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## **METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)**

### **Meeting Minutes**

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Vince Jones-Dixon  
Jerry Hinton  
Keith Kudrna  
Terri Preeg-Riggsby  
Omar Qutub  
Joe Buck  
Denyse McGriff  
Sherry French  
Pam Treece  
Beach Pace  
Allison Tivnon  
Tim Rosener  
Miles Palacios  
Luis Nava  
JT Flowers  
Kristin Greene  
Gerritt Rosenthal  
Mary Nolan

#### **MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Elana Pirtle-Guiney  
Candace Avalos  
Brett Sherman  
Ed Gronke  
Wil Fuentes  
Ty Stober  
Dan Eisenbeis  
Brian Hodson  
Ariel Goodwin  
Duncan Hwang

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

Vice Chair Kudrna called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Ryan Monterra spoke about the Montgomery Streetcar project.

**3. COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilor Rosenthal provided an update on the Westside Economic Forum, budget matters, Supportive Housing Services, Nature in Neighborhoods, and the RDPO tour he took of the tank farm.

**4. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATE**

There were none.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**5.1 Consideration of the May 28, 2025 MPAC Minutes**

**MOTION:** Treece, Buck

**ACTION:** Pace

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

**6.1 Placemaking Grants Update**

Metro staff Dana Lucero provide a presentation with guests, Ryan Saari, Cultivate Initiatives and Lorelei Hosmillo, Filipino American Association of Portland and Vicinity, Inc.

Director Flowers noted many nonprofits are trapped in an endless cycle of fundraising for the material need of building community. He asked about repeat grant awards and also grants for capacity building.

Vice Chair Kudrna thanked the awardees for the work they do.

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

## **7.1 Resolution No. 25-5505 For the Purpose of Endorsing the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Montgomery Park Streetcar Extension**

Alex Oreschak, Metro, was joined by guests, Shawn Canny and Mauricio Leclerc, PBOT, to provide a presentation and answer questions.

Councilor Rosenthal asked about the transfer of streetcars from the old system to the new.

Mayor Pace asked about bus vs streetcar; cost and federal funding; and losing industrial land.

Mayor Buck asked about engagement and the sources of funding.

Councilor Tivnon agreed with Pace and expressed concern about the loss of industrial land.

Councilor Nolan explained the history of the industrial land in question and also spoke about the housing that will be created by the project.

Mayor Rosener asked if the city considered options other than streetcar, such as bussing.

Director Flowers confirmed that rail can support economic growth in a way other modes can't.

Mayor Pace asked about Nolan's involvement and noted the local nature of this project.

Councilor Nolan noted that Portland's City Council made the necessary zoning changes already and clarified the decision is whether to help the plan succeed in its goal to create housing.

Commissioner Treece reminded the group that the vote is to make this project eligible for federal funding.

Malu Wilkinson, Metro, weighed in to note that the region needs to update its industrial lands and also explained why the Portland Councilors weren't at the meeting.

Councilor Hinton expressed that the project will spur development, and Gresham supports it.

Vice Chair Kudrna asked about engagement with local businesses.

**MOTION:** Flowers moved to recommend the Metro Council endorse the LPA by passing Resolution No. 25-5505 For the Purpose of Endorsing the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Montgomery Park Streetcar Extension, seconded by Nolan

**ACTION:** Motion passed with Preeg-Riggsby, Qutub, and McGriff voting no and French and Jones Dixon absent from the vote

## **7.2 Resolution No. 25-5504 For the Purpose of Endorsing the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Tualatin Valley Highway Transit and Safety Project**

Kate Hawkins, Metro provided a presentation on the project.

Nava asked about current construction in the corridor and coordination among the agencies.

Mayor Buck thinks it's a great project and asked about ridership in light of declining ridership across the system.

Mayor Pace shared that the line has the highest ridership in Washington County.

Councilor Rosenthal added that ridership declined during covid less than on other lines. He shared further information on other routes that were considered during the process.

Director Flowers emphasized the long-term impact this project will have.

Commissioner Treece added the diverse communities and number of cities on this line.

**MOTION:** Treece, Pace

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously with French and Qutub absent during voting

## **8. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **8.1 Future Vision Scoping Update**

Metro's Malu Wilkinson and Molly Cooney-Mesker provided an update on the project.


Councilor Rosenthal shared he believes the definition of equity will be broader than presented.

Nava would like to see actual details of the engagement plan, such as number of events.

## **9. ADJOURN**

Chair Sherman adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ramona Perrault". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ramona Perrault,  
Committee Legislative Advisor