe presented on Metro's upcoming Regional Housing Coordination Strategy, a new requirement under Oregon's Housing Needs Analysis legislation, which Metro's housing and planning departments will develop jointly. The strategy, mandated for completion by December 2025, will outline coordinated housing policies and actions across local jurisdictions, emphasizing fair housing and equitable access. It will involve identifying existing housing barriers and engaging with cities, counties, developers, and advocates to develop a comprehensive roadmap of short- and long-term measures. Kehe highlighted Metro's commitment to involving MPAC and other stakeholders throughout the process to ensure robust regional collaboration and buy-in.

##### *MPAC Member Discussion*

Councilor Anthony Martin asked how these strategies include gathering additional regional or state funding sources to support housing development. Kehe explained that the evaluation is already being done to establish how effective each strategy would be, who would implement it, and where the funding would come from.

Chair Treece asked how this work is tied to the resolution, and Kehe responded that they are still working on their scope of work, and when they take that to Metro Council they will help establish it.

Deputy Director Kirstin Greene expressed excitement for this project.

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

## **6.2 Introduction to the Community Connector Transit Study**

Chair Treece introduced Ally Holmqvist, Senior Transportation Planner, Metro, to present on the topic.

### *Presentation summary*

Holmqvist presented on the concept of "community connectors," focusing on flexible transit options like shuttles or vans that provide adaptable service to meet local demand, complementing the fixed-route regional network. She highlighted recent initiatives, including increased funding from House Bill 2017, and collaborative planning efforts in Clackamas and Washington Counties aimed at enhancing transit connectivity. She described how this project aligns with regional goals for equitable, accessible transit through community engagement and the development of key tools, including a mobility hub toolkit and a transit-supportive land use checklist. Holmqvist outlined a timeline for these initiatives, aiming to complete recommendations for the 2028 Regional Transportation Plan update.

### *MPAC Member Discussion*

Councilor Martin asked if the UGB expansion area will be included in this study, and if this study is related to the Regional Housing Coordination Strategy. Holmqvist explained that there is not currently coordination with the RHCS, and that the study has been confined to within the UGB, but agreed it would be a good idea to expand that scope.

Councilor Allison Tivnon expressed excitement about the shuttle service concept route serving South Beaverton and Cooper Mountain area, and the engagement of city and county staff in the transit working group.

Councilor Rosenthal emphasized the previous comments, particularly the importance of focusing on newer UGB expansion areas.

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

Chair Treece welcomed new MPAC member JT Flowers with TriMet and asked if he had anything he would like to say. Flowers introduced himself and expressed his excitement to be there.

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

**ADJOURN**

Chair Pam Treece adjourned the meeting at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sam Hart*

Sam Hart  
Recording Secretary

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

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>
6.1	Presentation	11/13/2024	Regional Housing Coordination Strategy Presentation	111324m-01
6.2	Presentation	11/13/2024	Intro to the Community Connector Transit Study Presentation	111324m-02