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Minutes

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

10:30 AM

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,
<https://www.youtube.com/live/kYCjwH-JP64?feature=share>,
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> Webinar ID: 615 079 992 or
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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.

Council President Peterson stated that Resolution No. 23-5345 was taken off the Consent Agenda and there will be public comment opportunity.

Present: 7 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Duncan Hwang, 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. There was none.

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

3. Resolutions

- 3.1 **Resolution No. 23-5345**, For the Purpose of Adding Three new Projects and Canceling One Project to the 2021-24 MTIP Enabling Required Federal Approval Actions to Move Forward

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5345](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)

3.1.1 Public Comment Opportunity for Resolution No. 23-5345

A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Simpson

Council President Peterson called on Tom Kloster, Metro and Ted Leybold (he/him), Metro to present to Council.

Leybold explained the projects being added and the one canceled. He noted some of the funding sources of the projects. He mentioned that there was a comment in opposition.

Council Discussion:

President Peterson asked to go over the two transit projects.

Leybold stated that the projects were for the Beaverton Transit Center and for the Beaverton School District.

Public Hearing:

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on Resolution No. 23-5345. There were none.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Rosenthal asked about the grant addition for seismic work and how it is different from previous work. Shilpa Mallem (she/her), IBR noted that the work is supplemental to the CRC. She noted that the test is to see how to stabilize the ground during construction and minimize risk.

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

4. Other Business

4.1 Climate Justice Task Force Budget Note Presentation

Presenter(s): Victor Sin (he/him), Policy Advisor, Metro
Mychal Tetteh (he/him), Community Services Program Director, Metro
Eliot Rose (he/him), Senior Transportation Planner Metro

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
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Council President Peterson introduced Marissa Madrigal (she/her), Chief Operating Officer to present.

Staff pulled up the *Budget Note: Climate Justice and Resilience PowerPoint* to present to Council.

Madrigal discussed the background of the Climate Justice Task Force. Victor Sin (he/him), Metro mentioned their definitions of Climate Justice and Resilience and discussed the work of the task force. Sin also discussed the feedback they received from their workshops. Eliot Rose (he/him), Metro explained the Regional EPA Climate Pollution Reduction grant and what drives Metro's climate work. Mychal Tetteh (he/him), Metro explained the foundation of the framework which included the vision, equity principles and the proposed work plan.

Council Discussion

Councilor Gonzalez noted his excitement for this work and thanked staff for their work. He suggested that they make sure that implementation helps the communities on the frontlines.

Councilor Hwang thanked staff and the community partners for their work. He suggested that they lift up community voices.

Councilor Simpson thanked Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Hwang, and staff for their work. He suggested thinking about how Metro can be an example for the region. He noted that

people may move to the region because of the work Metro is doing.

Councilor Nolan commented that they have had ambitious climate goals and have relied on others to achieve them. For example, reduce greenhouse gas emissions that relied on the electrification of the entire fleet. Councilor Nolan asked how the task force and their work will rely on what Metro or their partners control.

Sin mentioned that there is an incentive for partners because of the grant program.

Councilor Nolan commented that the bigger incentive is the infrastructure grant that will happen. They are interested in having conversations on how to use those funds.

Rose explained that the grant program requires quantifying the impact of the proposed actions for implementation funding.

Councilor Lewis suggested working across departments to amplify their regional investments, particularly in workforce development in WPES. She mentioned that many in her district live in unincorporated Clackamas County, and they do not have a county Climate Action Plan. She asked about the outreach done in District 2.

Rose noted that they had two open-ended listening sessions and there is time for more people to get involved. He mentioned that there are concerns about capacity building and that they can advocate to the EPA for follow-up dollars.

Councilor Lewis suggested that they share their work with C4, WCCC, MPAC, and JPACT.

Sin mentioned that task force members were also involved

in efforts of different departments. He also mentioned that staff is working on department coordination.

Councilor Rosenthal noted climate injustices, like not having enough trees and that disadvantaged communities lived in floodplains in the past. He asked about maintaining strong coordination between Metro and other jurisdictions.

Sin noted that in the next phase, staff will look into the resources and capacity needed to do engagement with their partners.

President Peterson commented that Metro can propose projects, not just react to projects brought to them. She suggested that they be more proactive and work with other parts of the region to propose projects. President Peterson also suggested having a minimum standard for engagement with emphasis on those without good access or capacity building.

Councilor Hwang asked about the deliverables of the planning grant. He also asked if the process is like the RTP.

Rose explained that they need a preliminary Climate Action Plan, due in the spring, and a second Climate Action Plan due in Summer 2025.

Rose noted that it is like the RTP process, but maybe more narrowly focused because of the three criteria. He also mentioned that the projects need to be in line with EPA requirements.

Councilor Rosenthal commented that the meanings of climate justice and resilience are different in different parts of the region. He suggested having tailored responses for specific parts of the region.

Councilor Nolan commented on the importance of having a regional response on what does and does not get built. They suggested having an opportunity for the climate regional table to weigh on other infrastructure investments.

President Peterson thanked staff for their work.

5. Chief Operating Officer Communication

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

- The deadline for the Expo Futures RFP is due today
- The Employee Engagement survey will be open in a couple of weeks
- Metro Leadership retreat at the Zoo tomorrow

6. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- **Councilor Hwang** mentioned a tour of the Oregon Convention Center, a visit from Secretary Pete Buttigieg, and an update on the TOD program.
- **Councilor Lewis** mentioned the visit from Secretary Pete Buttigieg and an update on the Keller project.

Council Discussion

President Peterson asked about the criteria for the request for land. She also asked if the City of Portland is trying to achieve a bigger vision through relocation.

Councilor Lewis stated that it is open-ended, so people can call back. She noted that if no one is willing to sell, then relocation is no longer possible. Councilor Lewis noted that it must be in the core and there is minimum acreage.

- **Councilor Simpson** mentioned the visit from Secretary Pete Buttigieg
- **Councilor Gonzalez** mentioned the Community Choice

grants for Parks and Nature, that the RTP draft is published for public comment, and a meeting with the Oregon Transportation Commission.

- **Councilor Rosenthal** mentioned the opening of Terrace Glen.
- **President Peterson** mentioned the CoMotion Conference and an update from the regional toll advisory committee.

Council Discussion

Councilor Rosenthal asked if the Vehicle Mile Tax was part of the discussion.

President Peterson stated that it was not, it would have to be legislatively directed.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jemeshia Taylor, Legislative Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 11, 2023

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Powerpoint	07/11/2023	Budget Note: Climate Justice and Resilience Presentation	071123c-01
2.0	Testimony	07/11/2023	Jennifer Schloming Testimony	071123c -02
3.0	Testimony	07/11/2023	Peter Wilcox Testimony	071123c -03
4.0	Testimony	07/11/2023	Susan Bladholm Testimony	071123c-04