

Metro Management Report At-a-Glance

1st Quarter FY 09-10

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Summary

While the conservative budget decisions for the FY 09-10 Metro budget have placed Metro in a slightly more stable situation than other public agencies, impacts of the recession are not over and will likely continue for the foreseeable future. Unemployment premium numbers for the first fiscal quarter, PERS balance obligations and low revenue projections indicate the need for a constrained FY 10-11 budget.

Metro's Senior Leadership Team received direction from the Metro Council regarding budget development in relation to Metro goals. Metro departments will assess their portfolios from a strategic perspective during the second quarter of FY 09-10 and subsequent budget discussions will focus on prioritizing work and identifying projects for potential delay or cancellation.

Program Highlights

Goal 1 – Great Communities

- Land use planning and development – Opened three TOD projects (3rd Central, Bside 6 and Russellville Park); completed 1st EPA brownfield grant; released urban growth report and population/employment forecast for public comment in the Making the Greatest Place recommendations on Sep. 15 with Council scheduled for acceptance of urban growth report and population/unemployment forecast in December 2009; completed phase 3 milestone for urban rural reserves with Metro Council scheduled to adopt reserves intergovernmental agreements in early 2010

Goal 2 – Great Communities

- Parks and Natural Areas Management - Awarded Gleason Boat Ramp contract; began design and engineering work on Blue Lake golf project
- Parks planning and development – Initiated Tonquin Trail project, Graham Oaks project underway; grant for Smith/Bybee bridge approved; launched phase one of the Intertwine web site
- Performing arts, arts and culture – Record attendance at Summer Arts on Main series, finalized contract for Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall/Main Street project; 114 events with 73,625 cumulative attendance
- Zoo infrastructure and animal welfare bond program – Convened first meeting of advisory committee; hired program manager and gained approval from City of Portland for veterinary hospital land-use application
- Zoo visitor experience – Opened Predators of the Serengeti exhibit; finished first round of zoo director interviews; hosted Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) conference with more than 1700 attendees

Goal 3 – Healthy Environment

- Natural areas – Hired Nature in Neighborhoods (NIN) program supervisor, second round of NIN grants awarded by Council; restoration efforts at seven sites; launched Bi-State Regional Conservation Framework planning efforts as part of the Intertwine; completed 15 acquisitions with Metro Council to consider circumstances not conforming to work plan in second quarter of FY 09-10
- Natural areas education and volunteer services – completed conversion to web-based database; completed a draft strategic plan for Native Plant Center
- Zoo conservation education – Implemented new summer camp curriculum; supported Predators of the Serengeti opening; provided wildlife conservation messaging at AZA conference

Goal 4 – Healthy Environment

- Resource conservation and recycling – Executed contract for new outdoor school waste reduction education provider; secured commitment from DEQ to partially fund phase one of effort to reduce emissions from solid waste collection vehicles; completed work plan and selected team members for Metro’s internal sustainability plan
- Solid waste operations – Collected RFP responses for transfer station operation; executed MetroPaint distributorship agreement with Miller Paint
- Solid waste regulation - Finalized 5-year designated facility agreement with Waste Management’s new LEED (Leadership in Environmental Energy and Design) Tualatin Valley Waste Recovery Facility; took enforcement actions against two companies for violation of non-system license (NSL) tonnage caps with Metro’s Hearings Officer to present decisions to Council second quarter FY 09-10; Council to consider issuance of mixed food waste NSL and renewal of 4 wet waste NSL’s second quarter FY 09-10

Goal 5 – Vital Economy

- Corridor planning and development – Commenced work on Portland to Milwaukie light rail Final Environmental Impact Statement; Regional Freight Plan was approved by regional freight task force; Metro Council to adopt next HCT priorities and multi-modal corridors in second quarter FY 09-10
- Transportation system planning – Completed final draft of Regional Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO) plan for public review; 2035 RTP integrated transportation system management and operations; freight and high capacity transit (HCT) and was released for public comment in the Making the Greatest Place recommendations on Sep. 15.

Goal 6 – Vital Economy

- Convention, trade and consumer shows – completed four capital projects; completed Expo annual parking lot maintenance; 22 shows at Expo and 106 shows at OCC, with 57,880 and 89,816 cumulative attendance respectively

Goal 7 – Responsible Operations

Sustainable Metro Initiative

- Convened 450 Metro employees through a series of meetings to collaboratively identify Metro values and competencies; draft results to go out to staff by the end of 2009
- Began installation of learning management system, purchased training modules and began creating Metro-specific training modules; system to be tested in second quarter FY 09-10 and will launch in third quarter FY 09-10
- Began recruitment for organizational development and training coordinator
- Completed draft Balanced Scorecard to measure Metro Goal 7: Responsible Operations
- Information Services completed fiber network connections between MERC facilities and the Metro Regional Center

Diversity

- Served as a sponsor for the 2009 Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Conference at the Oregon Convention Center, with Metro Councilors and staff participating in the awards presentation for local MWESB businesses.
- Developed an evaluation tool to use on RFP's where Diversity in Employment and Contracting is part of the selection criteria
- In conjunction with Office of Metro Attorney, Procurement developed proposed changes to the Metro Code to provide additional contract opportunities to MWESB firms
- With the assistance of Information Services, Procurement is developing an online vendor registration form for interested vendors to request future RFP/RFB notifications

Council Project Highlights

Infrastructure Finance (Investing in Our Communities II) - Developed and released Construction Excise Tax (CET) handbook; CET administrative rules finalized and adopted; conducted assessments on public views on infrastructure development and growth

Urban/Rural Reserves - Preliminary urban and rural reserves recommendation to be completed Oct. 14; draft IGAs for recommended reserves expected via Core 4 Dec. 2009 with adoption planned for Feb. 2010

Making the Greatest Place – Local Aspirations (Performance Growth Management) - Received additional documentation on aspirations and needed investments from communities that had not participated previously; incorporated the concept of local aspirations into the Making the Greatest Place recommendations; engaged in discussions at the local and elected levels to highlight choices facing decision-makers in the region

Making the Greatest Place – Local Aspirations (2035 RTP) - Reviewed arterial projects in draft RTP in relation to potential urban and rural reserve designations and identified no potential policy conflicts; identified policy refinements to RTP rural arterial designations and deferred a broader discussion of rural arterials to follow the urban and rural reserves designation and urban growth boundary decision in 2010