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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 2, 2019**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber**

**Council work session**

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

Council President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council work session called to order at 2:04 p.m.

**Present:** 4 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, and Juan Carlos Gonzalez

**Excused:** 2 - Councilor Bob Stacey, and Lynn Peterson

**2:05 Safety Briefing****Work Session Topics:**

2:10 Regional Investment Strategy: Transportation Investment Measure Update

Attachments: [Work Session Worksheet](#)  
[PowerPoint: Transportation Funding Measure Update](#)

Deputy Council President Chase introduced Mr. Andy Shaw and Ms. Tyler Frisbee. Mr. Shaw provided a brief overview of the upcoming public engagement periods for Metro's transportation and parks and nature bonds.

Mr. Shaw reported on the most recent Transportation Task Force meeting and stated that the members of the task force had shown significant interest and progress. Ms. Frisbee provided an overview of where the task force currently sits in terms of the process schedule and noted that the task force's values, outcomes, dedication to racial equity, and agreement on potential corridors for investment significantly aligned with Metro's goals.

Ms. Frisbee introduced a revised corridors investment map and addressed any changes that had been made by the task force, including the addition of new corridors. She stated the task force would be spending the next three meetings delving into these new corridor projects and exploring how they may be transformed moving forward. Ms. Frisbee explained the task force corridor priorities as encouraging Metro staff's evaluation of corridors based on criteria that match each task force outcome/value, recognizing each task force member's unique experience and expertise, providing

maps and other data as informational tools for the community, and gaining an understanding of the community's feedback.

Mr. Shaw added that the task force would be asked at the next meeting to pick the top 15 corridors they believe should be invested in the most.

#### *Council Discussion*

Councilor Gonzalez inquired how teams for each corridor project would be created.

Councilor Dirksen mentioned concerns he had received from Clackamas County on access to the invested corridors. He inquired if staff had heard of these concerns before and requested feedback on how to respond. Mr. Shaw responded that the invested corridors would allow for transit from the counties outside of the Metro area into more urbanized areas where job and educational opportunities are higher. Thus, these corridors still primarily serve counties right outside of their boundaries.

Councilor Craddick advised for Metro to be wary of counties assuming funding before the completion of the project selection process. Councilor Craddick further requested clarification of whether the corridor projects identified in the revised map would be fully funded.

Councilor Gonzalez inquired of turnover within the task force and the commitment of individuals within the committee. Mr. Shaw responded that a majority of members had been incredibly committed and turnover had dropped following the first meeting.

Councilor Gonzales inquired how the Southwest corridor is represented in the map and what that entails. Ms. Frisbee

responded since Council had already given direction to invest within this corridor, the task force will be focusing on other corridors as to avoid spending their time repeating the evaluation process that staff and Council have already followed.

Councilor Craddick inquired if there was an expectation to match funding with local jurisdictions. Ms. Frisbee responded it is too early to say, however, Metro's role would vary depending on the project and the impact of the investment either on a local or regional level.

Councilor Dirksen asked about a table that was presented in 2018 prioritizing transportation projects by the need for investment and level of investment, including at a local and regional level, and whether that table could apply to this measure.

#### **2:40 Legislative Briefing**

Mr. Shaw stated that multiple bills were scheduled to be passed by the state on April 9, 2019, and an update would be provided following their hearings. He added that the Cap and Trade Bill's amendments had been released and confirmed to be in alignment with Metro's Climate Smart goals.

Mr. Shaw explained Metro's ongoing negotiations to exempt the region from the Housing and Land Use Bill (Senate Bill 10) due to the region's existing population density policies. He briefly explained that Housing Bill 2001 might be adjusted to include language that would modify Metro's methods for forecasting density and growth within the region. Mr. Shaw described House Bill 2003 and explained Metro's support of the idea behind the bill; however, the timeline the bill has proposed of one year is not plausible to implement the changes indicated.

Mr. Shaw described the current discussion surrounding a

potential Senate bill that would provide organizations such as Metro the authority to oversee the public's ability to carry concealed weapons within Metro facilities. He additionally reported Metro recently submitted testimony in support for a plastic bag ban and provided an update on the Mattress Recycling Bill (Senate Bill 276), which is scheduled for a hearing on April 4, 2019.

Mr. Shaw stated that language had been drafted to cover Metro's facilities in alignment with House Bill 3253.

*Councilor Discussion*

Councilor Craddick inquired about funding for the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) bill. Mr. Shaw responded that it is too early to tell, and the results may vary depending on the input of other stakeholders before the bill is passed. Councilor Chase inquired of the methodology that ODOT is using to measure carbon emissions and the accuracy of the process.

Councilor Chase inquired of the impact of the amendments to the Housing Bill 2001 and how that may change Metro's process for forecasting. He further added his support for Metro's forecasting work thus far and the scientific approach taken to addressing regional housing and growth expansion.

Councilor Lewis requested for Metro staff to address the effect of Housing Bill 2003 on county resources and the importance of the counties being included in the conversation surrounding this bill. Councilor Chase inquired if the Housing Bill 2003 could be a catalyst for new housing forecasting and measuring methodologies.

Councilor Craddick inquired of the status of the Household Hazardous Waste Bill. Councilor Gonzalez asked about

Senator Betsy Johnson's housing bill and asked if Washington approved funding for the Columbia River Crossing project. Councilor Chase requested for more information regarding measures relevant to clean diesel outcomes.

**3:10 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Ms. Martha Bennett, Metro's Chief Operating Officer, stated that Mr. Tim Collier would be leaving Metro as the Finance and Regulatory Services Director to join as the Chief Financial Officer at Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue after ten years of service. She added that Mr. Andrew Scott, Metro's Deputy Chief Operating Officer, will be choosing an interim, and the recruitment process would begin shortly after.

Ms. Bennett noted incoming testimony regarding the new City of Roses waste transfer facility, which has a hearing scheduled for the first week of May.

**3:15 Councilor Communication**

Councilor Dirksen reported on his recent presentation at the Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) meeting on April 1, 2019. He provided a brief overview of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)'s transportation projects in the region and noted their alignment with Metro's transportation goals. Councilor Dirksen stated that the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) program had proposed new projects, for which Metro has indicated support.

**3:20 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Chase adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janani Srinivasan, Council Policy Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 2, 2019**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1.0	PowerPoint	4/2/2019	Transportation Funding Measure Update	040219cw-01
2.0	Handout	4/2/2019	Revised Corridors Map	040219cw -02