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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

**10:30 AM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber,  
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**Council work session**

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**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**2. Work Session Topics:**

10:30 Discussion of MPAC recommendation and TPAC recommendation to JPACT on adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan

Attachments: [Staff-Report](#)  
[Ordinance 23-1496](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Exhibit B](#)  
[Exhibit-C-Part-1](#)  
[Exhibit-C-Part-2](#)  
[2023 RTP engagement at a glance](#)  
[Comparison of Metro staff/MTAC/MPAC Recommendations](#)  
[RTP Engagment Summary](#)

Council President Peterson introduced Catherine Ciarlo, PD&R Director, and Kim Ellis, AICP, rtp Project Manager to present on the Discussion of MPAC recommendation and TPAC recommendation to JPACT on adoption of the 2023 HCT Strategy.

Staff Pulled up the presentation.

Summary of presentation:

Ellis went over the 2023 RTP update timeline and mentioned that it has been a 2-year process and that a lot of work has been done to get to his point. She then went over the final steps and then announced on November 30th they will come back for a recommendation from council. Ellis noted that there are 5 topics that will be part of the recommendation and that the recommendations will aim at aligning the

project list with RTP goals. Ellis then announced that on November 16th there will be action items to be recommended to JPACT.

Ciarlo then mentioned that the conversations they had with council in September had been intact in the MPAC and TPAC discussions.

President Peterson asked council if they have any questions.

Councilor Gonzalez acknowledged the engagement and significance of this topic and noted he wants to communicate to JPACT and the region that they will approve the RTP and that there is a lot of good in it as well.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if from the federal standpoint if there is going to be negative feedback on whether or not they approve an RTP with a 2-phase pricing policy.

Ellis noted that the federal government will retain concern for the preliminary engineering phase by including it in the financially constrained list. Additionally, federal approval must be obtained before progressing to the construction phase.

Councilor Hwang asked if staff could improve safety in the region and how ODOT will be more specific on the funding will be applied.

Ellis responded to Councilor Hwang's inquiry by informing him that ODOT plans to separate \$65 million worth of projects from the safety budget discussed in the testimony. These projects are detailed in the attached set of recommendations. Furthermore, she mentioned that the process will be incorporated into the analysis, demonstrating their efforts to enhance performance, and assured more

frequent reporting on safety and investment progress.

Councilor Hwang asked for clarification of what unbundling means.

Ellis explained that the \$65 million was set aside to fund projects that focus on safety and they are working with ODOT to add funds to the project list.

Ciarlo mentioned that this will be an important tool to move forward and thanked councilor Hwang for asking the question.

Councilor Lewis noted she is impressed with the recommendations and is happy with the TPAC refinements and is ready for it to be presented to JPACT.

Councilor Gonzalez noted that he hopes the goals highlighted don't get lost and thanked staff for the work achieved.

Councilor Simpson mentioned that East Multnomah transportation committee is very supportive of this RTP and they they're voices are being heard.

Councilor explained they are relying too much on external uncertain actions in this state when it comes to climate goals and that they can not rely on actions from others as it has proven to fail them. Nolan than noted that her concern is around the feedback process.

Ciarlo clarified to Councilor Nolan that in examining the project selection process, they are actively considering incorporating policy statements from the region as requirements. The document is designed to serve as the

regional menu, not solely reflective of Metro's transportation vision, as it encompasses various perspectives and opinions.

Council President Peterson thanked staff and the work they have done as it is important for the future. Peterson then noted that the next conversation should be between a external and internal infrastructure.

Councilor Rosenthal explained that a list does not constitute a regional vision and the additional concern is that ODOT does not have a specific pricing on tolling, and that the growth concept needs to be refreshed.

End of discussion.

11:00 Discussion of MPAC recommendation and TPAC recommendation to JPACT on adoption of the 2023 HCT Strategy

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5348](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Exhibit B](#)  
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Peterson introduced Ally Holmqvist, Metro, to present on the HCT strategy recommendations.

Staff pulled up the presentation.

Holmqvist went over the milestones since May 2023 which include incorporating committee feedback, changes to create public review drafts, and then noted that they received 56 comments and most of which expressed support for the vision of the strategy and then the final strategy of

the recommendations. She then explained that the next steps are to consider adoption on the 30th of November.

No council discussion.

11:30 Private Facility Rate Transparency

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Council President Peterson introduced Jenna Jones, state and regional affairs advisor, Holly Strinkorb, principal planner, to present on the private transfer station rate transparency.

Staff pulled up the presentation.

Summary of presentation:

McGuire announced that this conversation is a continuation of councilors discussion on the 26th of October, and they are here to provide responses to questions along with stakeholder feedback.

Jones went over the current policy framework and noted that goal 14 is to advance the adoption of rates that are reasonable, and that the 2016 transfer system configuration policy is to ensure transparency. Jones then went over the timeline of the RTP from 2016-2023 and the impacts of rate inequities. Jones mentioned that there were limitations on the cost of study estimates as there were differences among the transfer stations, unchecked assumptions and publicly available information.

Strinkorb then spoke about Metros rates, what staff is asking

for, the map of the current transfer system, wet waste transfer system and what the process will look like. Strinkorb mentioned that staff will utilize public procurement process to hire a third-party consultant and that it is a commonplace for governments to do rate reviews or cost of service studies.

President Peterson asked for the next step to show how other jurisdictions have put together their rate transparency conversations with their sector and then asked for Metro to use Waste Fee policy task force together to have all the conversations combined.

Councilor Nolan explained she would like Metro to invite the private operators to be partners to meet goals and that Metro should acknowledge the unpacking of work that the staff are working on.

Jones mentioned that they have been trying to build trust with the private transfer stations.

Strinkorb explained that if there is no collaboration then the results will be disputed.

Councilor Nolan noted that she is hearing defensiveness and that she is more inclined to listen to the person who is being engaged rather than hearing about the work being done to engage them.

President Peterson noted that she is not sure that council is clear on what the understanding is and asked for more clarity in the next couple weeks on what the next steps will be.

Councilor Rosenthal asked for clarification about the process on the sideboards.

Councilor Lewis noted that the next step is to come back for approval and not feedback and then explained that Metro needs to disaggregate the data for the two public transfer stations Metro runs as they both have different traffic patterns and structures.

Councilor Gonzalez stated how the private industry partners are important to the system and all the things that have been shared from council have been considered.

Councilor Simpson explained he would like more attention on how Metro is reducing waste stream near the residents.

Councilor Hwang gave his support for President Peterson's recommendations and noted it is important that this process is done right and then concluded he is looking forward for the process.

Madrigal asked for permission to bring a resolution to create a table to that involves the sideboards, and stakeholders to get a better understanding of the process.

President Peterson explained her desire for the inclusion of all transfer station systems and the waste fee policy task force in the conversation. She emphasized the importance of understanding how these elements intersect with each other.

Coo Marissa Madrigal explained that staff could come back with a resolution showing how they can engage both transfer stations and waste fee policy task force.

President Peterson announced she would like a draft to be brought to council.



End of discussion.

#### **12:15 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Marissa Madrigal provided an update on the following events or items:

Madrigal spoke mentioned the PPS teacher strike is continuing and is having an impact on Metros workforce with children as they have children in school and that she will send out an email to encourage staff to work with managers and supervisors to use the tools at their disposal to take care of their kids.

#### **12:20 Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- Councilor Simpson announced that he and councilor Lewis attended the opening of the Good Sheppard Village and that it has opened 142 units for families, veterans and community.
  - Councilor Gonzalez announced that the first year round shelter opened in Washington County and then he announced that Metro is sponsoring the West Side Alliances 25th year anniversary tonight.
  - Councilor Rosenthal spoke about the shelter that opened in Beaverton and noted it is a great location near grocery stores and transportation and that it will take a little over a year to build out.
- Councilor Simpson announced that the Good Shepard

units made it to 1000 units being built in his district.

#### **12:25 Adjourn**

There being no further business, President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 11:46am.

Respectfully submitted,

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