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Minutes

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

2:00 PM

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Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting call to order at: 2:01 p.m.

Present: 7 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Bob Stacey, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, and Councilor Mary Nolan

Work Session Topics:

2:05 Regional Mobility Policy Update: Potential Mobility Policy Elements and Most Promising Measures

Presenter(s): Margi Bradway, Metro
Kim Ellis, Metro

Council President Peterson introduced Margi Bradway and Kim Ellis to present on the Regional Mobility Policy Update.

Kim Ellis summarized the work Metro and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) have completed so far on the project. She explained that this policy update focuses on how jurisdictions in the Portland area define and measure transportation mobility.

Ms. Ellis reviewed the project timeline and explained that after updating the policy and measures this work will be implemented by 2023. She explained that staff is finalizing a series of factsheets in order to provide a better picture of what transportation mobility looks like around the region and where they would like to see improvements. Ms. Ellis reviewed the following focus areas staff would like to see implemented in the updated policy: Access, Time Efficiency, Reliability, Safety and Travel Options.

After Ms. Ellis reviewed the technical components of the project, she explained to Council that community engagement is the next step in their timeline. Furthermore,

she highlighted the importance of continued JPACT and Council direction after reviewing the results of their community engagement efforts.

Margi Bradway explained that working with ODOT is important towards implementing this work on regional level. However, she also highlighted that based on stakeholder feedback this policy update will try to move away from ODOT's historical approach of centering car mobility in transportation developments and move towards the community preferred multi-modal approach.

Ms. Ellis responded to Councilor Craddick's question and explained that only a select few of broad measures will likely be incorporated and that the final decision in terms of state implementation of these measures are based on the approval of the Oregon Transportation Commission. Ms. Bradway added that staff hopes that this regional policy update will also guide state level transportation policy plans. Additionally, Ms. Ellis explained that staff still needs to develop clear outcome metrics in order to properly evaluate racial and geographical equity goals and priorities.

Responding to Councilor Nolan's questions, Ms. Bradway explained that there are two written agreements between high level ODOT staff and Metro demonstrating ODOT's commitment towards working together in this partnership. She explained that after staff conducts their case studies they will have a better idea of which areas help reach equity and climate goals and which areas need improvement.

Council Discussion

Councilor Stacey expressed his concerns with ODOT's standards and definitions of mobility while doing community planning. He explained that he feels that ODOT often focuses more on creating auto oriented development

rather than multi-modal and community informed transportation development.

Councilor Lewis thanked staff for their work and expressed her excitement and anticipation for this important mobility work. She asked staff to develop a plan to address the different designations and standards of functioning class when determining development. Furthermore, she asked staff to further define what traffic stress means and making sure that this definition incorporates all aspects of traffic stress.

Councilor Craddick asked staff if there was an opportunity to implement a variety of different forms of mobility measurements and standards. Additionally, she asked staff if ODOT is on board with the direction of some of the proposed policy updates.

Councilor Rosenthal asked staff to reflect on the time efficiency and access priority areas and see where they can further develop and incorporate equity in these priority areas.

Councilor Gonzalez asked staff how this policy update fits in with the congestion pricing tool that staff and OTC is currently developing.

Council President Peterson asked staff to elaborate on how they measure the 2018 Regional Transportation priorities and for them to begin to demonstrate where these priorities overlap and the progress being made. Additionally, she asked staff that in the future there should be more in depth discussions and focus on meeting these larger priority area goals.

Councilor Nolan thanked staff and her fellow Councilors for their work and their thoughtful comments. She encouraged

staff and Council to consider incorporating stronger language in the contract with ODOT and OTC in order to ensure that there is a mutual agreement that state level transportation policy will not impede regional transportation efforts.

Furthermore, Councilor Nolan asked staff to start from a climate and equity lens first while developing policy rather than justifying already planned policy decisions that might not inherently impede equity and climate goals but might not actually achieve them to the fullest extent.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to Chief Operating Officer Communication.

2:50 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Chief Operating Officer Marissa Madrigal (She/Her), introduced Andy Shaw Director of Government Affairs to present a legislative update.

2:55 Councilor Communication

Councilor Rosenthal provided an update on a WPES meeting.

Councilor Nolan shared various updates from the Area Committee on Transportation meeting she attended.

3:00 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2021

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	04/13/2021	Regional Mobility Program Update	041321cw-01