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METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Christine Lewis
Gerritt Rosenthal
Martha Schrader
Joe Buck
Gordon Hovies

Lacey Beaty
Kathy Hyzy
Mark Watson

Rachel Lyles Smith
Vince Jones-Dixon
Ed Gronke
Terri Preeg Riggsby

Pam Treece
Carmen Rubio
Linda Glover

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
Metro Council
Clackamas County
City of Lake Oswego, Largest City in Clackamas County
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Special Districts in
Washington County
City of Beaverton, Second Largest City in Washington County
City of Milawaukie, Clackamas County
Hillsboro School District Board of Directors, Governing Body of a
School District
City of Oregon City, Second Largest City in Clackamas County
City of Gresham, Second Largest City in Multnomah County
Citizen of Clackamas County
West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Special
Districts in Multnomah County
Washington County
City of Portland
City of Vancouver

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ted Wheeler
Brian Cooper
Jim Rue
Brian Hodson
James Fage
Peter Truax
Susheela Jayapal
Kirstin Greene
Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong
Luis Nava
Kathy Wai
Temple Lentz
Steve Callaway

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
City of Fairview, Other Cities in Multnomah County
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
City of Canby, City in Clackamas County outside UGB
City of North Plains, City in Washington County outside UGB
City of Forest Grove, Other Cities in Washington County
Multnomah County
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
Port of Portland
Citizen of Washington County
TriMet
Clark County
City of Hillsboro, largest city in Washington County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Anthony Martin
Kate Mohr
Jeannine Rustad
Kathryn Harrington

AFFILIATION

City of Hillsboro, Largest City in Washington County
King City, Other Cities in Washington County
Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District
Washington County

OTHERS PRESENT: Adam Barber, Anne Debbaut, David Berniker, Erin Doyle, Jaimie Lorenzini, Jean Senechal Biggs, Jeff Gudman, Jeff Owen, Jules Walters, Megan McKibben, Rachel Dawson

STAFF: Carrie MacLaren, Jaye Cromwell, Connor Ayers, Rachael Lembo, Megan Gibb, Nui Bezaire, Patricia Rojas, Anneliese Koehler, Anne Buzzini, Ramona Perrault, Ted Reid

1. **CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, CHAIR COMMUNICATIONS**

First Vice Chair Joe Buck called the virtual meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There were none.

3. **COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilor Christine Lewis gave the Metro update. She announced that Metro Councilors would soon go on their August recess when they do not hold regularly scheduled meetings. Refinement continues on the Parks and Nature Bond Program, which started with local share materials. The 2019 parks bond will start to fund additional trails throughout the region. The Parks and Nature bond measure and local option levy aim to make the region's parks, trails, and natural areas as seamless and beautiful as possible. Parks and Nature staff have been asked to develop a potential levy renewal that can be referred to voters in 2022. Metro Council will decide by early 2022 whether to place the measure on the ballot that year.

4. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Mark Watson suggested members talk to their local school boards to discuss decisions that they will need to make in the fall as guidance on the pandemic changes rapidly.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Agenda Item 5.1 was set aside until the next MPAC meeting.

6. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6.1 Supportive Housing Services Update

Vice Chair Buck introduced Metro Staff Rachael Lembo to provide an overview on how the Supportive Housing Services tax is being collected and Metro Staff Patricia Rojas and Nui Bezaire to present on the program implementation.

Key points from the presentations included:

Ms. Lembo began by giving an overview of the tax, which is a new personal and business income tax. The program uses a 1% high earner personal income tax and 1% business profits tax. The implementation phase will take place over two years and is being worked on by the City of Portland. The first tax returns will be due in April 2022. As of June 30, 2021 \$1.5 million had been collected, though collections are expected to begin slowly. Ms. Lembo informed members that the original revenue estimate was \$250 million a year, which has now been revised to \$215 million a year. Metro remains confident in the impact of the measure in terms of population served. The expected revenue for the 2022 fiscal year is \$180 million, which is lower than other years due to pandemic impacts and the timing of payments. She concluded by emphasizing that we are only halfway through the implementation phase for these two new taxes, that while revenue estimates have been revised program outcomes are still achievable, and that collections are starting slow but substantial collections are expected in April 2022.

Ms. Rojas emphasized that they have a commitment to follow up promises to voters of the region, making it important to get the details of the program right. It is also a commitment to those who the program would help. She defined “supportive housing” as a strategy that combines permanent housing and wraparound services, which include healthcare, addiction/recovery, employment, education, rent subsidy, and more. The program also focuses on housing first. Ms. Rojas described how the program is leading with race to center lived experience and voices of BIPOC communities. She went over the other core values of the program which included stable housing for all, funding proven solutions, transparent oversight, and demonstrating outcomes. She reviewed the ways and strategies that will enable the program to provide services. Over the next 10 years the program expects to place 5,000 people into supportive housing and help 10,000 households that are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Ms. Rojas shared a short video.

Ms. Bezair shared how many people would be serviced by what aspects of the program in each of the three counties over the first year. She shared the capacity building goals over the first year that each county is working on. She gave an overview of an investment allocation snapshot for Washington, Clackamas, and Multnomah counties, highlighting projects in each county. She shared a short video with MPAC members. She explained what SHS hopes to accomplish in the short and long term, including reaching functional zero homelessness and getting thousands of people into housing each year. She shared one final short video demonstrating how SHS can change how different sectors can work together.

Ms. Rojas concluded the presentation by sharing the next steps for the program.

Member Discussion Included:

Citizen Ed Gronke asked how taxes would be collected for those outside of Multnomah County.

Ms. Lembo answered that Metro would be sharing information with those who live and work within the Metro boundary. Collection will look similar to filing state taxes. The city of Portland's role is to help Metro create and later process tax forms.

Vice Chair Buck asked if people would need to file through a Metro website or somewhere online.

Ms. Lembo confirmed that taxpayers would file their return through a website with the city of Portland: pro.portland.gov. There will be information on Metro's website but it will not collect forms.

Councilor Kathy Hyzy asked about the budget of \$10 million for Clackamas County and who had approved it. She noted that Clackamas County will receive an estimated \$30 million dollars.

Ms. Rojas confirmed that the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners has approved the budget and had committed to making budget amendments in the future.

Councilor Hyzy asked for confirmation that Clackamas County had approved a budget of less than half of what is expected to come from the SHS measure.

Ms. Rojas clarified that Clackamas County is using a different approach than other counties but is committed to delivering the full outcomes promised in its local implementation plan.

Councilor Hyzy asked if there is a deadline for the process to be completed and Ms. Rojas answered that Metro does not currently have a deadline in place. Councilor Hyzy asked what would happen to excess funds if the county does not approve a budget to use them all.

Ms. Rojas explained that the intergovernmental agreement between Metro and Clackamas County currently being worked on will have terms to determine what would happen in that circumstance.

Councilor Lewis emphasized the importance of education and asked how each of the counties would be using funds to pick up where the Metro 300 program leaves off.

Ms. Bezaire explained that it would look different for each county. Washington County would be using Housing Authority vouchers and Multnomah County would be using SHS funds.

Councilor Lewis thanked Ms. Bezair and expressed concern for continuing the service in Clackamas County.

Councilor Anthony Martin asked for a description of the kind of engagement being done. He also asked what it means for the program to be able to adapt to different levels of revenue.

Ms. Bezair answered that thousands of stakeholders were engaged over the course of the process in multiple ways.

Ms. Rojas explained that the program gets its flexibility from looking at different opportunities in each of the counties.

Ms. Lembo added that the program would drastically increase the budget for each county involved. Another major factor is that the program has regular funding obligations but the source of funding can go down, like during a recession. Finance teams are working to make sure there is enough of a reserve to respond to different levels of revenue.

Councilor Martin asked how jurisdictions could help to implement funds and how they would trickle down if at all.

Ms. Rojas answered that funds would be distributed to the three counties who would in turn distribute funds to various providers. She emphasized the importance of understanding what the needs are on the ground.

Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal asked if Washington and Clackamas counties also had long term rental assistance programs.

Ms. Bezair noted that both of those counties are building their programs more from scratch than Multnomah County. The framework created by Multnomah County is helping the work being done in the other two counties as they build their programs.

6.2 Legislative Update

Vice Chair introduced Metro Staff Anneliese Koehler to share legislative highlights from the most recent session that relate to the region. He noted that Ms. Koehler had coordinated with workers at Thorn Run in advance, who could not make it to the meeting.

Ms. Koehler began by explaining the context of the legislative session. The pandemic meant that the session was almost entirely remote except for legislators. This created challenges for getting information about bills. One of the highlights was that at the start of the session it was expected that there would be major issues with the budget, which is no longer the case. This resulted in a historic level of spending. She noted that one of the most significant pieces of transportation legislation was HB 3055. She highlighted

provisions that carried on pieces of legislation from HB 2017. It was an omnibus bill that expanded use of funding dedicated to the Rose Quarter project. It also fleshed out aspects of the planned tolling program, requiring that tolling reduce congestion, improve safety, and address diversion. HB 2342 did not pass and would have introduced a deadline to implement a road usage fee. Ms. Koehler commented that it will likely come back in some form. She gave overviews of bills related to funding of state owned highways that run through the region and are in need of repair. Another major part of HB 3055 was to give ODOT more authority to delegate speed limit setting to certain local jurisdictions.

Vice Chair Buck asked if the idea of a road usage or per mile traveled vehicle fee would be in addition to tolling.

Ms. Koehler clarified that the idea of a per mile road usage fee was envisioned as a replacement to the gas tax. It would be in addition to any tolling program.

Ms. Koehler continued by discussing bills related to housing. There were large increases in funding for various aspects of affordable housing and homelessness. HB 2006 requires that local governments approve emergency shelters under certain circumstances. HB 3115 dictates that local regulations regarding the ability of a person experiencing homelessness to sit, lie, sleep, or keep warm or dry must be objectively reasonable based on the totality of circumstances. The bill recognizes that “objectively reasonable” varies by community and provides a framework to cities to manage public space.

Councilor Martin brought up the idea of a regional conversation that looks at different lands around the region in a new light in response to housing bills passed by the legislature. He suggested for MPAC to take a broad look at the various ways that policy from the state and regional level affect land use decisions.

Ms. Koehler agreed that that type of high level conversation would be good for MPAC to take up and mentioned that it would be interesting to see what sort of impact bills like HB 2006 have on the ground for local jurisdictions.

Ms. Koehler also brought up bills considered by the legislature that related to local taxation for the group. HJR 13 failed but would have proposed an amendment to the state constitution which would have modified the state’s property tax system. SB 299 was killed and would have authorized the formation of special children’s districts with the authority to tax. She noted that the bill had often failed in the past and recently due to its impact on local governments’ tax revenues. HB 3040 related to system development charges and their practices. The bill was amended to limit it to being a study of system development charges. Ms. Koehler noted that the conversation around SDCs would likely continue in future legislative sessions. She concluded by reviewing SB 582 which made significant changes to Oregon’s recycling system. It requires producers to take responsibility for products they put out, ensures that recycling workers have a living wage, and creates a statewide list of what can be recycled.

7. **ADJOURN**

Vice Chair Buck adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Connor Ayers".

Connor Ayers
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 28, 2021

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
6.1	Presentation	07/28/21	SHS Update Presentation	072821m-01
6.2	Memo	07/28/21	Legislative Update MPAC Memo	072821m-02