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Minutes

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

9:30 AM

**<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
888-475-4499 (toll free)**

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Public Communication

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on a non-agenda items.

Commissioner Mark Shull, Clackamas County

Commissioner Shull stated that Clackamas County has expressed concerns with the projected increased solid waste disposal fee and explained that Clackamas County is hoping for further coordination and discussion about the fee increase that clarify how the increased revenue will be used and benefit residents across the region.

Chris Smith, No More Freeways

Chris discussed the differential impact auxiliary lanes VS through lanes have on climate change and urged council to consider their commitment to three lane highways.

Doug Larson, Cathedral Park Resident

Doug expressed issue with revenue resources being directed to projects that are not accessible to all Portland residents. Doug finished his testimony by asking council to follow through with the funding to clean up Willamette Cove.

3. Presentations**3.1 Budget Committee Meeting- Budget Amendments**

Council President Peterson introduced Marissa Madrigal (she/her), and
Brian Kennedy (he/him)

Staff pulled up the FY23 Proposed Budget Presentation on budget deliberation and public hearing to present to Council. Staff summarized key proprieties from previous department budget presentations, the WPES budget amendment, and next steps.

Council Discussion

Councilor Rosenthal recommended including a line item under goals and objectives for P five to mention operation upgrades that are needed. He continued on to advocate for an additional FTE into the budget for the Willamette Cove project, in addition to additional emphases on Highway 99 W.

Councilor Gonzalez questioned staff on specific incentives and tools that can be created through the budget to bring communities of color together.

Marissa explained there are different incentives and discounts used to lure business to Oregon and the Convention Center.

Councilor Lewis expressed a desire to continue the conversation around venues and discussed possible budget notes addressing the Expo Center and Supportive Housing Services.

Councilor Rosenthal asked staff to clarify and provide a budget trend line curve that shows pre pandemic, during pandemic, and suggested future trends.

Councilor Hwang questioned if there are plans to extend the onetime 3 million state allocated funds that are going

towards expanding RID patrol and illegal dumping clean ups.

Marissa explained the one time funding is spent on 1 year contracts that are made with external non-profits and local businesses

3.1.1 Public Hearing for Res 22-5252

There was none.

4. Other Business

4.1 I5BRP Regular Update: Auxiliary Lanes Considerations

Council President Peterson called on Margi Bradway, Ryan LeProwse, Matt Bin, Shilpa Mallem, and John Willis to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the Metro Council Update on Ramp-to-ramp Connections (Auxiliary Lanes) slide show to present to Council.

Ryan LeProwse summarized the IBR background and traffic/design information, traffic growth rates, average weekday volumes for vehicles and freight, interstate bridge hourly profiles, origin and destination patterns for drivers, hours of backup, crash data over a five year period, and safety issues.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Rosenthal questioned what the predicted peak capacity would be at peak house without congestion and if there is a difference in crash rates going north bound vs south bound.

Ryan responded that the capacity is about 5000 with the demand being higher today and that the crash rates approaching the bridges north bound and south bound are

similar.

Staff pulled up the Ramp-to-ramp Connections (Auxiliary Lanes) slide show to present to Council.

Ryan defined auxiliary lanes, explained where in the program area auxiliary lanes exist, IBR program design considerations, auxiliary lane options, future volume and mode share forecasting, tolling sensitivity analysis, issues auxiliary lanes will address, and program option comparison.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Rosenthal asked if staff evaluated the option of removing any exits and entrances by replacing them with surface connections, what percentage of the 18-23% through hall trips get diverted to 205, and requested clarification on what specifically has been included into the Oregon mobility pricing.

Councilor Nolan asked if staff has gathered data that compares the current width of the concert in the project area to what the width of the paved surface would be if the staff recommended project were to be adopted.

John Willis explained the NEPA portion of the project will begin in summer of 2022, and will help the team understand the project impacts.

Councilor Nolan asked for clarification on how staff is claiming tolling wont impact commute trips while also claiming the project design, which includes tolling, will impact peak time commute trips.

Matt Bihn explained there is a lot more demand for transit

than being provided during peak congestion hours on light rail and buses.

Councilor Craddick asked what the capacity of the new bridge will be compared to the capacity of the current bridge, and what impact the change has on CO2.

John explained more quality data will come later in the project.

Councilor Craddick question if the project has a specific CO2 admission drop target.

John explained the team has set up a climate technical working group and are working on a target.

Councilor Gonzalez expressed a need to focus on the climate metrics and outcomes for the project and asked how the proposed additional capacity is being considered vs other project options such as tolling.

Ryan explained the work commuting trips are not affected by tolling or the peak period so for that reason, safety features are needed.

Margi added that on June 22nd there will be an expert panel review in which expert speakers around the nation will give staff advice on their own model as well as the best ways to measure greenhouse gas levels at the project level.

Councilor Lewis stated that project is aiming to reduce trips for the 75% of riders within the 7 interchanges, and asked what model characteristics are being used to help protect the other 25% and reduce their trips.

Ryan explained auxiliary lanes can be used to help facilitate movement and avoid safety issues from drivers who use the

road in a variety of ways.

Council President Lynn Peterson asked how interstate traffic vs local traffic will be prioritized in the project.

Shilpa explained this question will be addressed more in the design phase.

Councilor Hwang ask for clarification between one auxiliary lane vs two auxiliary lanes.

Ryan explained the technical design and uses of one auxiliary lane vs two auxiliary lanes.

Councilor Hwang ask for clarification if additional auxiliary lanes actually decrease greenhouse gases.

Shilpa explained with reduced congestion there would be reduced greenhouse gases.

Councilor Hwang recalled in the presentation staff stated that more auxiliary lanes means increased additional modal options and asked for clarification if increased modal transportation is being included in other project options.

Margi explained that increased modal transportation is a key characteristic of all project options.

Councilor Rosenthal ask if the auxiliary lanes are being designed for local or interstate travelers.

John explained the auxiliary lanes are a function of closely spaced inter changes which included a combination of local and interstate travelers.

Margi shared next steps for the Interstate Bridge project.

5. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Marissa Madrigal provided an update on the following events or items:

- Welcomed Marta McGuire as the new director of WPES

6. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- Councilor Hwang provided an update on his testimony to the Portland City Council about 82nd avenue being under city control.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 11:40 Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2021

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	PowerPoint	5/03/2022	Auxiliary Lanes Slides	050322c-01
2.0	PowerPoint	5/03/2022	Budget Deliberation Slides	050322c-02