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Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber,
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Council meeting

This meeting will be held electronically and in person at the Metro Regional Center Council Chamber.

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<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615 079 992)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

All present except Councilor Nolan.

Present: 6 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Duncan Hwang, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

Excused: 1 - Councilor Mary Nolan

2. Public Communication

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on a non-agenda items.

Dexter Morrison, Metro Council Chambers:

Dexter Morrison (he/him), retired from Trimet in 2018 has been working on his business plan to improve conditions for kids in the country. Frustrated by gun violence and drug-related deaths among youth, he developed a solution involving "Be the Goat" sports and education facilities in six cities, including Portland. Over the years, he collaborated with a Florida company experienced in building sports complexes, securing their commitment to fund 90% of the project, and now sought partnerships to bring jobs and hope to communities in need.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

3. Resolutions

3.1 Resolution No. 24-5418 For the Purpose of Adopting the 2027-2030 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Direction for the Portland Metropolitan Area

Presenter(s): Blake Perez, Associate Transportation Planner, Metro
Grace Cho, Senior Transportation Planner, Metro
Ted Leybold, Resource Development Section Manager, Metro

Attachments: [Resolution No. 24-5418](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Peterson called on Blake Perez, Associate Transportation Planner, Metro, Grace Cho, Senior Transportation Planner Metro and Ted Leybold, Resource Development Section Manager, Metro to present to council

Presentation Summary:

Blake Perez (he/him), Associate Transportation Planner, Metro, explained that the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) has multiple core functions of the MPO, many of them including guiding transportation investments for federal fiscal years 2027 through 2030 in the greater metropolitan Portland area. He concluded by outlining four main objectives for the MTIP program direction: one, advancing the regional transportation plan, applying a strategic funding approach, fostering regional funding coordination, and lastly ensuring federal compliance.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

adopted

3.2 Resolution No. 24-5405 For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25, Making Appropriations and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes

Presenter(s): Marissa Madrigal (she/her), COO, Metro
Brian Kennedy (he/him), CFO, Metro

Attachments: [Resolution No. 24-5405](#)
[Exhibit A to Resolution No. 24-5405](#)
[Exhibit B to Resolution No. 24-5405](#)
[Exhibit C to Resolution No. 24-5405](#)
[Exhibit D to Resolution No. 24-5405](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Councilor Nolan joined the council meeting virtually.

Council President Peterson called on Marissa Madrigal (she/her), COO Metro, Brian Kennedy (he/him), CFO Metro to present to council.

Presentation Summary:

Brian Kennedy (he/him), CFO Metro, noted that the purpose was to discuss the budget and capital improvement plan. He highlighted that resolution highlighted that resolution 24-5405 adopted the 24-25 annual budget, set appropriations, and levied property taxes, emphasizing the importance of these steps under Oregon local budget law. Additionally, he mentioned key investments, budget amendments, and changes, summarizing that the total adopted budget was over two billion dollars, and he thanked the team for their support and engagement throughout the process.

adopted

Aye: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Simpson

3.2.1 Public Hearing on Resolution No. 24-5405

3.3 Resolution No. 24-5406 For the Purpose of Adopting the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2024-25 Through 2028-29 and Re-Adopting Metro's Financial Policies

Presenter(s): Marissa Madrigal (she/her), COO, Metro
Brian Kennedy (he/him), CFO, Metro

Attachments: [Resolution No. 24-5406](#)
[Exhibit A to Resolution No. 24-5406](#)
[Exhibit B to Resolution No. 24-5406](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on Resolution No.24-5406 For the Purpose of Adopting the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2024-25 through 2028-29 and Re-Adopting Metro’s Financial Policies.

Malcom Ricks - Brothers Keeper , Metro Council Chambers:

Malcom Ricks (he/him), from My Brother’s Keeper, mentioned that during the last meeting, a budget increase of \$400,000 was proposed to support the My Brother's Keeper team, which assists with homeless camp cleanups. He explained that questions were raised about the higher cost of his team compared to the Central City Concern team, but he clarified that his single team outperformed the two Central City Concern teams by 20%. He expressed hope that the money was included in the \$288 million budget to extend the contract for his team for another year.

Shelia Harriss (she/her)- Brother’s Keeper, Metro Council Chambers:

Shelia Harriss (She/her), from my Brother’s Keeper, emphasized that her organization provides second-chance opportunities for workers. She expressed concerns about potentially de-employing many families and hope the budget included the extension of their contract. She mentioned her desire to follow up with the council and the COO to review the process and improve communication, acknowledging the council’s appreciation for their past work and commitment despite the challenges in the contracting process.

Tony Jones (he/him), Metro Council Chambers:

Tony Jones, the chair of economic development for the Coalition of Black Men, emphasized the organization's 30-year history in mentoring, health and wellness, and economic development for Black households. He reiterated the importance of minority contracting and expressed concern over the lack of minority contractors in the waste prevention team's approach. He highlighted the success of My Brother's Keeper in hiring and providing opportunities for underemployed and unemployed individuals, particularly those with former legal histories, and stressed the need for continued support and funding to maximize wealth for African Americans.

James Posey (he/him), Metro Council Chambers:

James Posey, the president of the local NAACP branch, he expressed concern about the situation with My Brother's Keeper and the historical exclusion of minorities in government procurement programs. He highlighted the systemic issues and disparities revealed in various studies, urging the council to move beyond mere discussions of inclusivity and actively review and amend procurement processes to ensure true minority participation. He emphasized the broader social impacts of these decisions, such as higher incarceration and homelessness rates among African Americans and urged a deeper consideration of policies to address these issues.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

4. Ordinances (first reading and public hearing)

- 4.1 Ordinance No. 24-1512 For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Approximately 27.85 Acres in Hillsboro North of NE Evergreen Rd Between NW 273rd and NE Sewell Ave

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

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 24-1512](#)
[Staff Report to Ordinance No. 24-1512](#)

Council President Peterson called on Glen Hamburg (he/him), Associated Regional Planner, Metro, to present to council on a combine presentation on Ordinance No. 24-1512 For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Approximately 27.85 Acres in Hillsboro North of NE Evergreen Rd Between NW 273rd and NE Sewell Ave, and Ordinance No. 24-1513 For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Approximately 20.66 Acres in Sherwood North and West of SW Brookman Rd.

Presentation Summary:

Glen Hamburg (he/him), Associate Regional Planner, Metro explained that the combined public hearing on the Ordinances addresses two separate territories being annexed to the Metro district. Ordinance 24-1512 proposed annexing approximately 27.85 acres of Hillsboro, while Ordinance 24-1513 was targeted towards annexing approximately 20.66 acres in Sherwood North and West of SW Brookman Road.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Lewis wondered why the maps on the Hillsboro territory were not connected to the property in all directions.

Glen Hamburg (he/him), stated that some properties are not yet annexed into the Urban Growth Boundary.

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on Ordinance No. 24-1512 For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Approximately 20.66 Acres in Sherwood North and West of

SW Brookman Rd.

Laura (she/her), Metro Council Chambers:

Laura a Sherwood resident expressed her gratitude, witnessing significant growth in the city. Living close to the Brookman project, she found the nearby construction challenging. She voiced concerns about the encroachment into green spaces, the adequacy of infrastructure to support increased traffic, and schools nearing capacity, questioning the sustainability of continued development without addressing these issues.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

- 4.2 Ordinance No. 24-1513 For the Purpose of Annexing to the Metro District Approximately 20.66 Acres in Sherwood North and West of SW Brookman Rd

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

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 24-1513](#)
[Staff Report to Ordinance No. 24-1513](#)

- 4.3 Ordinance No. 24-1515 For the Purpose of Adding Members to the Regional Waste Advisory Committee and Adding Solid Waste Fee Review to the Committee's Purpose

Presenter(s): Rosalynn Greene, WPES Strategic Initiatives Manager.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 24-1515](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Peterson called on Rosalynn Greene, WPES Strategic Initiatives Manager, to present Ordinance No.24-1515 For the Purpose of Adding Members to the Regional Waste Advisory Committee and Adding Solid Waste Fee Review to the Committee's Purpose

No Public Comments were made.

Council Discussion

Councilor Rosenthal proposed eliminating item B numbered four, which referred to one user of the garbage and recycling system, and moving it to the item ten, making it two representatives from reuse organizations. He stated that the term “user” was undefined and vague, making it meaningless for committee allocation. He believed that emphasizing reuse organizations, given their anticipated significant role, was more appropriate and technically accurate.

Councilor Lewis shared the same enthusiasm as Councilor Rosenthal. Regarding item B five, she suggested better defining the term to clarify its intent, ensuring it represented an “every person’s view” rather than being too vague.

Councilor Gonzalez mentioned the rationale for amending item ten, highlighting the elevation of reuse to a higher level and the presence of many organizations involved in it. He acknowledged the issue with the term “user” being undefined, which could refer to anyone from a homeless person to a corporation, making it difficult for one person to represent the entire group. He expressed openness to redefining the term or reallocating the representative to another group with specific interests, as suggested by Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Rosenthal asked staff why the term “individual” wasn’t used if that was the intended meaning and pointed that using “user” open it up to both individuals and corporations. He noted that “individual” has been chosen in previous context and considered it an another alternative.

Shane Abma (he/him), Office of Metro Attorney, stated that it is possible to changed the wording from “user” to

“individual”.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

5. Ordinances (second reading and vote)

5.1 **Ordinance No. 24-1514** For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 7.05 (Income Tax Administration) Regarding Income Tax Confidentiality Provisions

Presenter(s): Justin Laubscher (he/him), Tax Compliance Program Manager, Metro

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 24-1514](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Exhibit B](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

adopted

Aye: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Simpson

6. Other Business

6.1 SHS Quarter 3 Presentation

Presenter(s): Yesenia Delgado (she/her), SHS Manager, Metro
Rachael Lembo (she/her), Finance Manager, Metro

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)
[Attachment 2](#)
[Attachment 3](#)

Council President Peterson called on Yesenia Delgado

(she/her), SHS Manager, Metro and Rachael Lembo (she/her), Finance Manager, Metro to present on SHS Quarter 3 update.

Presentation Summary:

Yesenia Delgado and Rachael Lembo, summarize the SHS Q3 presentation as follows, presented data showing progress toward the ten-year regional goals of connecting 5000 households to permanent supportive housing and stabilizing 10,000 households at risk of homelessness. She shared various statistics, including the number of households placed into permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing, households retained in housing, and new shelter beds added. She emphasized the ongoing efforts to improve tracking and analysis of households served.

Next, she provided specific numbers for fiscal year 24 through March 31, highlighting achievements in housing placements, eviction prevention, and shelter beds created. She then broke down the data by county, showcasing the progress and notable initiatives in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties. These included shelter expansions, new contracts, and strategic investments in services.

Rachel Lembo, she/her provided a financial update, showing increased spending in county programs and forecasting higher spending for the current year compared to the previous year. She explained the expected revenue and expenses, noting a smaller difference between them than in prior years, and discussed the significant carryover balance from previous years, which would be used for various investments.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Rosenthal mentioned hearing from a few organizations that they had now staffed up to their

budgeted levels and could hire additional staff if needed. He asked if this was generally true regionally and sought further insights.

Yesenia Delgado (she/her), SHS manager stated that she didn't have quantitative data but reported that counties generally felt better about staffing compared to a couple of years ago. Despite ongoing turnover and retention issues, the ramp-up of new programming and staffing had improved overall.

Councilor Rosenthal wondered if there was a projected need for supportive services staff and inquired about the size of that need for the next year or two.

Liam Frost (he/him), Deputy Housing Director, Metro, explained that while building capacity was on their list, it had not been the highest priority. Efforts were underway to quantify the need and improve the system region-wide, including technical assistance and training for nonprofit service providers. However, they had not yet fully addressed quantifying staffing needs.

Councilor Lewis (she/her), expressed gratitude for the quarterly reports and noted that they were crucial for staying informed about real-time developments. He questioned whether the challenges with permanent supportive housing (PSH) were due to the complexity of the services and the time required to match individuals with available units, as all three counties had shown strong performance except in PSH, where they were either on pace or slightly behind.

Yesenia Delgado (she/her), noted that the counties were expected to reach the 5000 goal despite delays caused by increased construction times post-pandemic and the additional work required for households with higher levels

of acuity. She remained optimistic about achieving the PSH goal, emphasizing the importance of accurately matching households to suitable services.

Liam Frost (he/him), noted that while the TriCounty body had been focused on scattered site placements, local nonprofits faced challenges due to a lack of real estate knowledge among case workers. Multnomah County was piloting a project with Housing Connector from Seattle to identify available units and manage landlord relationships, aiming to improve placement efficiency for service providers and housing navigators.

Councilor Gonzalez (he/him), stated a concern that the distribution of funds seemed to be diverging from the original intent of investing 75% in one population and 25% in another. He sought to understand if the original 75/25 split was still accurate and how the counties' spending aligned with this goal, raising this as a policy issue rather than a criticism of current efforts.

Liam Frost (he/him), reiterated that the original intent of the measure was to allocate 75% of revenue to population A and 25% to population B. He acknowledged that the counties had been informed about the ramp-up phase over the years and agreed with Councilor Gonzalez that it was now time to scrutinize whether the allocation was staying true to the original commitment. He emphasized the importance of addressing this issue to ensure the measure's goals were being met as they approached the fourth year of implementation.

Councilor Hwang (he/him) emphasized the need for more systemized indicators of success, highlighting that spending money alone was not a true measure of accomplishment and called for reports that better link expenditures to impactful outcomes.

Racheal Lembo (she/her), mentioned that she and Yesenia had been working on a new reporting system to be rolled out in FY 25. She explained that while the fourth quarter report would still use the old template, starting in FY 25, the reports would clearly connect outcomes such as new shelter beds and rapid rehousing to financial spending. She acknowledged the current difficulty in linking narrative reports with financial reports and emphasized their efforts to improve this in the next fiscal year.

Councilor Hwang (he/him), suggested that a good next step would be to include the scope of the problem they were addressing, along with the financial expenditures and deliverables like shelter beds. He emphasized that this would provide a full narrative arc of their public investment, moving beyond just spending money to showing progress towards solving the problem. He stressed the importance of telling the story in a more linear fashion to demonstrate the fulfillment of their promises.

Marissa Madrigal (she/her), COO Metro, explained that while it was initially important to track key milestones like contracts executed and spending to ensure progress, they now aimed to shift focus from outputs to outcomes and key performance indicators. She stressed the importance of measuring the impact on people's lives and how resources were working to reduce homelessness, noting that these comments reinforced ongoing conversations with stakeholders and partners.

Councilor Simpson (he/him), shared the same concerns as Councilors Lewis and Gonzalez, particularly about the significant focus on population B and its implications for regional affordability. He raised an additional concern about providers in district one struggling with getting invoices paid, which could slow their work and potentially cause them to become part of population B due to delays at the county level.

Liam Frost (he/him), stated that Metro contracted with a consultant named Homebase, who met with service providers and identified reimbursement as the number one issue concerning living wage. Homebase gave a presentation to the tri-county planning body, with recommendations to follow in the July meeting, emphasizing that the tri-county planning body aimed to provide direction to both Metro and the counties for a regional solution.

Councilor Lewis (she/her), wondered how many housing units were expected to come online within the next year and whether the counties had the staff to place and support people in these units. She expressed concern about achieving a balance between having enough staff to support residents and having sufficient housing units available.

Yesenia Delgado (she/her), stated that she did not have the numbers off the top of her head but could certainly get the housing unit number from the county's submitted plans and provide that information. Additionally, she mentioned she would get information regarding staffing from them.

7. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Marissa Madrigal, COO provided an update on the following events or items:

- Informed everyone that if they were looking for household goods or furniture, they could visit the Rose City Vintage Market at the expo center that weekend instead of buying new items

8. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- Councilor Simpson recognized the efforts and

struggles behind Juneteenth and acknowledged that its Father's day.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anushka Kargathara

Anushka Kargathara, Legislative Assistant