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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 7, 2020**

**2:00 PM**

**<https://zoom.us/j/471155552> or 877-853-5257 (toll free)**

**Council work session**

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

Council President Lynn Peterson called the work session to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Present:** 6 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

**Excused:** 1 - Councilor Bob Stacey

**Work Session Topics:****2:05 Regional Investment Strategy: Transportation Measure**

President Peterson introduced Andy Shaw, Director of Government and Policy Affairs, and Margi Bradway, Deputy Director of Planning and Development, to present on the Transportation Investment Measure.

Mr. Shaw provided an overview of the transportation measure referral process and timeline. He listed the resolutions up for referral: the expenditure plan, outcome documents, corridor investment package, regionwide programs, and transportation measure and ballot title.

Mr. Shaw discussed the measure's revenue mechanism and reviewed its goals: advance council and task force goals and outcomes, deliver transformative project and program investments, and fulfill community visions and needs. Mr. Shaw outlined the revenue need as \$250 million per year.

Mr. Kennedy provided an overview of two revenue mechanism scenarios. He explained that scenario A would consist of a .65% payroll tax and a vehicle registration fee of \$38 per year, and scenario B would consist of a .6% payroll tax which would increase to .75% payroll tax in 2026 and no vehicle registration fee. Mr. Kennedy explained that under both scenarios tax collection would begin in 2022, small

businesses would be exempt from the payroll tax, and initial project investment (bonding) would begin in 2021.

Mr. Shaw outlined the projects and programs that would be funded under both scenarios: regionwide programs and most corridor projects within 15 years. Ms. Bradway highlighted the proposed refinement criteria regarding task force priorities, racial equity potential, geographic distribution, and leverage potential.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Gonzalez recommended that staff consider a scenario option in which no corridors and programs were cut from the measure.

Councilor Chase expressed support for scenario A and advocated against the yearly vehicle registration fee. He inquired about the payroll tax ramp up process and small business exemption.

Councilor Lewis expressed support for tax collection beginning in 2022 and the 25% threshold for the small businesses. She recommended that staff consider a scenario without a vehicle registration fee.

Councilor Dirksen emphasized the importance of having a revenue stream that would be sufficient towards funding all programs and project. He expressed support for scenario A. Councilor Dirksen raised concerns about solely relying on one revenue mechanism to fund the measure.

President Peterson proposed that Metro resume discussions with the business community to draft an alternative scenario that would provide sufficient funding for all measure programs and project. She explained that the Council would not go forward with a vehicle registration

fee. President Peterson inquired about the ramp up schedule.

Councilors expressed support for President Peterson's proposal.

Ms. MacLaren explained that the ramp up schedule could be set before or after measure adoption.

Councilor Chase and Lewis expressed support for establishing a limit for the pay roll tax rate.

**3:20 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Ms. Madrigal provided updates regarding the Oregon Zoo reopening. She emphasized the importance of practicing social distancing measures in Metro parks and natural areas.

**3:25 Councilor Communication**

There was none.

**3:30 Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 07, 2020**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1.0	PowerPoint	07/07/2020	Get Moving 2020: Revenue and Refinement Approach	070720cw-01