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Minutes

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

10:30 AM

This work session will immediately follow the Council meeting.

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Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,**

**<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
253-205-0468 (toll free)**

Council work session

10:30 Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Work Session to order at 10:56 a.m.

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

10:30 Work Session Topics:**10:30 Community Connector Transit Study: Policy Framework and Vision Considerations**

Staff provided an overview of the region's transit network and mobility hubs, gaps and opportunities, and current needs and actions in the Regional Transportation Plan.

Staff updated Councilor Hwang on the Regional Transportation Options program update to include non-infrastructure tools.

Councilors Lewis and Rosenthal commented on connectivity to health care clinics and community centers. Councilor Lewis also asked to prioritize connectivity to dense employment centers.

Councilor Rosenthal asked about transportation service gap data and if autonomous vehicles are considered. Staff noted that Metro has ample data and many forms of new transportation technologies are considered (e.g., car share, ride share).

Gonzalez grappled with the tension between transit investments when neighborhoods are built and ensuring investments are supported with ridership.

Deputy President Simpson asked about connections to outer edges of the urban area. Staff pointed to interconnected planning efforts that address these needs, including connectors to the termini of high-capacity transit.

Councilor Lewis suggested leveraging existing main streets that support visitors and economic activity.

President Peterson asked staff to align planning with transit unions and to include express bus service in planning for the next regional transportation plan.

Councilor Gonzalez asked to spend more time discussion major projects.

11:00 Chief Operating Officer Communication

COO Madrigal thanked Metro parks staff and shared a stewardship day at Scouters Mountain.

11:05 Councilor Communication

Councilor Lewis provided the legislative update, including a priority gun safety bill. She also reported out on JPACT and expressed concern about communications from local government about changes to the Burnside Bridge project schedule.

11:15 Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Work Session 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne Buzzini".

Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor