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Minutes

Thursday, April 23, 2026

10:00 AM

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=YJkPx2s0P_o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJkPx2s0P_o)

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Acting Council President Hwang called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Public Communication

None.

3. Consent Agenda

Present: 4 - Acting Council President Duncan Hwang, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Christine Lewis

Excused: 2 - Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

3.1 Resolution no. 26-5597 For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointments of Indigo Namkoong, Jasia Mosley, Michael Murawski, Kristopher Fortin Grijalva and Lindsay Huber as Community Representatives to the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5597](#)
[Staff Report](#)

3.2 Consideration of the April 16, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [April 16, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

4. Presentations

4.1 Parks and Nature Local Option Levy: Current Investment Update and Future Levy Work Plan

Presenter(s): Jon Blasher, Parks and Nature Director
Beth Cohen, Funding Program Manager

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Staff reviewed past parks and nature investments, outcomes and milestones. They also discussed feedback from stakeholders, partners and voters received through outreach and quantitative

research and provided options for next steps.

Councilor Rosenthal remarked on positive feedback about Metro's investments and that environmental values transcend other shared regional issues. He noted the success of the investments at Villebois, a development near transit and wetlands. Staff also described how life jackets are distributed for water safety in the region.

Councilor Lewis emphasized the need to communicate projects and success with residents in the region. Councilor Rosenthal similarly urged strong communications about investments along with Willamette River.

Councilor Nolan asked staff to specify how capital funds are distinguished across project types or goals, such as recreation or preservation, and also asked whether key levy priorities are changing in ways that could impact future renewal proposals. Staff described a detail-oriented system of spending categorization and shared its plans to return to Council in the future with reflections on changes, especially in relation to unforeseen events, like the proliferation of certain invasive species.

Acting Council President Hwang hoped Council and staff would spend adequate time working with partners in advance of any referral, including increased communication about investments. He wondered whether there was an advantage to tackling specific issues individually, such as water quality. Staff noted that there was greater appetite in recent months for an increase in the rate and that staff will continue to monitor voter preferences.

5. Resolutions

5.1 **Resolution No. 26-5571 For the Purpose of Allocating Interest and Premium From The Parks And Nature 2019 Bond Measure**

Presenter(s): Jon Blasher, Parks and Nature Director

Attachments: Somer Erickson, Parks and Nature Finance Manager
[Resolution No. 26-5571](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Staff reviewed how bond funds are obligated and the proposed allocation described in the resolution. Councilor Rosenthal asked how specific the percentages in the legislation were; staff confirmed they are firm and not subject to changes, although Council may choose to adjust the action in the future.

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

Aye: 4 - Acting Council President Hwang, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Lewis

Excused: 2 - Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Simpson

5.2 **Resolution No. 26-5563 For the Purpose of Approving the Regional Transportation Demand Management Strategy as a Topical Plan of the Regional Transportation Plan and Accepting Recommendations for Updates to the 2028 Regional Transportation Plan and Climate Smart Strategy**

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

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5563](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Exhibit B](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Staff reviewed the transportation demand management (TDM) strategy prior to Council consideration.

Staff provided additional information for Councilor Rosenthal about the Oregon Travel Study, a statistically significant travel behavior study nearing completion. Staff also noted that pricing policies in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) are defined

separately from TDM, although the issues are cross-referenced.

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

Aye: 4 - Acting Council President Hwang, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Lewis

Excused: 2 - Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Simpson

6. Ordinances (Second Reading)

Staff shared information about the three ordinances before Council in a single presentation, noting that the Joint Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) approved them on April 16, 2026, and that the Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) recommended passage on April 22, 2026.

6.1 **Ordinance No. 26-1536** For the Purpose of Amending the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan to Include the Locally Preferred Alternative for the 82nd Avenue Transit Project

Presenter(s): Ally Holmqvist, Senior Planner
Melissa Ashbaugh, Senior Planner
Jesse Stemmler, Interim 82nd Avenue Transit Project Director, TriMet

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 26-1536](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - HCT Project Development Lifecycle](#)
[Attachment 2 - Transit Projects LPA RTP Amendments Process Timeline](#)
[Attachment 3 - 82nd Ave RTP Amendment Request Memo](#)
[Attachment 4 - Public Comment Report \(2025\)](#)

No additional discussion.

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

Aye: 4 - Acting Council President Hwang, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Lewis

Excused: 2 - Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Simpson

6.2 **Ordinance No. 26-1537** For the Purpose of Amending the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan to Include the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Tualatin Valley Highway Transit and Safety Project

Presenter(s): Ally Holmqvist, Senior Planner
Kate Hawkins, Senior Planner
Josh Brennan, Tualatin Valley Highway Transit and Safety Project Director, TriMet

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 26-1537](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - HCT Project Development Lifecycle](#)
[Attachment 2 - Transit Projects LPA RTP Amendments Process Timeline](#)
[Attachment 3 - TV Hwy LPA RTP Amendment Request Memo](#)
[Attachment 3.1 - Initial TV Hwy Purpose and Need Statement](#)

No additional discussion.

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

Aye: 4 - Acting Council President Hwang, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Lewis

Excused: 2 - Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Simpson

6.3 **Ordinance No. 26-1538** For the Purpose of Amending the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan to Include the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Montgomery Park Streetcar Extension

Presenter(s): Ally Holmqvist, Senior Transportation Planner
Alex Oreschak, Senior Planner

Shawn Canny, Senior Transportation Planner, Portland Bureau of Transportation

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[Attachment 1 - HCT Project Development Lifecycle](#)
[Attachment 2 - Transit Projects LPA RTP Amendments Process Timeline](#)
[Attachment 3 - Montgomery Park RTP Amendment Request Memo](#)
[Attachment 3.1 - Project Schedule](#)
[Attachment 3.2 - Metro Council Staff Report: LPA Endorsement](#)
[Attachment 3.3 - Proposed Preliminary Cross Sections](#)

No additional discussion.

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

Aye: 4 - Acting Council President Hwang, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Lewis

Excused: 2 - Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Simpson

7. Chief Operating Officer Communication

COO Madrigal celebrated Metro staff in accepting an award from the Women in Transportation Society on behalf of the agency.

Malu Wilkinson, Deputy Director of Planning, Development and Research, provided a brief update about the most recent MPAC meeting. She noted significant improvements in attendance at the committee and described the previous agenda, which included the locally preferred alternatives (see Ordinances, above). MPAC also received a presentation about legislation coming before Council regarding extreme heat and heat seasons. They recommended Council pass the legislation and work with local partners to mitigate impacts.

Ted Leybold, Transportation Policy Director, shared the most recent JPACT agenda, which included the Transportation Demand Management strategy and the three locally preferred alternatives.

8. Councilor Communication

Councilor Lewis congratulated Ruth Adkins, a Housing department employee, on her retirement, noting her contributions to integrating health care with housing.

Councilor Rosenthal shared that he attended an Urban League Institute seminar that covered several local issues including redevelopment of the Lloyd Center and the Hops stadium.

Councilor Nolan alerted Council to upcoming Regional Waste Advisory Committee meetings about rates.

9. Adjourn

Acting Council President Hwang adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.



Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor
April 27, 2026