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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, July 31, 2025**

**10:30 AM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,  
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or  
253-205-0468 (toll free), [www.youtube.com/live/hvD3iqeuxqM](http://www.youtube.com/live/hvD3iqeuxqM)**

## **Council meeting**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Deputy Council President Simpson called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

**Present:** 5 - Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Ashton Simpson, and Councilor Duncan Hwang

**Excused:** 2 - Council President Lynn Peterson, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

**2. Public Communication**

None.

**3. Consent Agenda**

- 3.1 **Resolution No. 25-5516** For the Purpose of Authorizing a Rooftop Community Solar Lease Agreement at the Metro Portland Expo Center

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5516](#)  
[Exhibit A to Resolution No. 25-5516](#)  
[Staff Report](#)

3.2

Attachments: [July 24, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

No discussion.

**A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, to adopt items on the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

**4. Resolutions**

- 4.1 **Resolution No. 25-5505 For the Purpose of Endorsing the Montgomery Park Streetcar Locally Preferred Alternative**

Presenter(s): Alex Oreschak (he/him), Senior Planner

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5505](#)  
[Exhibit A to Resolution No. 25-5505](#)  
[Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1 - City of Portland LPA Adoption](#)

Staff briefly reviewed the locally preferred alternative, its key

elements and the endorsement process.

Shawn Canny, Portland Bureau of Transportation, clarified for Councilor Rosenthal that the increased distance between stations in the extension facilitates both streetcar operations and traffic. He noted that future changes not included in the locally preferred alternative could be proposed and adopted in a later process.

Councilor Nolan thanked staff and community working on the project, highlighting the positive impacts in Northwest Portland.

Councilor Rosenthal appreciated the spread of allocations to projects across the region and that community input was a significant component of allocation.

Councilor Hwang asked about lessons learned, given the new project bond step. Staff pointed out application assistance made available to local jurisdictions and a new fund to help improve project delivery.

**A motion was made by Councilor Nolan, seconded by Councilor Lewis, that this item be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Simpson, and Councilor Hwang

**Excused:** 2 - Council President Peterson, and Councilor Gonzalez

**4.2 Resolution No. 25-5511 For The Purpose Of Allocating \$141.6 Million Of Regional Flexible Funding For The Years 2028-2030, Pending Adoption Of The 2027-2030 MTIP**

Presenter(s): Ted Leybold, Transportation Policy Director  
Grace Cho, Principal Transportation Planner

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5511](#)  
[Exhibit A to Resolution No. 25-5511](#)  
[Exhibit B to Resolution No. 25-5511](#)  
[Exhibit C to Resolution No. 25-5511](#)  
[Exhibit D to Resolution No. 25-5511](#)  
[Staff Report](#)

Staff described the process by which Regional Flexible Funds are allocated to the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and then allocated to projects in the region. They explained that the proposal for the upcoming funding cycle includes a new project bond category, to be described in further detail in the presentation for Resolution No. 25-5510.

Staff then described the allocation package proposed in the resolution, as recommended by the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT). They also reviewed the engagement process, which included Metro Council, regional transportation committees, and the public.

Councilor Rosenthal appreciated the spread of allocations to projects across the region and that community input was a significant component of allocation.

Councilor Hwang asked about lessons learned, given the new project bond step. Staff pointed out application assistance made available to local jurisdictions and a new fund to help improve project delivery.

**A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal, seconded by Councilor Lewis, that this item be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Simpson, and Councilor Hwang

**Excused:** 2 - Council President Peterson, and Councilor Gonzalez

- 4.3 **Resolution No. 25-5510 For the Purpose of Approving an Increased Multi-Year Commitment of Regional Flexible Funds For the years 2028 Through 2039, Funding TriMet 82nd Avenue Transit Project, Tualatin Valley Highway Transit Project, Portland Streetcar Montgomery Park Extension, Sunrise Gateway Corridor Project, and Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project, and Authorizing Execution Of Intergovernmental Agreements**

Presenter(s): Ted Leybold, Transportation Policy Director  
Grace Cho, Principal Transportation Planner

Attachments:     [Resolution No. 25-5510](#)  
                         [Exhibit A to Resolution No. 25-5510](#)  
                         [Exhibit B to Resolution No. 25-5510](#)  
                         [Exhibit C to Resolution No. 25-5510](#)  
                         [Exhibit D to Resolution No. 25-5510](#)  
                         [Staff Report](#)

Staff described the new project bond's purpose, goals and opportunities. Staff emphasized that the bond proposal is a package, and that changes to one project would result in re-evaluation of the entire package by JPACT and Metro Council. Staff further explained the respective roles of the MPO and Metro and reviewed the actions taken by other committees. Staff closed by thanking the staff and regional partners who contributed to the development of the proposal.

Connor Roberts, Cascade Policy Institute, opposed the resolution, citing the costs of debt service. He also highlighted reduced travel lanes in proposed road projects.

Councilor Nolan asked how staff evaluated potential borrowers, if not Metro. Staff shared that TriMet has served as the bond agent in the past and confirmed that the resolution does not require Metro or another agency to issue bonds but allows them to do so.

Councilor Rosenthal asked whether TriMet had changed its support or ability to develop the Tualatin Valley Highway Transit Project, based on recent cuts to service levels. Staff confirmed that TriMet is still committed to proceeding with the two transit projects in the proposed package.

Councilor Hwang highlighted differences of opinion in the community about project designs and asked how community should engage in the project development. Staff reiterated that the resolution creates the option of issuing bonds, but it is not a mandate to do so, and that each project is at a different stage of the design process.

**A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by**

**Councilor Hwang, that this item be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Simpson, and Councilor Hwang

**Excused:** 2 - Council President Peterson, and Councilor Gonzalez

**5. Ordinances (Second Reading and Vote)**

- 5.1 **Ordinance No. 25-1532** For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Approximately 10.1 acres North of SE 59th Avenue and West of SW 234th Avenue in Hillsboro

Presenter(s): Glen Hamburg (he/him), Senior Regional Planner

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-1532](#)  
[Exhibit A to Ordinance No 25-1532](#)  
[Staff Report to Ordinance No. 25-1532](#)  
[Attachment 1 - Subject Property](#)

No discussion.

**A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal, seconded by Councilor Lewis, that this item be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Simpson, and Councilor Hwang

**Excused:** 2 - Council President Peterson, and Councilor Gonzalez

- 5.2 **Ordinance No. 25-1534**, For the Purpose of Repealing Metro Code Section 2.19.240 (Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee) and Replacing it with a New, Updated Metro Code Section 2.19.240 (Oregon Zoo Bond Oversight Committee)

Presenter(s): Heidi Rahn (she/her), Oregon Zoo Director  
Beth Redmond-Jones (she/her), Oregon Zoo Program Director

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-1534](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Staff Report](#)

No discussion.

**A motion was made by Councilor Hwang, seconded by Councilor Lewis, that this item be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Simpson, and Councilor Hwang

**Excused:** 2 - Council President Peterson, and Councilor Gonzalez

**6. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

COO Madrigal reminded staff to participate in the employee survey and thanked Council for their work in advance of the summer recess.

**7. Councilor Communication**

Deputy Council President Simpson shared that he attended an event to kick off the mattress recycling program.

Councilor Lewis reported the decisions made at the Supportive Housing Services Oversight Committee supporting technical assistance and training, policies written and approved by Tri-County Planning Body. She also thanked Marielle Bossio for her service to the region. Deputy Council President Simpson and Councilor Hwang also thanked Marielle.

Councilor Rosenthal shared that he attended an event hosted by Family Promise, and that Pride Disposal and Recycling is accepting mattresses under the new mattress recycling program.

Councilor Hwang shared that he attended a groundbreaking for 73Foster, an affordable housing development.

**8. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Simpson adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor