



METRO COUNCIL RETREAT

Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2016

EXPO Center, Room D201

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

Councilors Excused: None

Staff Present: Craig Beebe, Beth Cohen, Stacy Coonfield, Tyler Frisbee, Jeff Frkonja, Roger Gonzalez, Ernest Hayes, Alison Kean, Frankie Lewington, Ted Leybold, Ramona Perrault, Andy Shaw, Noah Siegel, Randy Tucker, Malu Wilkinson, Ina Zucker

Council President Hughes called the Council retreat to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. BACKGROUND AND REVIEW

Ms. Martha Bennett, Chief Operating Officer, provided a brief introduction as to the purpose of the retreat and noted that Ms. Elissa Gertler, Director of Planning and Development, would be giving a presentation that continued the conversation about transportation funding. She noted that Metro was at a critical point for determining new sources of funding for transportation projects in the regional project pipeline.

2. TIMELINES AND OPTIONS

Ms. Gertler provided a brief presentation on potential transportation funding strategies. She discussed the potential implications of three different strategies for funding the region's transportation vision. She noted a major gap between existing resources and the projects needed to build a desired transportation system for the region.

3. BREAK

4. COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

Councilors discussed positions that the council could take in order to leverage more support from regional partners to secure funding sources. Councilors shared that they would prefer to establish a continuing funding source for the region's transportation needs. They considered the feasibility of several revenue raising options such as a regional gas tax, a state gas tax, or a regional property tax. Several councilors expressed their hesitation to pass a regional property tax to build roads.

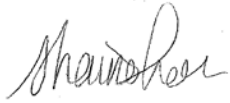
Councilors discussed the various legislative strategies and funding requirements of the three options laid out in Ms. Gertler's presentation. Several councilors expressed support for the most

comprehensive option, which would aim to have Metro be a strategy leader for the regional transportation system.

5. ADJOURN

Seeing no further discussion, Council President Hughes adjourned the Council retreat at 3:48 p.m.

Prepared by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shaina Hobbs".

Shaina Hobbs, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE RETREAT ON AUG. 30, 2016

Item	Type	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
2.0	Presentation	8/30/2016	Transportation PowerPoint	083016cr-01
4.0	Handout	8/30/2016	Congestion Pricing	083016cr-02