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## **METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)**

Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2019

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Martha Schrader (Chair)  
Christine Lewis  
Juan Carlos Gonzalez  
Sam Chase  
Ed Gronke  
Dick Schouten  
Don Trotter

Jerry Hinton  
Denny Doyle

Theresa M. Kohlhoff

Gordon Hovies  
Linda Glover  
Peter Truax  
Mark Watson

### AFFILIATION

Clackamas County  
Metro Council  
Metro Council  
Metro Council  
Citizen of Clackamas County  
Washington County  
Clackamas County Fire District #1, Special Districts in  
Clackamas County  
City of Gresham, Second Largest City in Multnomah County  
City of Beaverton, Second Largest City in Washington  
County  
City of Lake Oswego, Largest City in Clackamas  
County  
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Special Districts in Washington County  
City of Vancouver  
City of Forest Grove, Other Cities in Washington County  
Hillsboro School District Board of Directors, Governing Body of a  
School District

### ALTERNATES PRESENT

Jennifer Donnelly

### AFFILIATION

Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development

### MEMBERS EXCUSED

Jim Rue

### AFFILIATION

Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development

OTHERS PRESENT: Adam Barber, Jeff Gudman, Angela Donley, Jennifer Hughes, Denise Barrett, Jean Senechal Bigg and Anna Slatinsky

STAFF: Sara Farrokhzadian, Sasha Pollack, Elissa Gertler, Eliot Rose, Jeff Owen, Peter Bandom, Jacob Sherman, Ernest Hayes, Paul Slyman and Marlene Guzman

**1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, CHAIR COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Martha Schrader called meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

**2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

*There were none*

**3. COUNCIL UPDATE**

Chair Martha Schrader noted the July 24th MPAC meeting was canceled and encouraged MPAC members to attend the Transportation Task Force Meeting on July 24. Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez provided an update on the Transportation Task Force and the Local Investment Team's role in identifying transportation projects around the region. He stated that the Council voted on approving funding for two affordable housing projects in the greater Portland region. Councilor Gonzalez shared details on potential affordable housing projects that aim to address the regions housing crisis. Ms. Elissa Gertler, Planning and Development Director, added that four affordable housing projects moved forward in phase one of the bond.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

*No quorum.*

**5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**5.1 Resilience Program Information: Participation in the 2040 Growth Concept Refresh**

Chair Schrader introduced the presenters, Ms. Gertler and Ms. Sasha Pollack, Climate Resiliency Project Manager.

*Key elements of the presentation included:*

Ms. Pollack defined resilience and explained its relation to Metro's work. She explained that resilience referred to our ability to adapt to and prepare for changing conditions, such as: natural disasters and housing affordability. She explained key elements of the four phases of disaster planning, which included: mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. Ms. Pollack distinguished between mitigation and adaptation and explained their relation to climate resilience.

Ms. Pollack highlighted Metro's recent resilience efforts, including: the 2030 Regional Waste Plan, the Regional Disaster Debris Plan and the Regional Framework. She discussed the potential role Metro could play in resilience planning at the regional level. Ms. Pollack added that Metro had incorporated resilience approaches into transportation and solid waste management planning.

Ms. Pollack explained the stakeholder engagement process in the resilience program. She added that the stakeholder process was intended to inform stakeholders on the importance of mitigation and recovery work.

Ms. Pollack described key themes of the 2040 Growth Concept Refresh such as: planning for Metro's future economy and its focus on climate change adaptation as well as disaster resilience. She also discussed potential opportunities for Metro's resilience program such as: prioritizing local hazard mitigation projects and focusing on issues of regional significance. Ms. Pollack posed questions to the MPAC members regarding what resilience indicators Metro should be tracking and how Metro's resilience work could support local emergency planning work.

*Member discussion included:*

- Mayor Denny Doyle asked Ms. Pollack if she had met with Emergency Managers across the region. Ms. Pollack stated that she had met with Scott Porter of Washington County. She also stated that she was engaged with the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) and was eager to receive feedback from RDPO.
- Chair Schrader asked if Metro had identified a Disaster Debris Plan. Ms. Pollack remarked that the Disaster Debris Management Plan was approved by the Metro Council last year. Mayor Peter Truax recommended that Ms. Pollack consider the Oregon State Legislature's role in disaster preparedness. Ms. Pollack stated that the Oregon State Legislature was a great partner and she looked forward to working with Metro's Government Affairs Department to push forth relevant policies.

- Commissioner Dick Schouten urged Ms. Pollack to consider the challenges associated with disaster preparedness in economically depressed coastal communities. He added that Metro should be thinking about jurisdictions in the region that lack ample resources. Commissioner Schouten also asked about the regions public facilities and their capacity to withstand natural disasters.
- Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez noted that Metro Council President Lynn Peterson had recently hosted staff from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help model Metro's long term strategy as part of their Disaster Preparedness Program.
- Chair Schrader asked Metro to consider forest management and the relationship between federal and state fire management. Mr. Gordon Hovies, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue President, spoke about the distinction between forest management on the federal and state level.
- Councilor Sam Chase expressed his appreciation for the Resilience Program. Councilor Chase raised several questions regarding Metro's management and distribution resources in response to natural disasters.

## 5.2 Emerging Technology Panel

Chair Schrader introduced the panelists, Mr. Eliot Rose, Senior Technology and Transportation Planner, Mr. Jeff Owen, Strategic Planning Coordinator, Mr. Peter Brandom, Senior Project Manager and Mr. Jacob Sherman, New Mobility Analyst.

*Key elements of the presentation included:*

Mr. Rose provided an overview of the results from Metro's transportation survey. He noted that Metro had seen a shift in transportation trends and transportation options. He also explained that new technologies were contributing to the use of new mobility modes. Mr. Rose noted that although new transportation modes exist cars were still the easiest and cheapest option. He also stated that the transportation system was inequitable because the majority of new mobility modes were mostly available to affluent communities.

Mr. Rose explained that technology provided new opportunities for Metro to reach its goals. He discussed Metro's role in guiding technological innovation toward positive outcomes. Mr. Rose noted that addressing the digital divide was critical to making transportation in the Metro region more equitable. He remarked that collaboration was key in addressing the Metro regions transportation issues.

Mr. Rose asked if there were any topics MPAC members were interested in highlighting.

Chair Schrader noted that she was interested in learning more about preemptions. Mr. Rose noted that Metro would cover that in the presentation. Councilor Chase asked for clarification about the data pertaining to ride hailing and bus trips. Mr. Owen noted that the bus trip data represented the total number of trips within a week. Mr. Watson asked about the desired outcome for Metro's Emerging Technology strategy. Mr. Rose noted that Metro aimed to use new technology to improve shared and active transportation options as well as equitable access to new technologies. He highlighted key terms, such as: emerging technology, new mobility services and smart cities.

Mr. Owen discussed TriMet's close collaboration with other cities and agencies on how to properly incorporate new technologies and preserve transit ridership. He discussed TriMet's vision and mentioned key goals, such as: delivering safe, convenient, sustainable and integrated mobility options. He highlighted TriMet's multimodal trip planner which planned complete trips using transportation with various mobility providers. Mr. Owen shared an example of a conceptual mobility hub to represent how Trimet could change transit centers to accommodate for multiple mobility modes. He described TriMet's Electric bus pilot as part of their commitment to creating a non-diesel bus fleet by 2040.

Mr. Brandom explained the smart city strategy for the City of Hillsboro and its desired outcomes, such as: focusing on functionality, livability and vitality. He also described the municipal broadband network which will provide all constituents with affordable access to information. Mr. Brandom noted that one-fourth of Hillsboro had the low connectivity rates. He depicted the data privacy principles adopted in 2019 by the Hillsboro City Council. Mr. Brandom also described efforts to manage dockless mobility through a mobility ordinance adopted in 2018.

Mr. Sherman shared the Portland Bureau of Transportation's (PBOT) new mobility strategy's mission statement, which aimed to enhance the lives of all Portlanders and offer attractive alternatives to car ownership. He also shared key strategic objectives, such as: promoting new mobility modes and creating a new mobility management framework. Mr. Sherman shared that PBOT's strategic objectives directly aligned with its new strategic plan that focuses on safety, asset management and providing transportation options. He discussed PBOT's efforts to test various transportation modes, such as: bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters. Mr. Sherman discussed the growth of the micro mobility market over the past couple of years, such as: the city-wide BIKETOWN expansion in 2019 and the e-scooter pilots.

Mr. Sherman explained PBOT's efforts to develop the region's capacity to manage transportation data. He discussed PBOT's work through Replica, a data tool that offers detailed simulation of all travel in the Metro region. Mr. Sherman noted that this data

would help guide transportation planning. He highlighted that PBOT is using e-scooter data to develop a dashboard that cities in the region can use to manage shared bikes and scooters.

Mr. Sherman described PBOT's efforts surrounding transportation demand management. He discussed PBOT's Transportation Wallet Pilot Project efforts to offer free transportation options to low income residents. Mr. Sherman also discussed several barriers to accessing transportation options and explained the various ways the pilot project aims to address these barriers. He added that the Transportation Demand Management Action Plan aimed to develop a comprehensive set of strategies to help PBOT meet its transportation goals. Mr. Sherman discussed PBOT's efforts for mobility hubs, such as: examining physical integration of modes and opportunities. He shared PBOT's Smart Autonomous Vehicle Initiative (SAVI), which focused on updating Portland's testing rules to align with the emerging statewide framework.

Mr. Rose described Metro's two-year action plan, which included funding technology pilot projects and convening stakeholder to establish consistent new mobility policies in the Metro region. He also discussed Metro's state and federal efforts to advocate for local authority and transparency. Mr. Rose noted Metro's opposition towards pre-emptive state ride-hailing legislation because it undermined safety and equity.

*Member discussion included:*

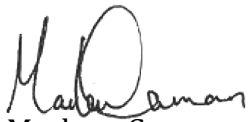
- Councilor Theresa Kohlhoff asked about the intersections between the Municipal Broadband Network and the Smart City concept. Mr. Brandom explained that the Municipal Broadband Network acted as the foundation for several technologies such as: street lights, gunshot triangulation and air quality monitoring. He noted that Hillsboro was in the early stages of deployment.
- Councilor Kohlhoff asked about the interest behind autonomous vehicles. Mr. Sherman noted that autonomous vehicles aimed to mitigate some of the human error associated with traffic fatalities. He also noted that many autonomous vehicles focused on mitigating climate change through electrification. Mr. Sherman shared concerns about autonomous vehicles, including their tendency to make driving in low occupancy cars more desirable. Mr. Rose stated that he looked forward to Portland's efforts to incentivize higher occupancy trips and transit use. Mr. Mark Watson expressed concerns about autonomous vehicles, specifically their potential effects on commerce.

- Councilor Chase noted that it is important to be mindful of Metro allocates funding to technological innovation. Mr. Rose expressed that Metro would be happy to see legislation at the state and federal level that guides consistent practices.
- Mayor Truax expressed concerns about the City of Hillsboro's partnership with school districts. Mr. Watson noted that the Hillsboro School District was dedicated to including schools outside of city lines into the Municipal Broadband Network. Mr. Brandom stated that Hillsboro's desire to deliver an accessible service across the entire community was consistent with the Hillsboro School District's interests.

## **6.0 ADJOURN**

Chair Schrader adjourned the meeting at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marlene Guzman".

Marlene Guzman  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 10, 2019**

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
5.1	Presentation	7/10/19	Resilience Program	071019m-01
5.2	Presentation	7/10/19	Emerging Technology Panel	071019m-02