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Minutes

Thursday, June 21, 2018

3:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Council work session

3:30 Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 3:03 p.m.

Present: 6 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Betty Dominguez, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

Absent: 1 - Councilor Shirley Craddick

3:35 Chief Operating Officer Communication

None.

Work Session Topics:

3:40 Direction to Staff to Release Draft RTP and Draft Strategies for Freight, Transit, and Safety for Public Review

Council President Hughes introduced Ms. Kim Ellis, Principal Transportation Planner, to present on the Release Draft RTP and Draft Strategies.

Ms. Ellis stated she was to provide an update on the draft RTP and strategies for freight, transit, and safety, and to ask for Council's direction. She recalled the RTP's development, funding and requirements. She announced staff was in Phase Five of the RTP timeline, which meant adopting a plan of action. She noted the meaningful, ongoing engagement, noting the nearly eighteen-thousand individual touch points had from 2015-18. She explained the \$22 billion planned through 2040 and \$15.4 billion on the constrained list. She addressed the constrained priorities through a pie graph which broke down costs. She provided updates on the constrained list that responded to policy direction and public priorities which focused on the following:

- shifting timing
- adding safety and equity components

- completing bike and pedestrian network
- accelerating transit
- increasing street connectivity
- addressing congestion

She provided updates to the goals and revisions to policies, presented the new equity policies, and noted the local implementation plans. She listed grants and resources, technical assistance, and planning support and data. She explained the Emerging Technology Program which included the following:

- Funded technology pilot projects to test new approaches to connecting people to shared travel options
- Convened partners to establish new shared mobility policies that align with the Emerging Technology Strategy
- Developed better data and tools to account for the impacts of emerging technology in transportation planning efforts
- Advocated for state and federal technology policy that supports regional goals

She reviewed the region-wide planning for the next five years, providing a list that included policy updates, programs, projects and studies. She described the ongoing coordination needed for transit provider implementation. She conveyed the strategies, goals and recommendations which guided the corridor refinement planning. She explained the draft RTP had sections which mapped out the major project development and a section on measuring and tracking outcome. She listed the following five documents

that would go out for public comment pending Councilor's approval:

1. 2018 Regional Transportation Plan
2. Regional Transportation Safety Strategy
3. Regional Freight Strategy
4. Regional Transit Strategy
5. Emerging Technology Strategy

She concluded by noting next steps and opportunities to receive feedback during the comment period.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Stacey reported feedback from the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation meeting earlier that morning, expressing generally all were on board to continue in the direction staff were headed. Councilor Dirksen mentioned he was eager to hear back from the public comment. Councilor Dominguez recalled the heavy conversation she heard during the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee meeting. Councilor Harrington emphasized Councilor's work ahead in relation to the examples of regional-scale planning needed to address unresolved issues. Councilors provided approval for staff to move forward.

4:45 Councilor Communication

Councilor Chase proposed inviting TriMet to a Council meeting to provide an update on the Low Income Fares Strategy. Councilor Dirksen addressed the letter on value pricing, and asked for permission to send. Councilors provided feedback and agreed to send once revisions were made.

4:50 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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