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Minutes

Thursday, July 27, 2023

10:30 AM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,
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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: 5 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Mary Nolan, and Councilor Duncan Hwang

Excused: 2 - Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

2. Public Communication

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on non-agenda items.

- Rachel Plyler: commented on the Her Voice Movement Conference and mentioned receiving a flyer.
- Mary Ann Schwab: raised several concerns about scams and the need to slow traffic down on Taylor St. Schwab also mentioned several upcoming community events.
- Marina Garcia, Locals 483: discussed the health and safety concerns that employees work in and mentioned their low wages.
- Jessica Gentry: discussed the Her Voice Movement Conference and shared the experience of a family member.
- Grezuana Wright: commented on attending the Her Voice Movement Conference.
- Dashull Harrison, Locals 483: mentioned the conditions that Parks and Zoo employees experience, including dealing with the opioid crisis and not being paid a living wage.
- Mallory Crozier, Locals 483: noted the dangerous situations that Metro employees have to work in.
- Samantha McCarrell, Locals 483: discussed not being paid a living wage and several hazards of the job.

- Kendra Carillo, Locals 483: noted the challenges of not being paid a living wage and the hazards that employees face.
- Jason Delibero, Locals 483: mentioned the decrease in purchasing power of their wages and that they need hazard pay.
- Monica Haster, Locals 483: mentioned the lack of benefits and wages for variable hour employees.
- Daniel Zelli: commented on the Her Voice Movement Conference and raised concerns about how it was portrayed in a flyer.
- Zane Neely, Locals 483: commented on work at the zoo and the strong bond with coworkers.
- Paige Barton, Locals 483: on behalf of Kendra Strom, Barton shared Strom's experiences of hazardous conditions and lack of benefits for variable hour employees.

Council Discussion

President Peterson thanked all the LIUNA members for testifying, so Council can hear their stories. She also appreciated those that testified on Her Voice. President Peterson noted that Metro tries to provide a safe space and met their constitutional requirements.

Councilor Nolan thanked the LIUNA members for sharing their stories and for their work.

Councilor Lewis thanked the LIUNA members for testifying and noted the importance of their stories.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Consideration of the May 4, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
Attachments: [050423c Minutes](#)
 - 3.2 Consideration of the May 18, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
Attachments: [051823c Minutes](#)
 - 3.3 Consideration of the June 22, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
Attachments: [062223c Minutes](#)
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A motion was made by Councilor Gonzalez, seconded by Councilor Nolan, to adopt items on the consent agenda.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Hwang

Excused: 2 - Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Simpson

4. Public Hearings

4.1 Public Hearing as Part of the Public Comment Period for the Draft 2023 Regional Transportation Plan and Draft 2023 High Capacity Transit Strategy

Presenter(s): Kim Ellis, Metro

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

Council President Peterson called on Kim Ellis, Metro, to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the *2023 Regional Transportation Plan and High-Capacity Transit Strategy PowerPoint* to present to Council.

Ellis noted the timeline for the update and that the public review draft documents were available. Ellis mentioned the 2021-2023 engagement touchpoints, the feedback they received, and the new and updated policies. Ellis noted the over \$68 billion of planned projects by 2045, and the 45-day comment period.

Public Hearing:

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on the draft 2023 Regional Transportation Plan.

- Indi Namkoong, Verde: raised concerns that the system analysis shows they will not meet their safety, equity and mobility goals.

- Tony Jordan, Parking Reform Network: mentioned opportunities and benefits of including parking pricing in the RTP.
 - Ethan Rohrback, Cascade Policy Institute: suggested that Metro stop more TOD investments. Rohrback noted Metro should not force those living in transit-oriented communities to change their mode of transportation.
 - Sam Herrin, Cascade Policy Institute: suggested that Metro should focus on terminating underperforming lines and reallocate the funds.
 - Micah Desilva, Cascade Policy Institute: discussed how and why VMT is an inaccurate measure to approximate greenhouse gas emissions and reducing road congestion.
 - Zachary Lauritzen, Oregon Walks: raised concerns about projects maintaining the current system, such as adding lanes.
 - Citlaly Ramirez-Sierra, Street Trust: discussed the lack of safety measures and transportation infrastructure in Clackamas County.
 - Burgin Utaski, Street Trust: mentioned concerns about pedestrian safety and suggested Metro prioritize projects based on safety, equity and transportation needs.
 - Sarah Iannarone, Street Trust: discussed issues such as pedestrian deaths and the need for deeper relationships with the community. Iannarone also distributed a map during the meeting.
 - Joe Cortright: raised concerns about the climate crisis and how Metro staff are using inaccurate models.
 - Adriadna Gonzalez: explained the work of the coalition and discussed the safety and climate crisis.
 - Jacqui Treiger, Oregon Environmental Council: mentioned previous RTPs have not met their VMT or greenhouse gas goals. Treiger suggested to significantly electrify and reduce vehicle miles traveled.
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- Brett Morgan, 1000 Friends of Oregon: noted that the RTPs need to prioritize safety and anti-displacement investments. Morgan supported the regional mobility pricing and the HCT strategy.

Council Discussion:

President Peterson thanked everyone for their comments.

Councilor Nolan mentioned Cortright's testimony and asked if staff are using out-of-date information for their model.

Ellis noted what the state requires them to use in their analysis. Ellis mentioned that they have raised concerns about the assumptions to the state.

Councilor Nolan summarized staff's comments and suggested that staff have a meeting with them.

Councilor Gonzalez appreciated the testimony and gave an overview of the RTP process. He noted that staff takes into consideration the public comments, but also need to balance the needs of different stakeholders.

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

5. Other Business

5.2 2024 Urban Growth Management Decision: Work Program Status Updates

Presenter(s): Eryn Kehe (she/her), Urban Policy and Development Manager, Metro

Ted Reid (he/him), Principle Regional Planner, Metro

Laura Combs (she/her), Associate Planner, Metro

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[Attachment 2](#)

Council President Peterson stated that 2024 Urban Growth Management Decision: Work Program Status Updates

agenda item will be rescheduled for a different meeting.

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

5.1 Expo Future Project Update

Presenter(s): Paul Slyman (he/him), Metro
Giyen Kim, Metro,
Amy Nelson, Metro,
Jovian Davis, Metro

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Council President Peterson called on Paul Slyman (he/him), Metro and others to present the Expo Future Project Update.

Staff pulled up the *Expo Future Project PowerPoint* to present to Council.

Slyman noted the expo future and partnership updates. He also discussed the feasibility RFP and the Phase 2: Project Governance. Amy Nelson, Metro explained the committees including the Executive Advisory Committee. Jamie Mathis, Metro mentioned the Phase 2: Strategic Communications. Giyen Kim, Metro explained Phases 1 and 2 of their community engagement work. Kim also noted the RFP: Objective 1 Community Engagement.

Council Discussion

Councilor Lewis thanked staff for their work. She suggested they continue to be flexible and accessible to the community. Councilor Lewis also suggested they think about how women and non-binary people can participate equally at the site.

Councilor Hwang asked if their budget is enough for the amount of engagement they plan to do.

Slyman noted the budget is a one-year budget that began July 1st. He noted that if they need additional funds they may need to speak to COO or possibly get funding from the Urban Land Institute.

Councilor Gonzalez thanked staff for their work, especially for honoring the current and past communities that are impacted.

Councilor Lewis noted Kim's work and mentioned that she is resigning soon.

President Peterson thanked Kim, Slyman and staff for their work.

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

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

- Employee Survey was opened yesterday

7. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- **Councilor Lewis** mentioned that the City of Portland will exit the IGA with RACC.

Councilor Discussion

President Peterson asked Madrigal if they can have a conversation and come back with a recommendation.

Madrigal mentioned that they can have a conversation and Metro has paused its contribution to RACC until they understand the situation more.

- **Councilor Hwang** gave an update on the MPAC meeting.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Lewis adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 12:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jemeshia Taylor".

Jemeshia Taylor, Legislative Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 27, 2023

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Powerpoint	07/27/2023	2023 Regional Transportation Plan and High-Capacity Transit Strategy Presentation	072723c-01
2.0	Powerpoint	07/27/2023	The Expo Future Project Presentation	072723c -02
3.0	Testimony	07/27/2023	Lesley McClintock Testimony	072723c -03
4.0	Testimony	07/27/2023	Rafael Lopez Testimony	072723c-04
5.0	Testimony	07/27/2023	Ted Thompson Testimony	072723c-05
6.0	Testimony	07/27/2023	Joe Cortright Testimony	072723c-06
7.0	Testimony	07/27/2023	Aleah Hesse Testimony	072723c-07
8.0	Testimony	07/27/2023	Amador Marquez Testimony	072723c-08
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13.0	Testimony	07/27/2023	Mary Coolidge Testimony	072723c-13
14.0	Testimony	07/27/2023	Moriah Burkland Testimony	072723c-14
15.0	Map	07/27/2023	Map distributed by Sarah Iannarone	072723c-15