



**REGIONAL SOLUTIONS OFFICE
GOVERNOR KATE BROWN**

**Metro Regional Solutions
Advisory Committee Meeting**

Representing Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties

**Friday, October 20, 2017
2:00- 4:00 pm**

**Portland State University
College of Urban and Public Affairs
Meyer Memorial Trust Board Room
506 SW Mill St, Portland, OR 97201**

Call-in is available at: 866-390-1828, participant code: 6358875 #

Committee Members in Attendance: Carl Talton (formerly with Portland Family Funds), Dave Robertson – Portland General Electric (PGE), Janet LaBar – Greater Portland, Inc. (GPI), Martha Schrader – Clackamas County Commissioner, Tom Hughes – Metro Council President.

Guests in Attendance: Catherine Ciarlo – CH2M Hill, Christian Kaylor – Oregon Employment Department, Lloyd Purdy – GPI, Steve Greenwood – National Policy Consensus Center.

Regional Solutions Team Members in Attendance: Raihana Ansary – Metro Regional Solutions Coordinator, Andrew Plambeck – Oregon Department of Transportation, Anne Debbaut – Department of Land Conservation & Development, Bryan Guiney – Business Oregon, Cheryl Grabham – Department of Environmental Quality, Jennifer Donnelly – Department of Land Conservation & Development, Roger Kainu – Oregon Department of Energy.

Meeting Summary:

Welcome, Introductions

Raihana provided staffing updates to the advisory committee as her first meeting as the new Metro Regional Solutions Coordinator. She introduced herself and explained that since former convener, Bill Wyatt, retired from the Port of Portland and moved to Salt Lake City, Utah to lead their airport expansion, the Governor is in the process of recruiting for a Metro Regional Solutions convener. For the purposes of today's meeting, Steve Greenwood with the National Policy Consensus Center will help facilitate the meeting in the absence of a convener. Steve Greenwood is familiar with Regional Solutions and knows many of the advisory committee members since he was a former Metro Regional Solutions Coordinator.



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Metro Region Economic Check-up

Christian Kaylor from the Oregon Employment Department presented an economic update of the Metro Region that showed emerging data and trends highlighting the following:

- The state of Oregon ranks sixth for top job growth in the US from 2013 – 2017.
- Portland is in the top 20 metros for job growth from 2007 – 2017.
- From 2011 – 2016, Portland enjoyed the 6th fastest increase in household income among the 50 largest US cities. A 20% increase in just 5 years.
 - That increase of \$10,359 from 2011 to 2016 brought Portland from being the 18th wealthiest city to the 11th among the 50 largest US cities.
- From 2007 – 2016, Portland households with incomes of more than \$100,000 grew by 68%.
 - Portland households with incomes of less than \$35,000 declined by 12%.
 - Portland's Median tier households, with incomes between \$50,000 and \$75,000 grew by 5%.
- 89% of Oregonians live in one of the 15 largest counties.
 - Multnomah is the 3rd wealthiest of the large counties. The first is Clackamas County and the second is Washington County.
- If you were to divide Multnomah County between "East" and "West" along 82nd Avenue:
 - "West Multnomah" would be the wealthiest Oregon County with an average income 68% higher than "East County". If it were a US state, it would be the 2nd wealthiest state.
 - "East Multnomah" would be among the poorer counties, but with a population greater than Linn, Umatilla and Josephine combined. If it were a US state, it would be the 49th wealthiest state, between West Virginia and Mississippi.
- The wealthiest Oregon community is West Portland with average earnings of \$102,209 among full time workers.
- The least wealthy Oregon community is East Portland with average earnings of \$44,328 among full time workers.
- The gap in average earnings between West Portland and East Portland has worsened from 2005 – 2016.

Greater Portland 2020 Plan

Lloyd Purdy presented Greater Portland 2020, a five-year action plan to achieve *economic prosperity for all across the region* by aligning business, education and civic leaders around regional economic priorities. Core strategies of the plan include "people, business and place."

Metro Regional Solutions Priorities

The presentations from Christian Kaylor and Lloyd Purdy provide context for updating the Metro region's priorities. The committee talked about the importance of inclusive economic development and economic prosperity for all in the region. The conversation served as an introduction to reevaluating and updating the Metro region's priorities to align with emerging market trends and GPI's 2020 plan. The conversation will be continued at the next Metro Regional Solutions advisory committee meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.



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Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) Process Review and Timeline:

Raihana explained that during the 2017 Legislative Session, the Legislature authorized the issuance of lottery bonds to produce \$4 million in net proceeds for the Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF). Regional Solutions is sending out a Request for Information (RFI) to better understand the capital project needs that support job retention and creation in each of the economic regions in Oregon. Project information will be reviewed by Regional Solutions Advisory Committees and some potential projects may be previewed to the Legislature at an informational hearing in February 2018. Benefits of responding to the RFI include increased exposure to your project and potential feedback from the teams and Legislature. Responses to the RFI will also be used to inform the funding application process which will begin in spring 2018. The RIF response deadline is October 31, 2017.

Project Updates:

With little time remaining in the meeting, the Metro Regional Solutions team highlighted updates on a few key projects that are being worked on including the Eagle Creek Fire Recovery Council, Lents Stabilization and Job Collaboration project with Oregon Solutions, Willamette Falls Legacy Project and Albina Vision / Rose Quarter Development.

Adjourn:

Steve Greenwood adjourned the meeting at 4:00 PM.