



**REGIONAL SOLUTIONS OFFICE
GOVERNOR KATE BROWN**

**Metro Regional Solutions
Advisory Committee Meeting**

Representing Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties

**Friday, June 15, 2018
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Portland State University
College of Urban & Public Affairs
506 SW Mill St
Suite 710 (Meyer Memorial Trust Boardroom)**

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

Committee Members in Attendance: Commissioner Lori Stegmann (Multnomah County), Commissioner Martha Schrader (Clackamas County), Tom Hughes (Metro Council President), Dave Robertson (Vice President of Public Affairs, Portland General Electric), Kristen Leonard (Chief Public Affairs Officer, Port of Portland) and Catherine Ciarlo (Metro Regional Solutions Convener).

Guests in Attendance: Brandy Ethridge-Lipke (by-phone) (Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Helfrich), Emily Lieb (Equitable Housing Manager, Metro), Jim McKenna (Governor's Portland Harbor Superfund Policy Advisor), Margaret Salazer (Director of Oregon Housing and Community Services), Kim Travis (Housing Integrator, Oregon Housing and Community Services), Josh Fuhrer (city of Gresham/Rockwood Rising), Brian Monberg (city of Gresham/Rockwood Rising), Colin Rowan (Levee Ready Columbia) and Dana Webb (city of Oregon City).

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

Meeting Summary:

Catherine Ciarlo convened the meeting and asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

Metro Regional Solutions Priorities

Catherine reminded the committee that the priorities help determine which projects the team works on and which projects are recommended for Regional Infrastructure Funds (RIF). In general, the team prioritizes projects that meet one or more of the priorities. The more priorities a project meets, the more likely it is to be a committee focus and receive RIF.



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Raihana reviewed the latest draft priorities that reflect the committee's feedback from their October 2017 and January 2018 meetings. The priorities reflect the following changes:

- The addition of value and mission statements (overall goal/what we are trying to achieve for the region and broadly, how we are going to achieve it).
- The addition of workforce development and housing priorities to help address disparities in our region.
- The brownfield priority includes conversion of land for housing development in addition to for employment/industrial land.
- The addition of clean energy and climate resiliency as a priority.
- The addition of language to capture "inclusive economic development." The notion that benefits and burdens of development are broadly shared.

Raihana also reminded the committee that the latest priorities were vetted with advisory committee member, Janet LaBar at Greater Portland, Inc. (GPI) to help ensure that we are well-coordinated with GPI's 2020 plan for the region.

The committee approved the above changes and discussed further refinement of language related to the inclusive development priority and the need to capture marginalized communities. Staff will make changes to the priorities to reflect the committee's feedback and bring to their next meeting for approval.

State of Housing & Anti-Displacement Strategies

Metro's Equitable Housing Manager, Emily Lieb provided an overview of regional housing trends. Metro President Tom Hughes spoke about Metro's recent referral of a \$652 million housing bond to the November 2018 ballot.

Oregon Housing and Community Services Director, Margaret Salazar, shared what her agency is doing to help address housing challenges across the state including in the Portland-metro region.

The committee discussed how housing touches on the importance of inclusive economic development and anti-displacement and how it serves as an important reminder as we work to advance community and economic development priorities for the metro region.

Break



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Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) Submissions – presentations, public comment, committee discussion, review and approval.

Raihana reminded the committee of the purpose and process of the Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF):

- RIF is one of the tools used by Regional Solutions to support economic and community development. RIF provides grants and loans to local governments for Regional Solutions capital construction projects.
- During the 2017 Legislative Session, the Legislature authorized the issuance of lottery bonds to produce \$4 million for the Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF). The \$4 million is to be distributed statewide, with each of the 11 regions being allotted a minimum of \$200,000.

Raihana walked the committee through a summary matrix of projects with information on various criteria outlined in rules including but not limited to priorities met. Given the requirement for advisory committees to recommend no more than three projects for a funding total of no more than \$1 million, the Metro Regional Solutions Team recommended the following funding scenario:

Levee Ready Columbia - \$167,314
Rockwood Rising Maker Space - \$500,000
Meyer's Road Extension - \$200,000

TOTAL: \$867,314.

The committee received presentations from the above three RIF applicants. Each applicant was given ten minutes to present and five minutes each to answer questions from the committee.

Public Comment

Catherine opened it up for public comment. No public comment was given.

Committee Discussion, Review and Approval

Catherine asked the committee to determine which projects to advance to Business Oregon's Grant and Loan Review Committee given applications that were provided to them in advance, the team's recommendations and presentations from applicants. She reminded them of the criteria set forth in rules including Regional Solutions priorities, Business Oregon Strategic Plan priorities and sustainable community objectives.



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The committee reordered the team's ranking of projects and recommended the following funding scenario:

Rockwood Rising Maker Space - \$500,000

Levee Ready Columbia - \$167,314

Meyer's Road Extension - \$200,000

TOTAL: \$867,314.

The committee also recommended a request for additional RIF funding for the next biennium 2019 – 2021.

Adjourn

Catherine adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.