

Council Initiative Status Update –

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Council “Ownership”

Items requiring Council “ownership” require the leadership and direct involvement of the Metro Council to succeed. Councilors provide major policy direction, oversight and guidance of these projects, and critical political leadership. The majority of Council work session time should be set aside over the course of 2019 for these issues.

- **Transportation Funding Measure**
- **Equitable Housing Program**
- **Land Use Leadership**
- **Parks & Nature Bond 3.0**
- **2030 Regional Waste Plan**
- **Oregon Legislative Agenda**

Topic	Issue Statement	Status of Project/ Work for FY 2019-2020	Policy Questions/Major issues for FY 2019-2020	Budget Questions
Transportation Funding Measure	<p>The vision for transportation in the Regional Transportation Plan is <i>In 2040, everyone in the Portland metropolitan region will share in a prosperous, equitable economy and exceptional quality of life sustained by a safe, reliable, healthy and affordable transportation system with travel options.</i></p> <p>Current transportation investments fall short of meeting our growing regional transportation needs. Additional investments are needed to meet our transportation, economic, climate, and community goals. Specifically, the Southwest Corridor Light Rail project requires substantial local investment. Council has targeted the November 2020 election for a measure.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council direction on policy outcomes and framework, identify key areas for investment, seat Transportation Funding Task Force to advise Council (Jan/Feb 2019) • Prioritize areas for investment (March/April 2019) • Engage key stakeholders, communities of color, and elected officials (ongoing) • Sub-area community teams propose short-term project lists, Council and Task Force identify regional programs (May-July 2019) • Council reviews projects and prioritizes (Aug-Sept 2019) • Council considers investment scenarios (October-November 2019) • Consideration of possible revenue mechanisms (November 2019) • Task Force recommendation of investment scenario to Council (December 2019) • Council decision on investment scenario and direction to prepare for project delivery (January 2020) • Project IGA development (February-April 2020) • Task Force recommends accountability and oversight to Council (February-March 2020) • Council considers recommendations and revenue mechanisms (April 2020) • Referral (May 2020) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the most critical of Metro's adopted policy outcomes to achieve in this measure? • How will our work on housing and parks & nature inform and support a coalition needed to advance a regional transportation measure? • What are the critical projects that need to be included in the measure to meet Metro Council's policy goals? What criteria should be used to prioritize those projects? • Are there other regional programs that should be advanced through this measure? • What is the Council's direction for stakeholder and community involvement? • How will racial equity inform Metro's work and process in this effort? 	<p>Council Opportunity Funds/ GAPD funds/ Planning Department Support all needed.</p>

Equitable Housing Program	<p>In November 2018, the voters approved a \$652.8 million bond to construct affordable housing for approximately 12,000 people. Metro will collaborate with the three counties, four CDBG eligible cities, and the region's affordable housing developers to construct the housing and deliver on the other commitments in the bond, which include a focus on racial equity, increasing the supply of housing throughout the region, a commitment to deep affordability, and a commitment to family-sized units.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council adoption of work plan [Jan 2019]and appointment of Oversight Committee[Jan-Feb 2019] • Technical assistance to support local implementation strategies [Jan 2019-ongoing] • Community engagement to inform Metro's Site Acquisition Strategy [Jan-May 2019] • Develop procedures and guidelines including metrics for tracking program outcomes. [Jan-May 2019] • Oversight Committee and Council consideration of "Phase 1" projects; IGAs for approved projects [March-June 2019] • Oversight Committee and Council review of regional site acquisition strategy [May-June 2019] • Oversight Committee and Council review of local implementation strategies and IGAs for approved strategies [June-August 2019] • Technical assistance to support local implementation [July 2019-ongoing] • Coordination with Local Implementation Partners for development of sites acquired through Metro Site Acquisition Program [July 2019-ongoing] • Oversight Committee reporting on Local Implementation Strategies and compliance with bond requirements and work plan [July 2019-ongoing] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will our agreements with our local government partners to balance the need for local control and flexibility with the need for Metro Council accountability? • How can we support local governments in meeting Metro's goals for involvement by culturally-specific communities? • What other goals, such as COBID participation and workforce diversity will be part of the housing bond? • How do we support the Oversight Committee in providing effective oversight of local implementation of the bond commitments? 	<p>3 FTE P & D (new) 3 FTE P & D (existing) 2 FTE Comm (new) 1 FTE Comm (existing)</p>
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Land Use Leadership	<p>The 2018 Growth Management Decision included direction for staff to return to Council with two work plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the 2040 Growth Concept to address issues the region didn't face in 1995. • Use the Economic Value Atlas to update the region's vision about employment and the land use implications of future employment. 	<p>Council direction on work plan in April 2019. Work plan will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elected Official engagement ○ Staff engagement ○ Community stakeholder engagement, including CBOs ○ Local, national and international experts on major topics ○ Research and technical work ○ Specific policy and engagement issues facing employment lands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple external government, community, institutional partners have expressed interest in this work with us, we need a strategy to engage with these major thought leaders at local, national, international levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues that have changed since 1995 include: major technological change in several sectors, automation, increased diversity of the region's population coupled with increased knowledge of the long-term economic and social damage of racial discrimination, understanding of impacts of climate change, decline of middle-class jobs, and affordable housing crisis. • What is the future of employment in our region? How should that future guide land use policy and infrastructure investments? • What is Council thinking about the 2060 time horizon? Charter requires 50 year vision which could be 2070.... 	<p>FY 19-20 Budget request is for 1 new Comm FTE to support robust engagement and for \$250,000 M \$ S to support both Comm and Planning. Future work phase may also include Research Center and Parks and Nature.</p>
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<p>Parks & Nature Bond 3.0</p>	<p>Preservation and protection of significant natural areas to protect water quality, preserve habitat, and ensure people have access to nature are critical elements of Metro’s growth management strategy. Steady population growth has only increased the importance of water quality, habitat, and access for people.</p> <p>Metro has increasingly urgent need to complete nature parks that have been planned, to reinvest in existing facilities, to continue to provide grants, and to acquire critical natural areas.</p> <p>The 2006 Natural Areas bond will be spent out in 2020, even though the region’s need for natural areas and parks remains essential.</p> <p>Council has targeted the November 2019 election for a measure and has directed staff to design a measure that will not increase the total amount of Parks and Nature General Obligation Bond taxes from FY 2019-2020 levels.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore and confirm Council desired outcomes, policy direction, gaps and potential options [Jan 2019] • Finalize framework and project selection criteria [Jan-Feb 2019] • Outreach and engagement with elected officials of the region [Feb-Jun 2019] • Continued targeted and general community/stakeholder engagement [Jan-May 2019] • Engagement planning and outreach of coordinated coalition, blend housing and transportation [Apr-Nov 2019] • Public opinion research [Mar 2019] • Refinement and finalization of priorities, target maps, proposals and projects [May 2019] • Resolution for referral adoption [draft May, final June 2019] • Develop pre-post referral materials [May-Jun 2019] • Bond implementation planning Phase 1 [Jul-Nov 2019] • Bond implementation and coordination planning Phase 2 [Dec 2019 – Jun 2020] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Parks & Nature must help us grow a coalition to support transportation funding. • How should our land acquisition program evolve? Should there be new criteria incorporating equity and climate resiliency? How will it be coordinated with affordable housing development? Does that require examination of new target areas? • How can we evolve our local share allocations to better achieve our equity and climate goals? Can local share address park deficient areas? • How should our grant programs evolve? • How should our parks & nature investments support our land use, economic development, and transportation goals? What is the role of our Parks Bond in regionally significant developments? • How does the Parks & Nature Bond reduce Metro’s long term operating and maintenance costs? • How does this bond support Council’s goal of long-term and permanent operating funding for the system? 	<p>GAPD, Council Opportunity and Parks & Nature all funding</p>
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<p>2030 Regional Waste Plan</p>	<p>The draft 2030 regional waste plan will be adopted by the Metro Council in February 2019. The new plan focuses on equity, health, and the environment and strives to address the full life cycle of materials we use—from design to production to use, until they go to a recycler, landfill, or thrift store.</p> <p>To achieve ambitious goals, the draft plan contemplates over 100 actions organized in five areas of work: Shared Prosperity, Product Design and Manufacturing, Product Consumption and Use, Product end-of-life Management and Disposal, and Disaster Resilience. Forty (40) actions focus directly on advancing equity and reducing disparities.</p> <p>Under Oregon state law (ORS 459.055) the plan also includes an appendix identifying the waste reduction program and demonstrates the region’s compliance with specific statutory and regulatory requirements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In collaboration with local governments, develop multi-year work plans iaw RWP; • Implement, monitor, and adjust contractual transitions to post-2020 system operations; • Continue search to acquire land for CRC near Metro South Station; • Continue analysis of available land and partnership with City of Hillsboro on Metro West Station; • Finish examination and prep for installation of pre-processing equipment at Metro Central Station; • Secure new lease agreement and plan for system modification at MetroPaint; • Facilitate and ensure implementation of local Food Scraps capture policies; • Implement clean MRF regulations; • “Double-down” on consumer education; • Implement results of Regional conversation on single use plastics; • Double amount of funds available through I&I grant program; • Pursue partnership(s) to develop second generation MRFs; • Propose concept to establish Metro Conservation Corps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Metro’s willingness to invest in “system certainty” to ensure services remain available to the region long term? • What is Metro’s willingness in ensuring service equity and consistency across the region? • What is Metro’s role in creating a market for recyclables? Can we stimulate industry to recycle materials? • Which actions will best reduce the amount of total materials, especially plastics and packaging? How can we increase producer responsibility/liability for those items? • How can a utility that relies on heavy vehicles driving on local streets minimize its community and environmental impact? • How can we ensure this utility adds to resident’s quality of life and creates a new paradigm for waste management in the world? • Beyond I&I grants, what Public/Private partnerships may be necessary to create the next generation system? 	<p>SW funds: Regional System Fee (RSF) collected on all wastes disposed in region funds regional SW programs and services.</p> <p>Tonnage charge covers Metro’s recovery, transport and disposal operations.</p> <p>Excise Tax, collected at same locations as RSF, is a source of revenue for Metro’s general government.</p>
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Oregon Legislative Agenda	Metro Council will adopt a legislative agenda for the 2019 and 2020 sessions. Council direction and participation will be required throughout each	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 Legislative Principles and Priorities development [Sept. 2018-January 2019] • Advocacy in State Legislature with reports to and ongoing guidance from Council [January-June 2019] • Report out of Legislative session [Summer 2019] • 2020 Legislative Principles and Priorities development [Sept. 2018-January 2019] • Advocacy in State Legislature with reports to and ongoing guidance from Council [February-March 2020] 	All addressed as part of work plan and throughout the session	GAPD budget is part of Council/COO budget
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