

FY2026-27 Budget Development Workshop

Date: 10/20/2025
Department: Finance Services
Meeting Date: 11/06/2025

Presenter(s), (if applicable):
Marissa Madrigal, Chief Operating Officer
Brian Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer
Length: 90 minutes

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ISSUE STATEMENT

The Metro Council develops the agency-wide vision that directs budget development. This is an opportunity for the Metro Council to hear about the regional economy, Metro's financial forecast, and to discuss Council priorities.

ACTION REQUESTED

Discuss Council priorities for the upcoming FY2026-27 Budget Development with the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

Council's direction will result in a Proposed budget, presented in Spring 2026, that reflects the Metro Council's priorities.

POLICY QUESTION(S)

What priorities would the Metro Council like departments and/or the agency to consider as the FY2026-27 budget is being developed?

POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

Council can provide a strategic vision and priorities for departments and/or the agency.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommend that the Council provide clear priorities for specific departments or the agency to guide the FY2026-27 budget development.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- The Metro Budget is a critical policy document that supports the prioritization and financial oversight of services provided
- Investments in the Metro Budget support the advancement of Metro's racial equity goals and climate action

Legal Antecedents

- Oregon Budget Law found within Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 294.305 to 294.565 dictates several specific steps that must be followed during the budgeting process, most importantly that a budget must be adopted by June 30th of every year.

BACKGROUND

Metro Council approves and adopts the agency-wide budget annually that spans July 1 through June 30. Metro Council provides the strategic direction and priorities for Metro's departments to weave into their budgets. Council's communication of priorities ensures that Metro is continually making progress to provide the highest level of services, deliver on promises made to voters, and advance racial equity and climate action goals.

ATTACHMENTS

None