



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2015
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Council President Tom Hughes, and Councilors Bob Stacey, Shirley Craddick, Carlotta Collette, Craig Dirksen, Kathryn Harrington, and Sam Chase

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:02 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett updated the Council on the following items:

- Ms. Bennett reminded the Council of the fourth Our Shared Region session on June 23rd, 2015 at the Forest Grove City Auditorium.
- In conjunction with Portland State, Ms. Bennett will travel to Vietnam on June 29, 2015. Mr. Scott Robinson will sit in her place as Chief Operating Officer.
- Ms. Bennett presented Council with a newspaper ad for the Graham Oaks and Blue Lake park days, which help localize community involvement in Metro parks.
- At the July 30th Council retreat, Council will hear the results from an internal assessment of Metro's performance in relation to the Equity Housing Strategy, an external assessment in part with community based organizations, and reactions from the first focus group session.

2. SW CORRIDOR AND POWELL-DIVISION PROJECT UPDATES

Ms. Malu Wilkinson, Metro Principal Regional Planner, Mr. Chris Ford, Metro Investment Areas Project Manager, and Ms. Dana Lucero, Metro Associate Public Affairs Specialist, presented the SW Corridor and Powell-Division Project Updates to the Council. These updates included:

- Recent and upcoming Steering Committee decisions and recommendations for the SW Corridor and Powell-Division investment areas.
- The newly launched 82nd and Division Metro website designed to promote and enhance community engagement.
- The SW Corridor interactive map that allows citizens to explore the potential surface and tunnel alignment options and share comments on how projects have affected their lives.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Harrington suggested the SW Corridor and Powell-Division Project utilize Metro's 2040 Growth Concept phrasing. Additionally, Councilor Harrington asked how elected officials will have the opportunity to discuss goals and strategies with the Southwest Corridor Steering Committee.

Councilor Craddick raised concerns about the lack of information relating to the Climate Smart Strategy and recommended focusing on making transit faster and more efficient than driving while not overlooking reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Councilors Stacey and Craddick spoke to the strong base of community representatives on the Southwest Corridor Steering Committee and the effort to identify key ideas to deal with displacement through policies and strategies.

3. METRO ATTORNEY COMMUNICATION

Ms. Alison Kean, Metro Attorney, provided Council with her regularly scheduled Metro Attorney Communications. Topics discussed included:

- Metro attorney Marvin Fjordbeck is leaving Metro at the end of June and the Legal Department will be posting an employment position soon.
- Ms. Kean complimented Gary Sheppard on his excellent work dealing with permitting, levy tasks, and land use approval.
- The Metro Attorney's Office has submitted a supplemental briefing in the reserves federal litigation to the Federal Court.
- Work is being done to get the bonds issued for the Oregon Convention Center Hotel and establishing a low merit decision by the fall.
- Ms. Kean is looking into Metro Charter funding and spending capacity. In light of the Oregon Statute regarding restrictions on solid waste funds, Metro will analyze the general fund and solid waste fund to achieve highest yield.
- Ms. Kean will be speaking at the League of Oregon's annual meeting about validation proceedings.
- Metro Attorneys Hope Whitney and Joel Morton have been working on funding agreements for Powell-Division high capacity transit (HCT) planning, reviewing Oregon Zoo public request documents, analysis of the brownfield legislation, and closing a deal with Concordia Apartments.
- There will be an unfair labor practices hearing this week on June 25th regarding Oregon Zoo uniform policy.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Mr. Randy Tucker, Metro Legislative Affairs Manager, and Mr. Andy Cutugno, Metro Policy Advisor, notified the Council on a newly proposed transportation funding package, House Bill 2281, moving through the Senate and House. These updates included:

- A comparison between the newly proposed transportation package and the Oregon Transportation Forum (OTF) proposal that is endorsed by Metro Council and Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT).
- A greenhouse gas reduction comparison between the newly proposed program and the Senate Bill 324 Low Carbon Fuels Program.
- Mr. Tucker believed that House Bill 2281 will pass through the Senate by Friday and will be returned to the House for a vote.

Council Discussion:

Councilors are not supportive of the newly proposed transportation funding package and believe there is a better approach. Councilor Craddick inquired about how the newly proposed package meets Metro's goals and suggested the proposal be modified to ensure that clean fuel aspects do not get eliminated. Councilor Harrington raised concerns about additional transit funding and meeting

financial assumptions. Councilor Collette shared her concern with how Metro will be viewed with the compromise, as the clean fuels program seems extreme. Councilor Collette inquired about increased cost of gasoline at the pump and suggested this was a political decision, rather than a decision of necessity. Councilor Stacey considered it impossible to be supportive of a last minute change of this complexity. Councilor Dirksen raised concerns about achieving aims of greenhouse gas strategy and questioned clean fuels assumptions. Councilor Chase spoke to focusing on and reinforcing greenhouse gas emission reduction and keeping the clean fuel aspects as part of the package. President Hughes spoke to the need to invest in infrastructure and suggested that the newly proposed program does not focus on the realities of minimizing carbon footprint.

5. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Giraud".

Kate Giraud, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2015

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
2.0	Handout	06/23/15	Resolution No. 15-4634 Draft	062315cw-01
4.0	Memo	06/23/15	Proposed Transportation Funding Package Memo	062315cw-02
4.0	Handout	06/23/15	Proposed Transportation Package Information Sheet	062315cw-03
4.0	Handout	06/23/15	Side by Side of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Proposals (Transportation Related)	062315cw-04
4.0	Handout	06/23/15	The DRIVE Act	062315cw-05