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Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

10:30 AM

**This Council work session will immediately follow the joint MERC
and Council work session.
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber;
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
253-205-0468 (toll free); <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z133VsbwkaE>**

Council work session

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Peterson called the work session to order at 12:23 p.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

2. Work Session Topics:**2.1 Draft Regional Transportation Demand Management Strategy**

Presenter(s): Noel Mickelberry, Senior Transportation Planner
Jean Senechal-Biggs, Resource Development Manager

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[Attachment 1 - Draft TDM Regional Strategy](#)

[Attachment 2 - Summary of Proposed Updates to the RTP](#)

[Attachment 3 - Interim TDM Strategy Engagement Report](#)

Staff reviewed the programs administered by the Regional Travel Options team, including Transportation Demand Management (TDM). They described the goals of the TDM program, its connection to larger regional transportation policy, and public input received through an engagement process.

Councilor González expressed excitement about these programs for their community building impact. He asked that staff share more information about the events with Council and the agency as they become more frequent in the spring.

Councilor González also asked staff how successful programs are leveraged for more impact. Similarly, Councilor Hwang asked whether jurisdictions could joint applications.

Staff spoke to efforts to become more coordinated, such as adjusting deadlines for similar grants to reduce burden on applicants.

Councilor Simpson agreed with Councilor González and emphasized that walking and biking safety are of particular importance to areas like east Portland, where the infrastructure is inhospitable to multimodal transportation.

Staff referred Councilor Rosenthal to the research center for more information about autonomous vehicles.

Councilor Lewis appreciated the program's regional approach and partnerships. She also saw an opportunity to target funding to support residents affected by TriMet service cuts. President Peterson shared Councilor Lewis's concerns and hoped to see proposals for replacing lost service, particularly for those left with no service at all.

President Peterson also asked staff for more information about the goals and metrics for the proposed approaches. She pointed to changes in travel overall, like commutes, and expressed a strong desire for a messaging campaign for a post-pandemic world.

3. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Chief Operating Officer Madrigal previewed an event with COOs and directors of regional governments from Oregon and Washington.

4. Councilor Communication

Councilor González gauged Council support for a compromise amendment to a land use bill before the legislature. He asked for agreement that President Peterson

sign a letter of support on behalf of the Council.

Councilor Nolan questioned the procedure and felt the Council should vote on their position. Staff described the request as distinct from a formal action by the Metro Council requiring a vote, such as a resolution. Staff also shared the process for working with Council liaisons to interpret the Council intent behind the adopted principles and priorities, and the emphasized a long-standing practice of providing updates for the fast-moving session during COO Communications. President Peterson noted that future changes to Council procedure would require a vote of the Council.

Staff clarified for Councilor Rosenthal the legal standards and findings of the “Grand Bargain,” a land use compromise crafted in the state legislature.

Councilor Hwang expressed reservations about the entire proposed amendment and asked whether individual signatories would be an acceptable substitute. Councilor González demonstrated openness to the idea, pending urgency.

Councilor Lewis added that Metro’s adopted legislative agenda includes reference to local control in land use decisions. She felt the agency should speak with a clear voice on the subject.

President Peterson and Councilor Simpson agreed with Councilor González that Metro Council should be an active partner in the conversation and utilize the opportunity to share a position.

Councilor Lewis provided an update on the Supportive Housing Services Oversight Committee's penultimate meeting, during which they approved the annual report. She noted that no decisions will be made at the final meeting next month.

Councilor Hwang thanked the legislative affairs team after participating in advocacy in Salem with extended producer responsibility for batteries and other bills.

President Peterson acknowledged Tula-Tu's first birthday.

5. Adjourn

President Peterson adjourned the work session at 1:39 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Buzzini".

Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor
February 12, 2026