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

Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2019

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Martha Schrader  
Susheela Jayapal  
Christine Lewis  
Juan Carlos González  
Sam Chase  
Don Trotter

Amanda Fritz  
Denny Dole

Theresa M. Kohlhoff  
Gordon Hovies  
Mark Watson

Jerry Hinton  
Peter Truax  
Dick Schouten  
Mark Gamba  
Linda Glover  
Rachael Lyles Smith

### **AFFILIATION**

Clackamas County  
Multnomah County  
Metro Council  
Metro Council  
Metro Council  
Clackamas County Fire District #1, Special Districts in Clackamas County  
City of Portland  
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  
Hillsboro School District Board of Directors,  
Governing Body of a School District  
City of Gresham, Second Largest City in Multnomah County  
City of Forest Grove, Other Cities in Washington County  
Washington County  
City of Milwaukie, Other Cities in Clackamas County  
City of Vancouver  
City of Oregon City, Second Largest City in Clackamas County

### **ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Gretchen Buehner  
Colin Rowan  
Jennifer Donnelly  
Kirstin Green

### **AFFILIATION**

City of King City, Other Cities in Washington County  
Multnomah County Drainage District  
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development  
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Terri Preeg Riggsby  
Ed Gronke

**AFFILIATION**

West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District , Special Districts in  
Multnomah County  
Citizen of Clackamas County

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Adam Barber, Jeff Owen, Dee Anders and Laura Weisel

**STAFF:** Sara Farrokhzadian, Marlene Guzman, Valeria Vidal, Lisa Miles, Andy Shaw, Jes Larson, Megan Gibb, Claire Rischiotto and Tim O'Brien

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

Chair Schrader called meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

**2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

*There were none*

**2. COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilor Juan Carlos González provided an update on Metro's parks and nature bond measure which earned support from 67 percent of Metro-regional voters. He noted that this included 62 percent support from Clackamas and Washington Counties. Councilor González explained that this bond allowed Metro to invest \$475 million in the regional park system. He explained Metro's parks and nature bond measures ensured that historically marginalized communities benefited from investments in nature. Councilor González announced that Metro reached an agreement to create the West transfer station, a new garbage and recycling facility in Washington County. He also remarked that the Oregon Zoo's Zoolights event began on November 29.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION: Mayor Denny Dole moved and Mayor Peter Truax seconded, to approve the consent agenda.

ACTION: With all in favor, motion passed.

## 5. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **5.1 Update on 2040 Planning and Development Grants**

Chair Schrader introduced the presenter Ms. Lisa Miles, Principal Regional Planner, and Tim O'Brien, Principal Regional Planner, to provide an update on the 2040 Planning and Development Grants.

*Key elements of the presentation included:*

Ms. Miles provided an overview of the grant program and noted the program mission. She detailed that the program mission aimed to remove barriers to development and enable existing developed sites to be redeveloped. Ms. Miles explained that the program mission had evolved by expanding its response to local and regional development priorities.

Ms. Miles outlined the 2018 Program Policy changes, including allowing private entities to apply for grants and revising definitions of equitable development projects. She shared the 2019 Screening Committee recommendations which aimed to refine the program to better achieve Metro's equity objectives. Ms. Miles explained that the committee recommended Metro to cultivate applications based off of equity driven community entities.

Mr. O'Brien explained Metro's efforts to streamline the 2040 Planning and Development Grant program to better align with the Metro Council's urban growth management policy decisions. He noted that the program will reserve 25 percent of annual grant funds for new area planning grants. Mr. O'Brien stated that concept planning grants applications were accepted annually and reviewed by Metro staff before being recommended to the Council. He shared that proposals for the comprehensive planning grants were submitted as part of the urban growth management decision process.

Mr. O'Brien noted proposed changes to Metro's equitable development approach. He emphasized that Metro aimed to select the most impactful project concepts and partnerships. Mr. O'Brien expressed that as part of the proposed changes Metro focused on fewer grants to foster deeper and more successful partnerships. He explained that community engagement grants supported inclusive and equitable engagement practices. Mr. O'Brien provided an overview of the anticipated schedule for the 2040 Planning and Development Grant program.

*Member discussion included:*

- Commissioner Dick Schouten asked about the Construction Excise Tax and the sunset provision (CET). Ms. Miles noted that when the CET was originally put into place there was a sunset provision, which set an expiration date for the tax. She explained that in the 2018 program policy changes Metro removed the CET sunset provision from Metro code.
- Mayor Denny Dole asked about how the grant categories were determined. Ms. Miles noted that the categories were determined from feedback provided by Metro's steering committee and grantees.
- Commissioner Susheela Jayapal expressed her appreciation Metro's program updates.
- Mark Watson asked if Metro received more comprehensive planning Grant applications in the 2019 cycle. Mr. O'Brien noted that Metro did not expect additional comprehensive planning applications until the next urban growth management decision process.
- Chair Schrader asked about the screening committee and its members. Ms. Miles noted that the committee included nine individuals from across the region from a variety of backgrounds. Chair Schrader asked about the criteria for selecting screening committee members. Ms. Miles noted that Metro's criteria is listed in its administrative rules. Chair Schrader asked the presenters to provide examples of equitable development. Ms. Miles provided examples of equitable development projects, including Metro's partnership with Prosper Portland and the Cully neighborhood.

## **5.2 Regional Transportation Funding Measure Update**

Chair Schrader introduced Mr. Andy Shaw, Policy Advisor IV and Ms. Margi Bradway, Deputy Director of Planning and Development Department, to present on the Regional Transportation Funding Measure Update.

*Key elements of the presentation included:*

Mr. Shaw highlighted Metro's commitments to affordable housing, protecting parks and providing reliable transportation. He explained that the Regional Transportation Measure Update focused on priority corridors & regional programs.

Ms. Bradway provided an overview of the Regional Transportation Plan and the 19,000 public comments that influenced the plan. She explained several priorities referenced in the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan, including gathering funding for transit, highways, roads and bridges.

Mr. Shaw explained Council direction on the Regional Transportation Funding Measure and its aim to advance regional policy. He also provided an overview of the measures structure, including its approach to ranking potential corridor projects into several tiers. Mr. Shaw also covered the measures' stakeholder engagement approach, which consisted of an online survey, Local Investment Teams and community partnerships. He provided an overview of the measures' projected timeline. Mr. Shaw reminded MPAC members about the Transportation Funding Task Force structure and approach. He discussed the priority outcomes and corridors identified by the Task Force and Council.

Ms. Bradway explained the initial staff recommendation which accounted for a performance-based analysis, Council/Task Force outcomes as well as LIT/community input. She provided an overview of the staff tier 1 project recommendation which proposed \$3.11 billion in corridor funding and \$2.13 billion in leveraged funds. Ms. Bradway provided potential benefits of the staff tier 1 recommendation, including investments in transit and equity focus areas.

Mr. Shaw noted that Metro had set aside 2 percent of each corridors' funding to work with community partners to create anti-displacement and equitable development strategies. He conveyed that this allocation was to ensure that investments do not contribute to displacement in the region. Mr. Shaw shared next steps for the projects and shared that on December 11 and January 15 the Task Force conducted a revenue discussion.

*Member discussion included:*

- Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith expressed her appreciation for the presentation. She asked if Metro planned to open up opportunities for new tier two projects. Mr. Shaw noted that Metro asked local jurisdictions who were interested in advancing tier two projects to share information on potential risks and partners. He noted that the Task Force received six new proposals.
  - Mr. Watson asked about the transformative nature of the tier 1 projects. Mr. Shaw noted that Metro aimed to consider how the Regional Transportation Measures partnered with both state and federal funding. Mr. Watson asked if Metro was hoping for a revolutionary concept to deal with the constraints on the transportation system. Ms. Bradway noted that Metro aimed to balance grappling with state of repair issues and technological innovation. She explained efforts to implement Transit Single Priority (TSP) as a way to improve transit reliability through technological innovation.
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- Commissioner Dick Schouten asked if the Metro had implemented TSP throughout the region and he noted the success of Eugene's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system. Ms. Bradway noted that Metro is exploring BRT and articulated buses. Commissioner Schouten asked about ODOT's efforts to adopt Metro's urban design standards. Ms. Bradway explained that she and Metro Council President Lynn Peterson approached ODOT leadership and suggested that they adopt Metro's urban design standards as a pilot.
- Chair Schrader asked about how Metro addressed the lack of transportation connections between the Eastern and Western parts of the region. Mr. Shaw noted that the Burnside Bridge was identified as a key regional lifeline in the event of an emergency. Chair Schrader asked if Metro could provide more information on relevant land use practices for successful corridors.

### **5.3 Housing Implementation and Communications Update**

Chair Schrader introduced Jes Larson, Principal Regional Planner and Valeria Vidal, Associate Management Analyst, to present on the Housing Implementation and Communications Update.

*Key elements of the presentation included:*

Ms. Vidal provided an overview of Metro's Affordable Housing Bond. She noted the seven eligible implementation partners, including Beaverton, Clackamas County, Gresham, Hillsboro, Home Forward, Portland, Washington County and Metro's Site Acquisition Program.

Ms. Vidal stated that the Metro Council adopted a framework to guide program implementation. She explained the implementation strategy requirements, including creating a development plan, establishing strategies for advancing racial equity and engaging historically marginalized communities. Ms. Vidal shared the implementation schedule which consisted of developing and reviewing Local Implementation Strategies. She emphasized that Metro's Oversight Committee had approved 7 out of 8 Local Implementation Strategies and made recommendations to the Metro Council. Ms. Vidal highlighted several Metro Affordable Housing Bond Phase 1 projects, including "The Mary Ann" apartments in Downtown Beaverton.

Ms. Larson shared Metro and DHM's public opinion research on affordable housing. She provided background on the research and more information on the research's purpose. Mr. Larson stated that the research aimed to understand which messages about affordable housing were most effective. She remarked that DHM Research Panel survey was an online tool used to understand opinions about regional and statewide policy.

Ms. Larson shared several questions and voters initial responses to those questions. She noted that most people tended to agree with the following statement: "I support building more affordable housing in my neighborhood." Ms. Larson also indicated that the voters also tended to agree that "more housing option provide shelter for those in need and keep our neighborhoods safe and enjoyable for everyone." She also highlighted a few messages that were less effective, such as the following statement: "more affordable housing in my neighborhood would support local businesses."

*Member discussion included:*

- Councilor Gretchen Buehner asked if the survey had specific polling information that compared results between seniors and families. Ms. Larson stated that she was happy to provide more information in a later discussion.
- Councilor Theresa Kohlhoff asked the presenter to provide more insight into California's efforts in mandating specific affordable housing regulations. Chair Schrader noted that House Bill 2001 was discussed in the next MPAC meeting.

## **6.0 ADJOURN**

Chair Schrader adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marlene Guzman  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
5.1	Presentation	11/13/19	Update on the 2040 Planning and Development Grants Presentation	111319m-01
5.2	Presentation	11/13/19	Regional Transportation Funding Measure Update Presentation	111319m-02
5.3	Presentation	11/13/19	Housing Bond Implementation and Communications Update	111319m-03