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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 24, 2022**

**10:30 AM**

**<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or  
929-205-6099 (toll free)**

**Council meeting**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

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

**2. Public Communication****3. Presentations:****3.1 Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee Year One Report Presentation**

Council President Peterson called on [Jon Blasher] [he/him], Metro Director of Parks and Nature, [MG Devereux] [he/him], Metro, Lisa Freedman [she/her], Oversight Committee Co-Chair, and Burt Edwards [he/him], Oversight Committee Co-Chair, to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the [*Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee Year One Report Presentation*] to present to Council.

Staff presented regarding the Natural Areas Oversight Committee's progress, and their role with the 2019 Parks and Nature Bond.

*Council Discussion:*

**Councilor Hwang** asked two questions:

- What accountability measures have been put in place, or will be put in place?
- How does the oversight committee feel about the current pace of funding distribution?

Jon explained that this is a pilot program, and the work has not yet been brought to the committee. Staff has also been working diligently, and Jon is not concerned about the ramp up rate.

**Councilor Rosenthal** had two comments:

- He worried that the criteria for land purchasing were vague, and the public should be able to provide input.
- He also expressed concerns regarding actual public access to purchased land.

**Councilor Craddick** thanked the oversight committee for their hard work.

**Councilor Nolan** asked about staff's and the oversight committee's ability to set expectations and monitor progress. They also asked if the committee had enough directions to determine, meet, and evaluate desired outcomes, and ensure the program stays aligned with council's directions.

Lisa explained that both staff and the committee are always re-evaluating their own processes and understand the impact of their work.

**Councilor Lewis** asked the co-chairs if they believed a sufficient number of different perspectives are represented in their decision making process.

Both co-chairs expressed their confidence in staff's thoroughness, and believed they will recruit the right people if it is necessary.

**Councilor Rosenthal** reiterated the importance of clear communication between the committee, Council, and the public, especially since there will be a maintenance bond issue in the near future.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

#### **4. Resolutions:**

- 4.1 Resolution No. 22-5265, For the Purpose of Amending the 2021-26 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Increase the Construction Phase for the I-205: I-5OR 213, Phase 1A Project Allowing the Construction Phase to Move Forward and be Implemented (MY22-11-MAY1)

Council President Peterson called on [Ted Leybold] [he/him], Metro, and [Mandy Putney] [she/her], ODOT to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the [*Council May 2022 Formal MTIP Amendment*] to present to Council.

*Council Discussion:*

**Councilor Gonzalez** provided some context around JPACT's decisions on this resolution. He then asked if staff had any comments regarding the project's cost increases.

Della Mosier [ODOT] explained that Staff has negotiated with the project's contractors, feel they have a good understanding of what caused the price increases, and managed to reduce the overall cost.

**Councilor Nolan** asked where the additional \$120 million for the project came from.

Mandy explained that ODOT's short-term borrowing capacity has been increased, and ODOT staff would determine the best mixture of borrowing and other funding sources for the \$120 million. Staff would also be looking to use tolling revenue as the ultimate funding source.

**Councilor Rosenthal** had a few questions:

- How much will the additional \$120 million increase the amount of money coming from bonds?
- How will it impact tolling?

- He also asked Staff to clarify a public comment about “separation of this phase from the separation for the six, seven miles of widening phase that JPACT also considered.”

Mandy explained that the comment related to the National Environment Policy Act Process, and she would be happy to follow up with Council later.

**President Peterson** followed-up, adding there is currently no way to answer Councilor Rosenthal’s second question, since they cannot currently move forward with the tolling portion of the project.

**Councilor Lewis** asked for an update regarding bus on shoulder for the I-5 corridor.

Mandy explained that they are working with transit providers, but that portion of the project will not begin until the second phase of construction.

**Councilor Hwang** asked two questions:

- What are the consequences of a “no vote?”
- How will you control costs in the future? If there are cost overruns, will you have to come back to Council?

Della explained that a failure to pass this Resolution will result in significant delays to the projects and significant cost increases. She also explained that ODOT’s ability to have early discussions with their contractor allowed them to reduce overall prices and plan for unforeseen circumstances.

Ted added that Staff must return to Council once cost overruns for the phase surpass 20%.

**Councilor Craddick** asked about the project’s contingency plan, given the high levels of inflation. She also thanked Staff and ODOT for their work on the project.

Della explained that there is a contingency, and will follow-up with more specific numbers at a later date.

**Councilor Gonzalez** reiterated his support for the Resolution, that the Council is not writing a “blank check,” and recognized the huge amount of work and discussion that has occurred.

**Council President Peterson** thanked Staff for their work and, seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-5265.

**A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, that this item be adopted as amended. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, and Councilor Hwang

#### **5. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

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

- Marissa confirmed that she would be out of office from 5/25, until the next Wednesday. Andrew Scott, Deputy COO, will take over in the meantime.

#### **6. Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- Councilor Lewis updated Council about the previous Supportive Housing Services Committee meeting.

#### **7. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Peterson

adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nathan Kim*

Nathan Kim, Legislative Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF May 24, 2022**

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Powerpoint	5/24/2022	Council May MTIP Formal Amendment Presentation	052422c-01