

Metro Management Report At-a-Glance

2nd Quarter FY 09-10

Presented by Chief Operating Officer Michael Jordan, February 9, 2010

Summary

The top highlight for this quarter was the significant progress of the multi-year “Making the Greatest Place” initiative, which outlines strategies for a sustainable and prosperous region. The Metro Council adopted the Urban Growth Report, which estimates the capacity of our region to accommodate population and job growth over the next 20 years and the draft 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the long-range blueprint for the region’s transportation. The Council also adopted the Core 4 best effort proposed map for urban and rural reserves along with a resolution communicating its guiding principles, objectives and concerns to the public and the three metro-area counties involved in the negotiations of urban and rural reserve areas.

Extensive outreach was conducted regarding all aspects of Making the Greatest Place, with open houses, public hearings, community and stakeholder engagement meetings throughout the region, and the collection of thousands of written and oral comments from the public. The Metro Council, local elected officials and advisory committees engaged in robust discussion to craft this set of policy decisions aimed at making the most of our existing investments, preserving farm and forestland, and creating good jobs.

Metro leadership worked with members of the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission to study Title VI of the Metro Code and draft amendments to clarify new roles and responsibilities for the commission and Metro COO. The Metro Council approved the amendments. A study of Metro-MERC best practices is underway with cross-functional teams assessing systems and processes to identify how we can operate more efficiently and effectively and improve service delivery to our customers.

After receiving budget direction from the Metro Council, Metro departments have spent this quarter preparing base budget proposals and prioritizing work plans.

Budget Program Highlights

Goal 1 – Great Communities

- Land use planning and development – Funding approval for four Transit-Oriented Development projects (The Knoll, Pettygrove Apartments, College Station and NW Civic Drive); Council adoption of resolution accepting population/employment forecasts and urban growth report; release of Core 4 reserves recommendation with Council to adopt reserves Intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) in third quarter of FY 09-10

Goal 2 – Great Communities

- Parks and Natural Areas Management - Gleason Boat Ramp project on schedule and budget with completion in third quarter of FY 09-10

- Parks planning and development – Cooper Mountain construction complete; Tonquin Trail project public involvement initiated; Graham Oaks construction at 25%
- Performing arts, arts and culture – Fiber optic installation completed; design and engineering study for Schnitzer Concert Hall renovation and new Main Street Connector Building underway
- Zoo infrastructure and animal welfare bond program – Land-use discussions initiated; contract for penguin water filtration project awarded; Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee members identified by Council President with first meeting to occur in third quarter of FY 09-10
- Zoo visitor experience – Record-breaking ZooLights attendance; AZA accreditation on schedule; zoo director recruitment completed with Kim Smith to start in third quarter of FY 09-10

Goal 3 – Healthy Environment

- Natural areas – First acquisitions in Deep Creek and Clackamas River Bluffs target areas; restoration efforts at 12 sites; launched Bi-State Regional Conservation Framework planning efforts as part of the Intertwine; Chehalem ridge acquisition to be complete in third quarter of FY 09-10; Council to receive resolution regarding purchase of trail easements in third quarter of FY 09-10; Council to approve Nature In Neighborhoods capital grants in third quarter of FY 09-10
- Natural areas education and volunteer services – recorded 2009 increase in volunteer hours and significant increase in education programs; staff trained to use volunteer database
- Zoo conservation education – Planning for AZA butterfly conservation and husbandry workshop begun; planning for elephant welfare grant initiated with submittal in third quarter of FY 09-10

Goal 4 – Healthy Environment

- Resource conservation and recycling – Eight ENACT grant projects selected; funding for Clean Refuse Fleet program identified and implementation IGA drafted; second session of outdoor school waste reduction education program completed; Climate Prosperity focus groups held throughout region with draft Climate Prosperity strategy to go before Council in third quarter of FY 09-10
- Solid waste operations – Transition to environmentally beneficial trucking equipment improvements completed ahead of schedule; RFP for upgrades to Metro South compactors issued; negotiations for transfer station operation contracts begun with Metro Council to approve contracts in third quarter of FY 09-10; Oregon City road realignment around Metro South to require Council action in third quarter of FY 09-10
- Solid waste regulation – Council decisions to grant non-system licenses for 2010 completed; recorded significant 2009 increase in illegal dumpsite clean-ups; assisted PES in clean-ups of Chehalem Ridge and Willamette Cove properties; Metro Council to receive hearing officer's proposed order for Kemper Drywall flow control violations in third quarter of FY 09-10

Goal 5 – Vital Economy

- Corridor planning and development – High Capacity Transit Plan and Regional Freight Plan adopted into draft 2035 Regional Transportation Plan; draft Final Environmental Impact Statement for Portland to Milwaukie light rail project completed; High Capacity Transit Plan and Corridor Refinement Plan priorities for implementation to go to Metro Council in third quarter FY 09-10
- Transportation system planning – Draft 2035 Regional Transportation Plan approved by Council by resolution; final Transportation System Management strategic plan approved as part of RTP; approval of updated Public Involvement Policy; Metro Council to review 2012-15 Metro Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) in third quarter FY 09-10

Goal 6 – Vital Economy

- Convention, trade and consumer shows – Awarded and executed new food and beverage contract to Aramark/Giacometti Joint Venture Partnership; MERC received \$2 million from Aramark for capital investments for food/beverage delivery improvements; FY 08-09 Economic Impact Study completed for all MERC venues with total MERC fiscal impact at \$522 million; awarded a solar panel contract to Sun Edison to install, own and operate photovoltaic panels on the southern half of OCC's roof

Organizational development highlights

Goal 7 – Responsible Operations

Sustainable Metro Initiative

- Launched Metro-MERC best practices study with recommendations to go to steering committee in third quarter FY 09-10
- Distilled employee comments for values and competencies project; results to go out to staff via electronic survey third quarter FY 09-10
- Pilot testing of learning management system completed, system to launch in third quarter FY 09-10
- Organizational development and training coordinator on board

Diversity

- Played a key role in the advancement of the Business Diversity Institute BDI, which maximizes opportunities for small businesses; Angela Watkins will head the organization in 2010
- Established a standard practice to include diversity criteria in Metro's Request for Proposal (RFP) professional services projects; Diversity in Contracting and Employment language has been used for HVAC Mechanical Engineering Services, Veterinary Hospital and Penguin Life Support System projects
- Hosted and sponsored Turner School of Construction to provide minority businesses with technical and financial training to grow their business capacity
- Made commitment to sponsor National Association of Minority Contractors in 2010; the association's mission is to provide education and training to minority contractors in construction, promote the economic and legal interest of minority contracting firms, advocate legal and government actions for minority contractors, bring about wider

procurement and business opportunities for minority contractors, reduce and remove the barriers to full equality for minority contractors

- Sponsored and promoted attendance at REAP's Evening of Empowerment fundraiser, Urban League's Equal Opportunity Dinner; Open Meadows' Career Connections networking event and Say Hey NW Event