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Minutes

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

10:30 AM

This Council meeting will adjourn into a work session.

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
253-205-0468 (toll free)**

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: 7 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Duncan Hwang, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Ashton Simpson

3. Resolutions

- 3.1 **Resolution No. 25-5463** For The Purpose Of Amending Three Related I-5 Rose Quarter Projects To The 2024-27 MTIP To Add \$250 Million Dollars Of Approved Funding To The Projects

Attachments: [Resolution no. 25-5463](#)
[Exhibit A to Resolution 25-5463](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - Current Project Programming](#)
[Attachment 2 - Performance Assessment Evaluation](#)
[Attachment 3 - Urban Mobility Strategy Finance Plan Update \(2024\)](#)
[Attachment 4 - STIP Amendment \(December 2024\)](#)
[Attachment 5 - Responses to TPAC](#)
[Attachment 6 - Phase 1/1A Full Build](#)
[Attachment 7 - TPAC/JPACT Meeting Summaries](#)

Councilor Simpson supported the resolution and highlighted the harms of freeway expansion that disproportionately have impacted Black communities. He highlighted economic opportunity for marginalized communities and the vision for a community knitted back together. He acknowledged project flaws, while noting that maintaining the status quo perpetuates harms.

Councilor Lewis recalled that policymakers have considered the project since 2017 and that Council should work in partnership with the state on this project, which includes direct influence and guidance from Council.

Councilor Rosenthal reiterated Councilor Simpson's remarks and described it as a need in dire need of re-engineering, with a cap serving as a good community asset with new opportunities.

Councilor Gonzalez described Rose Quarter as the largest restorative justice transportation project in the county, and highlighted that the project both meets goals and sends a message to policymakers nationwide.

Councilor Hwang shared that he wrestled with the positive impacts for workers, community members, and those affected by past harms and the uncertainty of the funding for the project statewide and nationally.

Councilor Nolan appreciated Albina Vision Trust for their work to restore the community and for ODOT's COBID commitment. They expressed skepticism that federal funds will flow to the project and concern that congestion pricing would be barred by state or federal governments if not implemented at the time of construction.

President Peterson expressed strong support and appreciated the robust engagement that has informed the project. She clarified that the resolution moves the project forward but the project is not budgeted until the funding is identified.

6. Adjourn to a work session

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting into a work session at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anne Buzzini". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor