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Minutes

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

10:30 AM

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
888-475-4499 (toll free)**

Council work session

10:30 Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Work Session to order at 10:31 a.m.

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

10:30 Work Session Topics:

10:30 Future Vision Scoping Discussion

Presenter(s): Malu Wilkinson (she/her), Deputy Director, Planning, Development and Research
Jess Zdeb (she/her), Principal Regional Planner
Connie Chung, HR&A Advisors
Janine Clark, HR&A Advisors
Jill Bengochea, HR&A Advisors

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Staff reviewed work to date and milestones for the scoping phase and specified objectives for the work session.

Goals for Future Vision

Councilor Nolan suggested tailoring the vision for greater Portland to specific challenges rather than copying the work of other metro regions.

Councilor Simpson centered climate change and the area's tax system and existing economy in future planning.

Councilor Lewis advocated for engaging youth and incorporating arts and culture.

Councilor Rosenthal asked that Metro use an expansive

definition of DEI and consider delaying the process one year to assess the impact of political shifts in democratic processes nationally.

Councilor Gonzalez identified the region's relationship to capital as essential to setting goals for growth.

Councilor Hwang asked for an inclusive plan that considers ways of doing business that reflect the current economy.

President Peterson challenged assumptions used in past planning and balanced planning with urgency.

Vision Development

Presenters explained the impacts Future Visions have on their communities and shared examples from the around the country.

Councilor Simpson asked staff to incorporate census tract-level data into the planning and draw on other plans that have considered wealth creation.

Councilor Rosenthal remarked on the opportunities to leverage nearby regions as partners.

Councilor Gonzalez reiterated Councilor Nolan's emphasis on the region's unique attributes, focusing on the region's national brand or ethos.

Councilor Nolan asked that the Future Vision Commission ensure accurate representation of the community early in the planning process.

Councilor Hwang pointed to the region's appetite for

public-private partnerships and the ability to compete for national grants.

President Peterson recommended identifying short-term goals that are achievable with existing regional resources.

Councilor Nolan considered ways to ensure the vision is applied to future planning efforts.

Intended Outcomes

President Peterson asked to reflect on energy, water, and new corridors and town centers as ways to accommodate growth.

Councilor Hwang identified non-tangible possible factors that residents weigh in determining where to live.

12:00 Chief Operating Officer Communication

No updates.

12:05 Councilor Communication

No updates.

12:15 Adjourn to Executive Session

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Work Session to an Executive Session at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Buzzini, Legislative Coordinator