# FY 2021-22 ADOPTED BUDGET WORKSESSION 2

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# Summary

This work session includes two budget notes Metro Councilors wish to have additional conversation about from the work session held June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. There is a single amendment discussed as it relates to one of the budget notes. Council will take no vote on these actions today and the associated amendment does not change the underlying budget resolution that is voted on by amendments on June 10<sup>th</sup> or June 17<sup>th</sup>.

# **Councilor Budget Notes**

# Councilor Stacey Budget Note #1: Willamette Cove Future Funding

Directs \$10 million of beginning fund balance in the Parks Bond Fund be set aside for potential allocation by Metro council to the Willamette Cove project in the future.

# Councilor Nolan, Gonzalez & Stacey Budget Note #1: Supportive Housing Services for Winter Safety

Council has a continued commitment to work with the Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties to achieve long-term permanent housing and wrap-around services. This budget note expresses Council's simultaneous commitment for Metro to provide additional tools for Counties to help meet immediate needs for emergency and winter-safe shelter. This note directs the Chief Operating Officer to provide a report by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 covering a full inventory of existing and planned shelter capacity that will be available by December 1, 2021- including temporary spaces, as well as estimates of shelter demand. This note also directs the Chief Operating Officer to conduct performance analysis and gap assessments of the Local Implementation Plan, accompanied by proactive engagement of national experts and leaders in the transition from homelessness to permanent housing.

# Associated Amendment(s)

#### Parks & Nature

• #414- Technical	Designates \$10,000,000 of beginning fund balance in the Parks Bond Fund is
Willamette Cove Future	reserved for future projects at Willamette Cove. This does not change
Projects	appropriation as the resource will stay in beginning fund balance. This
Councilor Stacey Budget	amendment designates the fund balance.
<u>Note #1</u>	

Full Text Council Budget Notes

### Councilor Stacey Budget Note #1: Willamette Cove Future Funding

#### FY 2021-22 Council Proposals

For Budget Note Discussion

**Budget Note Title:** 

Willamette Cove Future Funding

#### **Budget Note Narrative:**

The Willamette Cove property is made up of 27 acres and approximately 3000 feet of Willamette River shoreline. For anyone that has had a chance to visit this remarkable property it's clear that there are tremendous opportunities and challenges on this site. Metro has worked with partners over the years on several cleanup efforts however contamination remains throughout the site. As the landowner Metro has a responsibility to current residents and future generations to clean up the site and make it safe for a range of passive recreational activities. Metro also has a responsibility to engage with stakeholders at the site including tribes that have historical uses at the site, community groups and neighbors.

In December 2020, the Metro Council voted to include Willamette Cove in the list of projects that would be eligible for funding from the 2019 Parks and Nature bond measure. Since that time, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has selected a cleanup plan for the upland portion of Willamette Cove that would leave some contaminated soil on-site under a cap. While the selected environmental remedy does not have universal support from the community, Metro Council recognizes that a different cleanup may have serious drawbacks including prohibitive costs, and that there are other portions of work at Willamette Cove beyond the uplands cleanup for which the costs are still unknown.

Because the extent of the costs associated with a different cleanup of the upland portion of Willamette Cove are not known in May 2021, the Metro Council directs staff to return in November 2021 and provide a report on the project and receive further direction regarding the type of cleanup the Council will authorize. To ensure adequate funds are at the Council's disposal, the Council directs the COO to reserve \$10 million of beginning fund balance in the Parks Bond Fund for potential allocation by the Metro Council to the Willamette Cove project in the future.

Councilor # 1 Stacey

# Councilor Nolan, Gonzalez & Stacey Budget Note #1: Supportive Housing Services for Winter Safety

#### FY 2021-22 Council Proposals

For Budget Note Discussion

**Budget Note Title:** 

Supportive Housing Services for Winter Safety

#### **Budget Note Narrative:**

Under the Supportive Housing Services Program approved by voters and framed by Metro, Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties have developed Local Implementation Plans, which dedicate funds to a variety of services with the end goal of ending chronic homelessness. While conventional shelter itself does not end chronic homelessness, it is a key component that all three counties included in their LIPs to address immediate, short-term safety needs for those experiencing homelessness.

While the Counties work to ramp up all parts of their strategies, Metro Council gives the following specific guidance to Metro staff for FY21-22 about the role of temporary shelter space in the first years of this program:

- (1) Council directs the Chief Operating Officer to provide by September 1st, 2021, a report to Council and a presentation for discussion at a Council work session covering information that includes at least:
  - a. An inventory of Metro properties that could be made available to Counties, Cities, social service organizations and other non-profit entities for the purpose of hosting additional temporary warm and dry, clean and secure sleeping options (or shelter);
  - b. A compilation of existing and planned capacity for warm and dry, clean and secure sleeping (shelter) within the Metro Service District owned or operated by Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties, cities within those counties and non-government organizations planned to be available by December 1, 2021. Temporary winter shelter capacity should be included in this memorandum. Metro staff will provide quarterly written reports to Council with updated shelter capacity across the region, which will be discussed at Council work sessions.
  - c. An estimate based on the most current, complete and accurate information available, of the number of people likely to have no warm and dry, clean and secure sleeping options for the '21-22 winter. This number will come to Council along with the most recent data and analysis of the total number of homeless individuals (both by HUD definition and other government metrics) within the Metro region.
- (2) Council directs the Chief Operating Officer to coordinate with Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties to conduct on-going performance analysis and gap assessments of the totality (or summation) of Local Implementation Plan program strategies in context of the collective regional need. Metro staff

Councilors #1 Nolan, Gonzalez & Stacey will provide quarterly written reports to Council with updated analysis providing the Metro Council an opportunity to collaborate with regional partners to address identified system barriers and issues.

- (3) Council directs the Chief Operating Officer to engage national experts and leaders in the transition from homelessness to permanent housing to advise Council on the effectiveness and potential adaptability of approaches used successfully in other regions and cities to move equitably and expeditiously to permanent housing while stabilizing the health, well-being and dignity of all homeless neighbors until they too achieve permanent housing.
- (4) Annually in November, beginning with 2021, Metro Council will host a public conversation and round table, either independently or with the tri-county homeless services planning body, with regional elected leaders, service providers, community groups of and by BIPOC communities, representatives of workers, representatives of businesses, school districts, the faith community and the general public to assess the state of shelter and emergency shelter and make plans for improving the regional outcomes.