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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 30, 2018**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber**

**Council work session**

**2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call**

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session call to order at: 2:03PM.

**2:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Ms. Martha Bennett, Chief Operating Officer remaindered the Council that she had to do jury duty so she would be absent for Thursday's Council meeting. She added that there was a staff meeting on October 31st. Ms. Bennett shared that November was the month of charitable giving. She noted that there would be an announcement from some of the 2040 grantees.

**Work Session Topics:**

2:10 SW Corridor LUFO

Attachments: [Work Session Worksheet](#)  
[Official Notice Resolution Draft](#)  
[LUFO Adoption Resolution Draft](#)  
[PowerPoint](#)

Council President Hughes introduced Mr. Chris Ford and Ms. Hope Whitney, Metro staff. Mr. Ford announced that he had come before the council previously to discuss the preferred alternative recommendation from the SW Corridor steering committee. He added that he had come forward with Ms. Whitney to discuss Land Use Final Order (LUFO) process. Mr. Ford introduced Ms. Whitney to discuss the LUFO process. Ms. Whitney shared that LUFO was a single land use action for the Light Rail Transit (LRT) project. She noted that the process was created by the state legislative and was used for the Orange line standard process. Ms. Hope explained that Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) established a 13 criteria list for Metro. She added that there would be a public hearing and evidence in the record that the criteria had been met. Ms. Whitney mentioned that there was a LUFO steering committee that provided suggestions. She added

that the committee recommended location of the project improvements to TriMet. Ms. Whitney announced that the TriMet Board approved submittal on September 26th. She added that an application was submitted to Metro on October 11th. Ms. Whitney gave an overview of the hearing procedure.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Stacey shared his thoughts and suggestions about the LUFO process. Councilor Craddick asked what the process was if constituents are concerned about their property. Councilor Harrington asked if there could be more transparency for the public and requested to have the 13 criteria requirements. Councilor Chase asked where is Metro in the LUFO process currently.

2:30 2019 Legislative Agenda

Attachments: [Work Session Worksheet](#)  
[Legislative Issue: Conservation Tax Deferral](#)  
[Legislative Issue: Jurisdictional Transfer](#)  
[Legislative Issue: Product Stewardship](#)  
[Legislative Issue: Automated Vehicles](#)  
[Legislative Issue: Clean Diesel](#)

**Conservation Tax Deferral**

Council President Hughes introduced Metro Staff, Mr. Randy Tucker. Mr. Tucker informed the Council that in 2015, there was a bill called HB 2127 introduced on the behalf of the Oregon State Association of County Assessors passed unanimously. He shared that HB 2127 would help counties collect delinquent taxes on property disqualified from farm and forest deferral. Mr. Tucker informed the Council that HB 2127 deferred taxes for land that were under a special assessment program. He noted that the tax wasn't exempted for land trust, government organizations and other Metro conservation partners. Mr. Tucker added that

Metro was exempt from the tax. He recommended that Metro support others in efforts of protecting natural areas.

### **Council Discussion**

Council President Hughes asked who would oppose the approval of the bill. Councilor Dominguez asked if this bill would affect land trust transfers into housing. Councilor Craddick asked would this require deferrable taxes had to be paid by the new owner.

### **Jurisdictional Transfer**

Mr. Tucker discussed that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) mission focused on intercity travel and freight movement rather than local travel. He added that the state has not made investments to bring these roads up to multimodal urban standards. Mr. Tucker recalled that ODOT and Metro had partnered to figure out investment choices. He explained that local and state would have to agree in order for the bill to pass. He announced that the roads needed to safely accommodate several different kinds of users. Mr. Tucker suggested that the Council supports the jurisdictional transfer of state-owned highways.

### **Council Discussion**

Councilor Craddick asked if ODOT supports the Bill. Councilor Harrington shared her concerns about the jurisdictional process.

### **Product Stewardship**

He explained that product stewardship was an approach to environmental management. Mr. Tucker added that the goal was to make whoever was responsible for creating a

product be responsible of minimizing its environmental impact throughout the product's life cycle. He announced that there was several organizations that had endorsed the legislation and Metro was a member of the Product Stewardship Institute. Mr. Tucker expressed that Metro would support the legislation and not take the lead. He recommended that Metro supports the product stewardship programs for additional product categories. Mr. Tucker mentioned Metro proposal to establish a waste program for household hazardous waste.

### **Council Discussion**

Councilor Harrington asked a clarifying question. Councilor Craddick asked how legislation works for product stewardship. Councilor Chase shared his thoughts.

### **Automated Vehicles**

Mr. Tucker shared that the automated vehicles (AVs) were used to operate independently of input from human drivers. He added that AVs were being tested in warm temperature areas in the United States. Mr. Tucker noted that it was too early to say if there was positive or negative impacts on safety, transportation equity, jobs, congestion, emissions, and health. He noted that it was critical for Metro and local partners to have insight on how AVs use the regional streets so there could be a plan for transportation as technology evolves. Mr. Tucker suggested that Metro Support legislation advancing AV testing.

### **Council Discussion**

Council Stacey asked if Lyft promotes redemption.

### **Clean Diesel**

He shared that reducing greenhouse gasses and diesel particulate emissions was a goal in Metro's Regional transportation Plan (RTP) and Regional Waste Plan (RWP). Mr. Tucker discussed that Metro had prepared efforts to reduce diesel emissions.

He highlighted the following items in actions that Metro had organized to reduce diesel emissions:

- o Required trucks with best available emission technology for long-hauling the region's garbage to the landfill in Gilliam County
- o Implement and provide funds for a program to retrofit 119 of the most polluting garbage trucks in the Metro area
- o Work with a wide range of partners to address barriers to the conversion of diesel truck fleets
- o Make Regional Flexible Fund Allocation (RFFA) investments in TriMet diesel bus filter installation and school bus retrofits
- o Submit letters of support for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grants for TriMet's and SMART's conversion to non-diesel buses

Mr. Tucker recommended that Metro should support through testimony, letters and similar means.

### **Council Discussion**

Councilor Harrington requested for the inclusion of the health data. Councilor Chase shared his thoughts on modern day diesel. Councilor Craddick asked if there was any discussion about personal car usage that are diesel.

### **3:15 Councilor Communication**

Councilor Harrington shared her thoughts about Committee on Racial Equity (CORE).

### **3:30 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:32p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Bentley".

ShaToyia Bentley, Council Policy Assistant