



**REGIONAL SOLUTIONS OFFICE
GOVERNOR KATE BROWN**

**Metro Regional Solutions
Advisory Committee Meeting**

Representing Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties

**Wednesday, January 24, 2018
2:00- 5:00 pm**

**Portland State University
Market Center Building
1600 SW Fourth Ave., Suite 115**

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

Committee Members in Attendance: Tom Hughes (Metro Council President), Janet LaBar (CEO, Greater Portland, Inc.), Kristen Leonard (Chief Public Affairs Officer, Port of Portland), Martha Schrader (Clackamas County Commissioner), Lori Stegmann (Multnomah County Commissioner) and Catherine Ciarlo (Metro Regional Solutions Convener).

Guests in Attendance: Representative Jeffrey Helfrich (by-phone), Brandy Ethridge-Lipke (by-phone) (Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Helfrich), Jason Lewis-Berry (Director of Regional Solutions and Jobs & Economy Policy Advisor for Governor Brown), Mariana Garcia Medina (Policy & Community Affairs, Office of Commissioner Nick Fish) and Richard Whitman (Director, Department of Environmental Quality).

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

Meeting Summary

Catherine Ciarlo convened the meeting, which was her first Metro Regional Solutions Advisory Committee meeting in this role.

- ***The committee approved the appointment of Multnomah County Commissioner Lori Stegmann, and Kristen Leonard, Chief Public Affairs Officer at the Port of Portland, to the advisory committee.***
- ***The committee also approved the nomination of new PSU President Dr. Rahmat Shoreshi to the advisory committee. Raihana will follow up with Dr. Shoreshi about serving.***

Public comment

The committee heard public comment from Representative Jeffrey Helfrich about HB 4152, of which he is chief sponsor. HB 4152 seeks to provide training and equipment to the Hood River and Multnomah County Sheriff's Offices for wildfire recovery, mitigation and preparedness. The bill also requests that the funds be



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administered on or before April 30, 2018; as an emergency measure, it would become effective upon signing by the Governor.

Overview of Regional Solutions and Committee role

Raihana gave an overview of Regional Solutions to provide background and context for committee activities, given the new convener and two new advisory committee members.

Metro Regional Solutions priorities

Raihana reviewed revisions to the priorities based on discussion at the October meeting.

- ***The committee approved the revised priorities with the understanding that edits will be made to reflect the group's discussion, highlighting inclusive economic development that is linked to workforce development and anti-displacement measures.***
- Raihana will send out the final version of the priorities, which will be used to inform project selection for the Regional Infrastructure Fund grants, as well as committee work on regional projects.

Regional Infrastructure Fund

Jason Lewis-Berry outlined the Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) timeline and process:

- During the 2017 Legislative Session, the Legislature approved \$4 million in RIF funding for Regional Solutions statewide for FY17-19. Each region is guaranteed five percent of the total \$4 million. The allocation of remaining funds will be determined by a yet-to-be determined competitive process among the regions.
- Regional Solutions distributed a Request for Information (RFI) to better understand capital project needs that support job retention and creation in each of the 11 economic regions across the state.
- While the RFI is not a formal selection process for funding, applicants who responded to the RFI will benefit from increased exposure for their project – and in some cases feedback from regional solutions advisory committees and teams and the Legislature.
- In spring 2018, Regional Solutions will issue a Request for Applications (RFA) for RIF. In order to be considered for these funds, applicants will need to respond to the RFA, even if they responded previously to the RFI. Applicants who did not respond to the RFI are not precluded from responding to the RFA.
- The Metro Regional Solutions Committee will discuss and recommend funding priorities at the next meeting in late spring/early summer 2018.
- Once recipients are selected, funds will not be made available to applicants until lottery bonds are sold (likely in spring 2019).
- Jason asked for committee recommendations to recommended (RIF) responses for presentation to the Ways and Means Committee during the February 2018 Legislative session.



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- The committee reviewed project submissions based on criteria outlined in RIF administrative rules and considered staff tiering of projects as “high”, “medium” and “low.” ***The committee forwarded the following “high” and “medium” projects for Jason to consider in his presentation:***

“High” Projects (in alphabetical order):

- Levee Ready Columbia
- Oregon City Molalla Avenue
- Rockwood Rising Redevelopment

“Medium” Projects (in alphabetical order):

- Beaverton Western Avenue
- Hillsboro Technology Park Industrial Sanitary Sewer Line
- Wilsonville Garden Acres Road

DEQ update on Portland Harbor Superfund and Cleaner Air Oregon

Richard Whitman provided an update on the Portland Harbor Superfund and Cleaner Air Oregon:

- There is a lot of forward movement on the Portland Harbor Superfund. EPA Region 10 and DEQ are motivated to move quickly to address the Portland Harbor cleanup. Richard anticipates that the peak period of cleanup work is two to three years away.
- The public comment period for Cleaner Air Oregon recently closed. DEQ did extensive public outreach and received over 660 comments. DEQ has the authority to implement changes without additional legislation. However, in order for the Cleaner Air Program to be funded at the full level, DEQ needs fee authority approval from the legislature.
- The committee encouraged Jim McKenna and the staff team to keep them apprised of future developments on the Portland Harbor Superfund cleanup, including opportunities for housing and workforce development.

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