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Minutes

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

10:30 AM

**Metro Regional Center Council Chamber,
<https://www.youtube.com/live/OAbDYHUnjMw?feature=share>,
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992>, or 877-853-5257 (toll free) (Webinar
ID:615079992)**

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present: 6 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Duncan Hwang, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

Excused: 1 - Councilor Mary Nolan

2. Public Communication

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on a non-agenda items.
Laura Golino de Lovato, Northwest Pilot Project: expressed concerns about the Joint Office of Homeless Services underspending of the Supportive Housing Services funds. Golino de Lovato also mentioned how important this funding is for service providers.

Council Discussion

President Peterson stated that they need to make sure that the counties are on track and are doing all that they can.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1 **Resolution No. 23-5338**, For the Purpose of Adding Six New Projects, Authorized by Congress Through Congressionally Directed Spending, to the 2021-24 MTIP and Allowing the Start of Preliminary Engineering Activities

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5338](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

[Staff Report](#)

Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal, seconded by

Councilor Simpson, to adopt items on the consent agenda.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Simpson

Excused: 1 - Councilor Nolan

Council Discussion

Councilor Rosenthal mentioned that he was happy to see that work is being done on Hall Boulevard, which is important to the City of Tigard.

4. Other Business

4.1 Update on Metro's Public Engagement Guide

Presenter(s): Gloria Pinzón Marin (she/they), Metro

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Council President Peterson introduced Gloria Pinzón Marin (she/they), Metro to present the Update on Metro's Public Engagement Guide.

Staff pulled up the *Guiding principles for meaningful public engagement PowerPoint* to present to Council.

Council Discussion:

President Peterson thanked staff for being in person and that they will work on giving more notice.

Pinzón Marin began the presentation by explaining the different ways that Metro connects to people. Pinzón Marin discussed the 2023 update to the Public Engagement Guide and the expected touchpoints. They noted definitions of key terms and explained the changes over time of the guiding

principles. Pinzón Marin discussed the input and comments on draft one of the guiding principles. Pinzón Marin and each of the Councilors read at least one of the Draft 2 guiding principles. She explained the potential application of the Public Engagement Guide for draft two and gave an example. Staff noted that they are seeking input from the Council and gave a list of suggested topics for future discussion.

Council Discussion

Councilor Simpson thanked Pinzón Marin for the presentation and including the Council's comments. He asked if the guiding principles will be translated into different languages.

Pinzón Marin hoped that the guiding principles would be translated into different languages because the one of the intentions of the future guide is to give the public information on engaging with Metro.

Councilor Hwang commented about the importance and need to follow-up after the community engagement. He also mentioned the capacity-building grants and how they should use it as an opportunity for partnership in the future.

Councilor Rosenthal discussed his experience as co-chair of the Metro Public Involvement Committee. He noted that he preferred the term "community" because they mostly do community-based engagement. He noted the need to identify the kind of community and their interests when doing engagement or outreach.

Pinzón Marin stated that the process of engagement planning is complex, so the principles are broad to allow for flexibility. In the guide, they can be more specific of what

they mean.

Councilor Rosenthal suggested that staff look at the specific needs of each community and to not make a one-size fits all engagement.

Councilor Lewis mentioned the need to compensate people for their time. She asked if the guide would set best practices for compensation for their engagement, such as childcare or meals. Councilor Lewis suggested updating best practices with changes to technology.

Pinzón Marin noted that the guide will have guidance on stipends and ways to reduce barriers to participation. She also mentioned accommodating people with disabilities.

Councilor Gonzales mentioned the importance of doing this work and commented on the different committees. He suggested that Metro changes the way that they engage people, including getting out of Metro or the committee structure.

President Peterson suggested that they focus on how the Metro Council does outreach. She also suggested having the minimums that they expect for engagement. She raised concerns about the assumptions around access.

Pinzón Marin noted that it is important that projects are unique, so tactics for engagement must be unique. She noted being interested at looking into minimums about the process and expectations for staff.

President Peterson noted that there are many groups that want to engage in Council and staff decision-making. She mentioned that they cannot be siloed by department. She also commented that all businesses should be heard,

especially small business.

Pinzón Marin asked if the Council feels comfortable supporting these guiding principles. They noted several suggestions from the Council.

President Peterson suggested that staff put that they will not be making assumptions about access into the principles.

Pinzón Marin stated that it would be related to application and that can be noted.

The Councilors supported the guiding principles.

4.2 High Capacity Transit Strategy Update: Draft Report

Presenter(s): Ally Holmqvist (she/her), Metro

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[Attachment 5](#)

Council President Peterson introduced Ally Holmqvist (she/her), Metro to present the High-Capacity Transit Strategy Update: Draft Report.

Staff pulled up the *HCT Strategy Update: Report & Actions PowerPoint* to present to Council.

Holmqvist explained the outcomes of the vision and the feedback they had received. She discussed the different transit tools and how they come together in the Regional Transit Network. Holmqvist explained how the draft report established the Regional High-Capacity Transit Strategy, which included what action need to be taken, how to advance the corridors together and how stakeholders will

give their input. She noted the next steps for the 2023 RTP and the HCT.

Council Discussion

President Peterson mentioned that the Councilors may have seen the presentation before.

Councilor Gonzales mentioned staff's tenacity of engagement with their partners. He also mentioned that local partners have concerns related to tolling, such as diversion onto local streets and capacity. He noted the importance of bringing high-capacity transit investment.

Councilor Rosenthal noted that he liked the different bus services slide. He mentioned that it may imply that there is not continuity between the bus system and the light rail system. He raised concerns that people may think that the Southwest corridor is not high-capacity transit. He also raised concerns that they are putting 50,000 people near Roy Rogers Road in the future, but there is no projected transit system for them.

Holmqvist noted that Southwest corridor is a priority and is in Tier 1. She mentioned that some partners thought that the map could be clear, and they have made that change in the 2023 Draft RTP Update.

President Peterson thanked staff for their work. She asked how their partners at TriMet feel and the ability to achieve their goals.

Holmqvist mentioned that TriMet has been a close partner and are in alignment with Metro. She noted that Trimet has submitted their list of Tier 1 and Tier 2 priorities for the transportation plan. Holmqvist explained that the Tier 2 priorities are strategic, so there needs to be work done to

determine funding and commitments. She also mentioned that staff will help make an appendix of the details of the corridors and the Rapid Bus Implementation plan.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

5. Chief Operating Officer Communication

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

- gave an update on the staff's response and their work with Multnomah County and Joint Office of Homeless Services. She also mentioned that the initial corrective action plan response from Multnomah County to Metro was due today. She also thanked Northwest Pilot project and the other signatories of the letter for testifying.

Council Discussion

President Peterson mentioned the importance of direct communication between Chair Pederson's Office and them about how to move forward and suggested setting up meetings with them.

Councilor Rosenthal mentioned that in a meeting with the City of Portland, they implied that some of their expenditures were only one-time. He asked if there was potential for them to have more repeat expenditures. He also asked if they would respond to the article about underspending.

Madrigal mentioned that there are conversations between Multnomah County and the City of Portland but was not sure if staff have all the details. She noted that they are trying to encourage them to work together.

Madrigal noted that they can have a meeting with

Kristin Dennis, Chief of Staff on how to respond.

6. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- **Councilor Gonzales** mentioned that the partnership between the Hillsboro Hobbs and Metro on giving out lifejackets. He also mentioned that he and President Peterson presented on the RTP to the Portland Business Alliance.
- **Councilor Lewis** mentioned that today was the hearing for the bill that would turn around the land swap and that she was in Salem to testify against.
- **Councilor Simpson** thanked Councilor Lewis for testifying. He mentioned Memorial Day and hope that people remember that it is about people making the ultimate sacrifice for us.
- **President Peterson** attended the Memorial Day event at Foothills Park. She also thanked Councilor Simpson, his family, and others for their service.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 11:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jemeshia Taylor, Legislative Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 30, 2023

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Powerpoint	05/30/2023	Guiding principles for meaningful public engagement Presentation	053023c-01
2.0	Powerpoint	05/30/2023	HCT Strategy Update: Report & Actions Presentation	053023c -02
3.0	Testimony	05/30/2023	Wayne Wignes Testimony	053023c-03