



**REGIONAL SOLUTIONS OFFICE
GOVERNOR KATE BROWN**

**Metro Regional Solutions
Advisory Committee Meeting**

Representing Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties

**Friday, December 7, 2018
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM**

**Portland State University
Market Center Building
1600 SW Fourth Avenue, Suite 110, Conference Room 115
Portland, Oregon 97201**

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

Committee Members in Attendance: Kristen Leonard (Chief Public Affairs Officer, Port of Portland), Tom Hughes (Metro Council President), Rebecca Stavenjord on behalf of Commissioner Lori Stegmann (Chief of Staff for Multnomah County Commissioner Lori Stegmann) and Catherine Ciarlo (Metro Regional Solutions Convener).

Guests in Attendance: Karen Homolac (Brownfield Specialist, Business Oregon), Jim McKenna (Natural Resources Policy Advisor for Governor Kate Brown), Mariana Garcia Medina (Policy & Community Affairs, Office of Commissioner Nick Fish) and Stephen Brooks (Pilot Management Resources).

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

Meeting Summary:

Catherine Ciarlo convened the meeting and thanked outgoing-Metro President Tom Hughes for his leadership at Metro Regional Government and service on the Metro Regional Solutions Advisory Committee.

Metro Regional Solutions Priorities

Catherine reviewed draft priorities that reflect committee's comments from their October 2017, January 2018 and June 2018 meetings and asked for the committee's nod of approval while recognizing that the priorities are not intended to be fixed. She explained that the priorities will evolve as the groups understanding of issues like equity evolve over time and as the region's needs change over time. She said that the group will revisit the priorities every 1 – 2 years or if there is an imminent issues that arises that requires the committee to revisit them sooner.

It was recommended that staff review the latest draft priorities with committee member, Carl Talton since he proposed different language for the priority of inclusive economic development at the last meeting. Since Carl



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was absent from the meeting, staff will review the priorities with him at a later date and bring the draft priorities back to the committee at their next meeting.

Public Comment

Catherine asked for public comment and there was none.

Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) Allocations & Update

Raihana provided an update on the final RIF allocations that were approved by the legislature. The committee recommended the following projects receive RIF funding at their last meeting:

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

In response, the legislature made the final RIF funding allocation determinations:

- Rockwood Rising Maker Space - \$300,000
- Levee Ready Columbia - \$167,314
- Oregon City Meyer's Road Extension - \$0

Governor Kate Brown's 2019-2021 Recommended Budget Highlights

Raihana highlighted the following from Governor Kate Brown's recommended budget for the 2019 – 2021 biennium:

- Proposed housing budget includes a total of \$406.1 million in resources and investments with a focus on housing stability for families with children, veterans and the chronically homeless, as well as accelerating the supply of housing throughout Oregon.
- Proposed education budget includes \$2 billion for preschools, K-12 and universities and community colleges.
- \$15 million is recommended for the Regional Infrastructure Fund.
- \$79 million for Business Oregon's Special Public Works Fund (includes water/wastewater, broadband, safe drinking water).
- \$10 million for Business Oregon's Brownfield Redevelopment Fund.
- Projects in the Metro region that are called out in her proposed budget include \$7.5 million for the construction and repair of the Willamette Falls Locks and \$250,000 for Levee Ready Columbia.

Metro President Tom Hughes noted that a number of his Washington County colleagues have expressed concern over the absence of gain share in the Governor's recommended budget.

Project Updates

Raihana and members of the Metro Regional Solutions Team highlighted key updates for the following Metro Regional Solutions priority projects: Clackamas County Land Bank Authority, Cully Park, Eagle Creek Fire Recovery Council, Lents Job Creation & Stabilization Project, Levee Ready Columbia, Main Streets on Halsey, North Milwaukie Industrial Area, Scoggins Dam, Willamette Falls Legacy Project and the Willamette Falls Locks.



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Not all Metro Regional Solutions projects were highlighted, only those that had substantive updates/milestones over the last year.

Chief of Staff, Rebecca Stavenjord, for Multnomah County Commissioner Lori Stegmann provided an update on their priority project, Vance Properties, of which Metro Regional Solutions is helping to inform their master planning process.

Jim McKenna, the Governor's Portland Harbor Superfund Policy Advisor, provided an update on the Portland Harbor Superfund.

Outreach Meetings

Roger Kainu of the Department of Energy and on the Metro Regional Solutions Team provided an update on the outreach visits that the team conducted over the last year including to the city of Beaverton, city of Gresham, city of Hillsboro, city of Milwaukie, city of Sandy, city of Wilsonville, Main Streets on Halsey (cities of Fairview, Troutdale and Wood Village), OMSI Campus Development, Scoggins Dam and the West Linn Paper Mill.

Opportunity Zones & Statewide Opportunity Fund

Stephen Brooks of Pilot Management Resources provided information on how opportunity zones work and shared with the committee where opportunity zones are located in the metro region. He also described the work that he has been doing with the state of Oregon to establish a statewide opportunity fund that could drive strategic investments in targeted areas such as housing, natural resources, energy, etc. throughout the state including rural Oregon.

Adjourn

Catherine adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM.