Agenda



Meeting: Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee

Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023

Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Place: Zoom:

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4:00 p.m. Welcome and introductions

4:05 p.m. Committee business reminders

4:10 p.m. *Discussion item:* Report back from October working group meetings

4:40 p.m. Informational item: presentation on the Parks and Nature bond large scale

community visions program

5:10 p.m. *Informational item*: presentation on Parks and Nature bond community choice

grants pilot program

5:50 p.m. Discussion item: Review proposed committee work plan for 2024

6:00 p.m. Adjourn

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February 2017

Meeting minutes



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Committee Members: Absent

Tana Atchley CulbertsonShantae JohnsonBurt EdwardsMartita MeierJohn FergusonPK Melethil

Georgena Moran Tabitha Palmer DuPrau Shannon Shoul Vivek Shandas

Erin Upton

Cary Watters Staff:

Owen Wozniak Linda Bartolini Venegas, Metro

Council Representatives:

Councilor Mary Nolan, District 5

Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, District 3

Gabrielle Brown, Metro
Beth Cohen, Metro
MG Devereux, Metro
Crista Gardner, Metro

Shannon Leary, Metro

Public: Melanie Reinert, Metro

Recording: Part 1: https://vimeo.com/896355564?share=copy

Part 2: https://vimeo.com/896369258?share=copy

Co-chair Cary Watters began the meeting and invited attendees to introduce themselves.

Cary outlined the agenda and meeting processes.

MG provided updates.

Sharron Fuchs

Public testimony was provided to committee members prior to the meeting regarding the Rose City Golf Course local share project. Staff have been in touch with the person providing testimony and with the related jurisdiction staff to discuss the project and feedback.

Committee recruitment for three new members to be appointed by spring 2024 will be posted online and members are encouraged to share with their networks and check in with MG with feedback.

Conflict of interest forms will be sent out to be re-signed and updated by all members.

MG asked committee members for any updates in their work outside the committee that may be relevant or of interest to others present.

Cary started a new role with City of Portland this past July: Sustainable Program Procurement Manager. This role oversees the Clean Air Construction Program, a partnership across agencies in the region. Last week the program did some equipment verification on the Blue Lake Park project.

Tana shared that she was promoted to executive director at Nesika Wilamut, and they are hiring a <u>resource development and events coordinator</u>. The Within Our Reach network gathering will be hosted in Portland on January 11 and 12, and <u>registration is online</u>.

Cary checked in on the member of the public present and public testimony.

MG clarified that there will not be public testimony at this meeting, but that the committee had received the related materials and any questions or concerns could be brought forward.

Cary asked the working groups to report back on their meetings in October.

John shared the land acquisition group recap and thanked staff for the meeting notes.

The group focused on the auditor's assessment of the bond performance to-date, efforts to have a large map of Metro's purchases over all three bond measures (1995, 2006 and 2019), and received updates on land acquisitions.

The auditor was concerned with lack of access and racial equity on every property. These are important goals that do need to be addressed in more detail. However, some of our most important natural areas need protection including waterways and wildlife corridors and may not be suited for public access. Many of these areas are outside central or urban areas and are difficult to access. Wildlife corridors and springs could lose functionality if accessed in large numbers.

Access should be provided, when possible, not necessarily with large amenities and depending on the site.

Access to areas via mass transit is needed and is being discussed as part of the regional transportation plan.

Local share and grant programs should also be involved in the public access issue and that experts like Georgena should be involved.

Other suggestions were better signage to indicate areas open to the public, making places feel welcoming, and promote making spaces where all people can feel safe. This can be addressed after acquisitions are made.

The group had requested large maps showing past and present bond acquisitions to illustrate the long-term strategy to create a framework for protected areas (enlarging quality areas and/or providing connections between protected lands and waterways).

The group was pleased with the maps mailed out to all committee members. The map is a work in progress. (Staff are following up with members who did not yet receive one).

Detailed information about each individual site is too complex for one map, so we can look for ways for the public to learn the details about each protected area. There is information online, and we need to easily link that to the locations.

The group is hoping to see an online regional map showing trails, parks and natural areas that exist or are being developed (even beyond Metro programs). It could be something good to work towards.

There have been 19 acquisitions across 13 target areas including three trail easements, and there are ongoing conversations with 20 landowners. There are offers on six new properties. Some areas are small but provide waterway or wildlife corridor connections.

Metro recently hired a senior real estate specialist and is working with a recruiter to fill a remaining vacancy.

The pace of acquisitions will likely ramp up. Some slowdowns will continue due to the need to work with local parks providers on easements and management.

Owen shared that the group had discussed that issues of access and measuring access are very important, and the committee wants to consider the impact of access holistically. Look at how Metro supports access to nature across all of the program areas in the bond and even beyond Parks and Nature. This is more beneficial than a narrow focus on providing physical access to all or a majority of properties, many of which were acquired for conservation purposes and may not be appropriate for such access.

Councilor Rosenthal asked members if they had checked the Metro website for information on access to the parks. Something like this should be on TriMet's website, too.

John referred to the map which shows areas open to the public, and Owen clarified that it shows sites Metro owns and manages on behalf of other jurisdictions. The online map also shows general ownership categories. The Intertwine Alliance Daycation app also has spatially explicit access information. Access Recreation is another resource. There is not a "one-stop-shop" for comprehensive access information, which would be a good resource.

Councilor Rosenthal supports that as well.

Erin referenced the work done by the bond's community grant and local share programs. A comprehensive look over the life of the bond would be valuable showing how the support Metro gives other agencies also supports access to nature.

Georgena noted that if there were an opportunity for Access Recreation to give a training on guideline principles for providing trail information to people with disabilities, they are very willing to do that.

Erin reported on behalf of the community engagement group.

The group reviewed recent engagement activities for the Blue Lake Park renovation project and Community Choice grants. There were two activities for Blue Lake Park and the final round of community voting for the grant projects was this October. It would be great to continue to see the connection made between community engagement efforts and impacts to program work and decisions.

The audit was discussed with a focus on access. Community engagement is connected to access, and decisionmaking/input on programs and funding is a form of access. The group discussed defining access and accessibility in context of the bond.

Regarding properties purchased for conservation and restoration work, access is also access to clean air and water and the regionwide benefits of functioning ecosystems.

Engagement is an iterative process. Consider how the outcomes of engagement get woven into storytelling on the bond work.

The group discussed new member recruitment and future topics of interest, including bringing Metro's Tribal Liaison to discuss her work and approach.

Cary reported on behalf of the bond finance group.

The group discussed expectations around spending and milestones. Early public testimony had expressed concern around administrative rates being higher in early bond implementation. This rate was expected, but hoping and expecting it to decrease as bond funding continues. The group discussed how to forecast what spend looks like throughout key milestones.

The group discussed influences on projections for this fiscal year. This includes three to four major capital projects underway at Blue Lake Park (\$10-\$15M). There are known challenges in the real estate market impacting the pace of land acquisition. Team capacity is another factor in that program. Funds awarded and future rounds for local share and grant programs were also discussed. More will be spent over next two years, and staff can share a longer-term forecast in coming months.

The group discussed the 2006 bond closeout and the need for contract equity performance reporting across the bond. The overall rate is 30% but disaggregating that data by race and gender identity will provide a fuller picture. Workforce participation is of interest in future

discussions.

They hoped for more notice regarding audit activities and to have more conversation around audit progress, though the committee does not have capacity to add another audit-specific working group. The topic will be discussed in the larger meetings and in the existing working groups moving forward.

They went over the audit response workplan and specific financial measures as targets.

Linda Bartolini-Venegas presented an overview of the large scale community visions program (*refer to slides and to <u>video</u> shared prior to meeting*).

Owen asked if requirements for the program (1:1 match, 1:5 ratio) were in the bond or created for the pilot. Will these be revisited in later rounds?

Linda shared that these were not in the bond and were created as part of the pilot round testing. Feedback so far has indicated that the 1:5 overall is somewhat challenging. Also, all three projects in round one were in Portland, and impacting geographic distribution is something to consider. This is being evaluated for future rounds.

Owen asked about demand for the program given its newness and that people are learning about Metro's goals for it. There may be more partnerships and proposals coming together in upcoming rounds as understanding of the program grows. He was somewhat surprised at the lack of proposals for the pilot round.

Linda shared that there has been engagement this summer and fall to spread awareness. Increasing ability to form partnerships should help. There has also been internal coordination within Metro to link up housing and transportation organization contacts with Parks and Nature. We are hopeful the second round will show additional interest.

Councilor Rosenthal felt the pilot round showed the creativity of ideas in the community and showed the need for flexibility. All of the projects meet some of the requirements, but none met all. Flexibility and understanding of overall intent will be needed in future processes. We aren't likely to get projects that fit neatly into categories. It was a learning experience.

John asked if the projects along the Willamette River include riparian restoration or are they viewing areas for the river?

Linda saw both in the projects. The OMSI project indicated some in-water work with riparian habitat restoration and improvements. The Albina Vision Trust project will have restoration, as it is a parking lot, but it has limited access to the river because of train tracks.

John felt that with much of the river banked with riprap and walls, it would be a huge uplift

Cary asked how the match ratio was determined and if there was intent to continue in future rounds.

There was research to develop the match and there was a desire to set readiness and a large scale in proposals for the 1:5 ratio. For future rounds, staff are exploring a range of options to allow for readiness but also factor in that large projects in smaller jurisdictions might need flexibility. There is opportunity for creative approaches and more flexibility in the criteria.

Erin and **Owen** were excited by the projects. **Owen** hoped it could become a template for additional bond work that is nature-plus-infrastructure in the region.

Cary asked about the timeline for upcoming rounds and implementation of the pilot programs.

Linda shared that the pilot round projects are at varying stages. We are looking at 2024-25 for them as agreements progress. Staff are working with Council to set direction and the timeline for the second round (late winter/early spring).

Crista Gardner and Gabrielle Brown presented on the Nature in Neighborhoods and Community Choice capital grant programs (refer to slides and video).

Erin felt the program had created and developed a new innovative approach and hoped the learning and trust-building during the process could be carried forward. Is there capacity to grow and continue this? It's a huge effort with long-term gains for community trust and engagement. Are there opportunities to share your process with others outside the Metro region? Thinking about "seeding the gains," there is some overlap and connection in working with local partners in both your efforts and in local share.

Crista shared that staff presented at the International Association for Public Participation in September and were asked to apply next year for an award for the work on this project. The presentation has also been shared with equity grant makers, a group of government grant makers within the Portland area. The presentation has also been shared with Metro's own grant makers and in other informal ways. Crista is part of a participatory grantmaking community of practice and has shared in meetings there as well. The team is always looking for additional opportunities to share lessons learned (an intent from Metro leadership when the pilot was formed).

Gabrielle shared that the next steps are propagation. Staff are looking to the next round, learning from the past round and working to improve. The intent is to compile lessons learned and share, and to potentially start a second round next fall. A lesson learned was that ten months was a tight timeline for the development work needed, so the next round will move to fifteen months with idea collection next fall and project development in spring and summer. The final vote would be in fall 2025. This allows for more time to develop projects, more tabling and more events. The level of community engagement was very valuable.

Staff have been in discussions with the CIP team about potential for community design workshops. This could provide resources to work with community to close

information gaps. This support could allow for smaller, less-resourced organizations to participate and apply.

Owen was very impressed with the innovative program and presentation and noted it was resource-heavy on staff time and work. Does this impact scalability knowing concerns about overhead during bond implementation? How do committee members consider the cost and what expectations should we have and set with the public about best practice for community-centered and community-partnered work outcome and cost?

Gabrielle agreed that the administrative engagement work is a high cost. Events, interpretation, translation, mailers do heavy lifting. To justify the expense, you want the opportunity to hear from as many people of as many backgrounds as possible. IT takes commitment and coordination to do the work.

Crista shared the budget was only partially funded through the bond. Staff were funded through bond administrative costs, but consultant fees came from levy funds and general funds. Different sources were used because it was so engagement heavy that there were restrictions on the bond that did not allow for that. For any programs using participatory grantmaking, it is important to think about what restrictions funding sources might have.

Erin felt the costs were necessary to reach the engagement goals (*chat*).

Cary asked about the consultant selection process.

Crista shared that the program design and review committee worked on a guidebook for processes and bond application to the funding and on a request for proposals. The request for proposal is a scope of work and a budget aligned with the guidebook. There was an open recruitment though RFP and did outreach to COBID public engagement firms and community organizations.

Cary appreciated how the work matched community goals balancing expectations on capital and programmatic work.

Councilor Rosenthal appreciated the thorough and creative work to carry out bond goals. The outreach takes great effort and attention. He asked about a past proposal for a ballfield or court that had to be declined and had caused some conflict. Was that a one-off?

Gabrielle noted there were sports site-based projects suggested that did not make it to the development process. The committee spent a lot of time going through 118 project ideas from community and comparing them with bond principles and criteria to identify the 45 best projects.

Cary shared some updates.

Staff will start scheduling 2024 meetings.

Members will receive an online survey to identify 2024 priorities as the workplan discussion was cancelled due to time constraints.

Committee reporting timing will be moved to align with department annual reporting, so the report timing will be in fall 2024.

The meeting concluded at 6:03 p.m.

Note: Attendees experienced technical difficulties with the whiteboard, so there are no notes to share in that format for this meeting. A different whiteboard program will be used in the future.

Chat:

16:04:47 From Erin Upton (she/her) To All Panelists:

I'm having a little trouble hearing you Cary. Anyone else?

16:11:13 From Owen Wozniak To All Panelists:

Forgot my pronouns, sorry. I use he/him. I will be going on and off screen. Apologies in advance!

16:12:17 From John Ferguson To All Panelists:

My apology too. He/him pronouns

16:16:40 From Melanie Reinert (she/her) To Everyone:

I really hope it works. It worked earlier today. twice.

16:18:01 From Georgena Moran (she/her) To Everyone:

Can the link to the whiteboard be placed in the chat?

16:19:22 From Sharron Fuchs To All Panelists:

I'm unable to switch to 'everyone' . I'm not interested in giving any testimony today. Thank you for letting me listen in.

16:19:24 From Melanie Reinert (she/her) To Everyone:

Hi Georgena! We are trying the in-Zoom whiteboard today rather than Miro. It should let us use it directly in the meeting rather than requiring a log in to a separate site in a browser.

16:20:03 From Melanie Reinert (she/her) To Everyone:

Thanks Sharron! We can see your chat. And thanks for attending to observe.

16:20:53 From Georgena Moran (she/her) To Everyone:

OK, Melanie. Got it.

16:21:16 From Tana Atchley Culbertson (she/her) To All Panelists:

http://www.nesikawilamut.org/

16:21:34 From Cary Watters (she/her) To Everyone:

Congratulations, Tana!

16:21:38 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To Everyone:

congratulations!

16:21:57 From Tana Atchley Culbertson (she/her) To All Panelists:

Thank you! 🙂

16:22:06 From Erin Upton (she/her) To Everyone:

Awesome. Congrats! Highly recommend the conference, I got to attend the last one. It was excellent!

16:27:57 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To Everyone:

thanks Owen for displaying

16:28:11 From Melanie Reinert (she/her) To Everyone:

If you haven't received a map in the mail in a huge tube, please let me know.

16:30:23 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To Everyone:

here's a link to the October working group summaries if you want to take a look

16:30:25 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To Everyone:

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16:31:42 From Melanie Reinert (she/her) To Everyone:

Hi Tana, the last batch went out late last week.

16:31:59 From Melanie Reinert (she/her) To Everyone:

I'll check if it was returned.

16:45:25 From Erin Upton (she/her) To Everyone:

Curious if anyone knows if you can link to Vimeo videos without having to create an account? I was prompted to set up an account in order to view.

16:45:32 From Melanie Reinert (she/her) To Everyone:

And the questions Cary is reading are also on the whiteboard... when and if it loads up:)

16:45:59 From Georgena Moran (she/her) To Everyone:

I am experiencing an unexpected challenge which may result in having to sign-off early. I will remain as long as possible.

16:46:19 From Melanie Reinert (she/her) To Everyone:

Thanks Georgena-hope all is well.

16:47:08 From Cary Watters (she/her) To Everyone:

Yes, thank you for the heads up, Georgena... Echoing Melanie's comments that I hope all is well!

16:47:50 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To Everyone:

Erin, saw your question about vimeo. i haven't experienced having to log in, but others may know more and we can share back with you.

16:49:02 From Melanie Reinert (she/her) To Everyone:

Hi Erin, it should definitely not be prompting a log in. I will check the settings.

16:49:14 From Erin Upton (she/her) To Everyone:

Thanks! I've never been prompted in the past, and was wondering if it was a setting. I don't mind creating an account, but just think it poses an extra barrier for people to access if they links are being shared with a larger audience.

16:58:28 From Melanie Reinert (she/her) To Everyone:

Try shift N to access the sticky notes

16:58:36 From Melanie Reinert (she/her) To Everyone:

try T to open the text tool

16:59:27 From Cary Watters (she/her) To Everyone:

Hm, I'm unable to use the sticky notes with those methods...

17:00:24 From Shannon Shoul (she/her) To Everyone:

Hi - Me too. I can hover, but cannot select, move nor write on the notes.

17:00:27 From Melanie Reinert (she/her) To Everyone:

working on it. I'm so sorry everyone.

17:00:45 From Cary Watters (she/her) To Everyone:

Thank you, Melanie!

17:04:26 From Georgena Moran (she/her) To Everyone:

I will need to leave the meeting. Sorry about that! See you next time. If there's anything I can contribute between meetings, feel free to email me.

17:04:39 From Cary Watters (she/her) To Everyone:

Thank you, Georgena!

17:07:26 From Melanie Reinert (she/her) To Everyone:

Sorry about the whiteboard fiasco.

17:07:40 From Melanie Reinert (she/her) To Everyone:

We will try another platform next time

17:10:15 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To Everyone:

Discussion questions for consideration:

- Additional information needed on the program
- Reflections on how community choice grants pilot round addressed bond criteria and goals
- Feedback on information and reporting to help evaluate the program moving forward

17:53:23 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To Everyone:

CIP is an acronym for Metro's Parks and Nature grant making program managers (for both bond and levy funded grants)

17:54:00 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To Everyone:

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17:54:16 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To Everyone:

see survey link and we'll forward it out to you all after the meeting

17:56:12 From John Ferguson To Everyone:

Great question.

17:57:52 From Erin Upton (she/her) To Everyone:

It seems to me that this cost is necessary to truly reach the goals of engagement and racial equity of the bond. The value is there to build trust among other important outcomes from the "process" work (in my opinion)

17:58:37 From Owen Wozniak To Everyone:

I agree with Erin. It's also important that we hold and set realistic expectations regarding the cost.

18:00:16 From Erin Upton (she/her) To Everyone:

I also appreciated the challenge of fitting the funding perimeters to what the community's goals (capital projects vs. programmatic for example), and communicating this limitation.

18:01:58 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To Everyone:

Also Melanie will be starting to schedule appointments for calendar year 2024, so first meeting should pop up for February 2024

18:02:25 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To Everyone:

appointments = committee meeting dates

18:02:39 From Crista Gardner (she/her) To All Panelists:

Metro Council meeting January 18, 2024



Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee

December 7, 2023

Today's agenda



4:00 p.m.	Welcome and	introductions
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4:05 p.m. Committee business reminders

4:10 p.m. *Discussion item:* Report back from October 2023 working group

meetings

4:40 p.m. *Informational item*: presentation on the Parks and Nature bond large

scale community visions program

5:10 p.m. *Informational item*: presentation on the Parks and Nature bond

community choice grants pilot program

5:50 p.m. *Discussion item*: Review proposed work plan for 2024

6:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee business reminders



Public testimony received

Reminders to reply only to parksandnaturebond@oregonmetro.gov on committee business

Other member updates to share?

Report back from working groups



Discussion questions



Share out summary of 3-4 key topics from October working groups

- Land acquisition
- Community engagement
- finance

Feedback on next steps for bond audit work plan Other topics/questions for full committee NEXT working groups planned for February 2024 Reminders | committee work plan



Discussion topics



- 1. Edits to work plan goals (slides 8-10)
- 2. Feedback on timing for year 2 annual report (slide 11)
- 3. Additional topics for committee attention (slides 12-14)
- 4. Adjustments to working groups

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Reminder | committee work plan for 2023



GOAL 1: Deepen understanding of bond

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GOAL 2: Continue evaluation of bond

GOAL 3: Strengthen committee membership and leadership

Dec. 2022	Feb. 2023	April 2023	Sept. 2023	Dec. 2023
Climate resilience/ protect and restore land	Take care of Metro parks	Local share		Capital grants Large scale community visions
	Connect with Council liaisons	Site visit/tour opportunity	Site visit/tour opportunity	Connect with other Metro committees
	Develop process for year 2 report; review bond evaluation findings	Review staff report for year 2	Any debrief from year 2 report	
	Co-chair identified; working group time	Working group time	Working group time	Targeted recruitment in 2023

Proposed | goals for committee for 2024



- 1. GOAL 1: Build understanding of the bond and the broader context of committees at Metro
- 2. GOAL 2: Review and stay engaged on implementation of bond audit work plan
- GOAL 3: Continue evaluation of bond work to date with a focus on tools that make sense of progress on bond criteria
- 4. GOAL 4: Continue to build committee membership and leadership structures with a focus on committee sustainability

Proposed | committee work plan for 2024



GOAL 1: Deepen understanding of bond

GOAL 2: review implementation of bond audit work plan

GOAL 3: Continue evaluation of bond

GOAL 4: Strengthen committee membership and leadership

	Dec. 2023	Winter 2024	Spring 2024	Early summer 2024	Fall 2024
	LSCV and community choice grants	Local share panel Review bond spend targets	Update on trail grants		Update on Take Care of Metro parks projects
		Update on audit response work plan at Feb. 2024 working groups	Review elements of/definitions of access		Connect with other Metro committees
		Debrief from year 2 report process	Develop process for year 3 report	Review information available for year 3 report; define format	Develop year 3 report; present to Metro Council
	Launch recruitment	Council appointment/re -appointment	Onboarding	Onboarding/site tour	15
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Upcoming milestones for committee work



Fall 2023: Targeted new member recruitment through at least end of January, outreach on opportunity

Early 2024: Review applications, Metro Council appointment/reappointment of committee members

Fall 2024: committee's year 3 report to the Metro Council

Committee has reviewed the following bond programs



Bond program	Deep dive with committee? y/n	when
Local share	Υ	April 2023 meeting
Protect and restore land	Υ	In working group and at December 2022 meeting
Community choice grants	Υ	In community engagement working group Dec. 2023 committee meeting
Take care of Metro Parks	Υ	February 2023 meeting
Walking and biking trails	N	
Large scale community visions	Υ	December 2023 meeting

Committee has reviewed following elements of bond criteria



Topic related to bond criteria	Deep dive with committ ee? y/n	When/how?
Bond evaluation outcomes project	Υ	May and September 2022 committee meetings
Bond's climate resilience criteria	Υ	December 2022 committee meeting
Meaningful community engagement case studies	Υ	February 2023 meeting; February 2023 engagement working group
Overview of COBID participation	Υ	Finance working group
Advancing accessibility at Metro sites	Υ	May 2022 engagement working group
Workforce participation in bond funded projects	N	

Potential topics for committee to continue exploring in 2024



- 1. Explore potential of mapping as a tool for analysis to better understand bond investments as connected systems, progress over time and on criteria like access, climate and racial equity
- 2. Information on Metro's tribal government engagement related to Parks and Nature bond
- 3. Opportunities to measure dimensions of access around bond funded projects
- 4. Goals for workforce participation in Metro bond funded projects
- 5. Analyze a subset of acquisitions from 2006 bond to understand how 2019 acquisitions are comparing especially on climate
- 6. Updates and evaluation on engagement process and projects
- 7. Update on Metro's climate justice task force work
- 8. Update on Metro Council adopted strategic targets (anticipated to be adopted by end of December 2023)

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Reference slides

Bond updates as of November 2023



Program	Milestone
Local share	Completed IGAs with PPR, Wilsonville, Forest Grove, NCPRD for 8 projects and \$15.5 million, received project submittal from Tigard (\$1.36 million)
Trails	2 of 8 IGAs received final approval, 3 close to complete
Protect and restore land	Completed 19th acquisition, 53-acre acquisition in Tualatin river target area for \$260,000,
Capital grants	3 of 7 IGAs for initial round of grant awards nearly complete
Community choice grants	Community vote open through Nov. 7 on list of 26 projects received 1664 votes. recommendation to Council in January
Community visions	conversations with recipients from pilot round on executing funding agreement, engaging with partners about second round
Take care of Metro parks	Completed Blue Lake Park community engagement phase 1 with online survey, BIPOC focus groups.

Recent updates and highlights

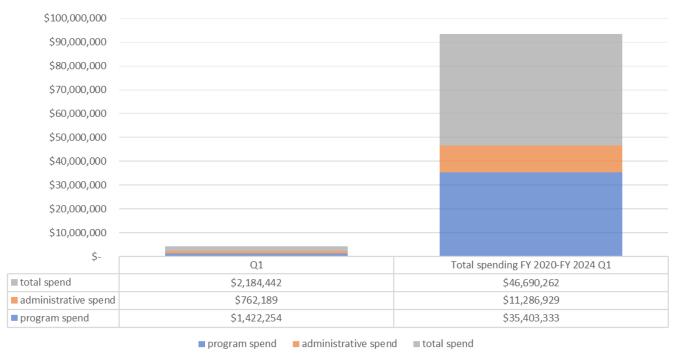


- Parks and Nature annual report for FY 2022-2023
- Bond dashboard
- Initial designs for Lone Fir Cultural Heritage and Healing Garden released
- FY 2024 Q1 quarterly report

Bond spend down as of FY 2024 Q1



FY 2024 BOND SPEND BY QUARTER



Committee members



Tana Atchley Culbertson

Burt Edwards

Georgena Moran

Cary Watters

Owen Wozniak

John Ferguson

Shantae Johnson

Martita Meier

PK Melethil

Tabitha Palmer DuPrau

Vivek Shandas

Shannon Shoul

Erin Upton

Binder section 00

Co-Director, Nesika Wilamut

Director of Programs, Re-Think Media

Accessibility specialist, ACCESS recreation

Contracts Supervisor, Portland Bureau of Transportation

Land Transactions Program Manager, the Land Trust Alliance

Former geotechnical engineer

Owner, Mudbone Grown LLC

Digital Strategist and Project manager

Environmental Scientist, TCM physician

Underwriting Counsel, Fidelity National Title Group

Professor, Portland State University

Director, Procurement Sustainability, Nike

Environmental social scientist and landscape architect

Council liaisons



Councilor Ashton Simpson, District 1: includes Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale, Wood Village, portions of East Portland and the unincorporated communities of Damascus and Boring

Councilor Mary Nolan, District 5: includes Northwest and North Portland, portions of Southwest and Northeast Portland, plus the city of Maywood Park and part of Washington County.

Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, District 3: includes portions of Washington and Clackamas counties and the cities of Beaverton, Durham, King City, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin and Wilsonville

Staff team



Parks and Nature leadership: Jon Blasher, MG Devereux, Dan Moeller, Mychal Tetteh

Background information, staff support: Beth Cohen

Meeting logistics, administrative support: Melanie Reinert

Office of Metro Attorney: Michelle Bellia

Parks and Nature finance manager: Chantia Clark

Binder section 08

Group agreements



- In discussions, challenge ideas rather than individuals.
- Approach different opinions with curiosity, seek to understand.
- Keep the needs and concerns of the local community and the larger region at the forefront of the work.
- Keep focus on the objectives of the meetings; work with facilitator to note additional topics for discussion.
- . Keep multi-tasking to a minimum

Group agreements



- Notify committee chairperson and Metro staff of any media inquiries and refer requests for official statements or viewpoints to Metro. Committee members will not speak to media on behalf of the committee or Metro, but rather only on their own behalf.
- Share questions they have with the full committee so everyone can benefit from the answers
- Members in working groups commit to capturing discussions to transparently share the results with the larger group.

Reminder: goals for committee (identified in winter 2022)



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 membership and leadership structures with a
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Land acquisition at-a-glance





Money allocated in bond

Total of \$155 to acquire priority parcels in 24 target areas across the region through a willing seller program (\$15 million for community-led acquisition), plus \$10 million from trails program for trail gap acquisition

Governing documents

- Council approved refinement plans with acquisition priorities for land and trail gaps
- Natural areas work plan sets parameters for acquisition protocol
- Closing memo for each completed purchase to Metro Council and oversight committee demonstrates alignment with bond criteria

Progress to date (as of May 2023)

- Deep engagement to identify priorities for land acquisition
- \$12 million spent on 12 acquisitions
- Acquisition of over 478 and 1 trail gap
- Hired two real estate specialists
- Outreach to about 80 landowners since July 2022

Trail grants program at-a-glance





Money allocated in bond: \$20 million for grants to trail planning and construction projects

Key documents

- Council approved resolution approving slate of grants
- Trail grants handbook
- Report from summer 2022 public comment

Progress to date (as of May 2023)

- one cycle of trail grants awarded to 12 projects for \$19.5 million in September 2022;
- moving towards executing IGAs for the 12 projects awarded

Key issues for awareness

- Grant program is reimbursement based, with up to 30% available up front
- Incorporating policy priorities into requirements for grantees like cultural resource assessments for ground disturbing activities and workforce equity goals

Local share program at-a-glance





Money allocated in bond: \$92 million to 27 park providers for natural area and park land acquisitions, habitat restoration, new or improved access facilities at public parks and natural areas, local or regional trails, enhanced or new environmental educational facilities.

Key documents

- Local share handbook
- Council approved local share IGA template (approved by resolution)
- Local share webpage with resources for identifying and submitting projects

Progress to date (as of May 2023)

- five projects awarded \$9.3 million in funds; \$4 spent on acquisition
- 5 projects in review (3 from Portland Park and Recreation, Forest Grove and Wilsonville);
- 1/1 meetings and 8 roundtables to support park providers in meeting bond criteria

Key issues for awareness

- Allocations based on a population, assessed value formula, range from \$200,000 to over \$30 million
- Park providers have ten years to identify and submit projects for funding;
- Program is largely reimbursement based with the allowance up to 30 percent awarded up front. For acquisitions, full dollar amount is awarded up front.



Nature in Neighborhoods Capital grants program at-a-glance



Money allocated in bond: \$4 that the community in western Washington County will identify a project or projects for funding using participatory budgeting principles

Key documents

- Pilot guidebook and guidebook brief
- RFP for community engagement services for idea collection and community vote phases

Progress to date (as of May 2023):

- Preparing materials to launch idea collection activities in Spring 2023
- Convened a committee in 2021 to build the program handbook and guide idea collection;
- affirmed initial geographic focus for pilot on district 4;
- Partnering with 5 park providers in district 4 on pilot;
- hired community engagement team for idea collection and preparing materials and website for future engagement and community voting

Key issues for awareness:

Project(s) selected will need to be in public ownership



Nature in Neighborhoods Capital grants program at-a-glance



Money allocated in bond: \$40 million for projects that support partnerships between park providers, community organizations, schools and others to increase experience of nature at the community scale

Key documents: <u>Capital grants initial solicitation handbook</u>

Progress to date (as of May 2023):

- Developed solicitation for initial round with an eye towards recommending a slate of funding awards to Council in summer 2023
- Received 16 letters of intent for \$6 million

Key issues for awareness:

- This program in the 2006 natural areas bond funded 8 rounds of grants including projects like Cully Park, Gateway Green, Nadaka nature park in Gresham, Milwaukie riverfront park
- Projects must involve partnership of a park provider and community organizations and funded projects must result in a capital asset in public ownership
- Traditionally it has taken time, staff support and building relationships with grant recipients to identify
 projects that will result in a capital asset and are ready for funding

Take care of Metro parks program at-a-glance



Money allocated in bond: \$98 million to take care of Metro's developed sites across the region with a focus on addressing infrastructure at sites like Blue Lake and Oxbow before investing in new development at sites with approved master plans.

Key documents

• PN Capital Improvement Plan

Progress to date (as of May 2023)

- \$9 million spent to complete 9 projects
- Completed Chehalem Ridge and Newell Creek
- Completed Blue Lake Park utilities and facilities plan, water line phase 1, building demo and projects underway at BLP including water line phase 2, sanitary sewer
- Kick off of ADA improvements to Oxbow boat launch parking
- ADA pilot at Graham Oaks
- Engagement activities at Lone Fir Cultural Heritage and Healing Garden

Key issues for awareness

- Blue Lake Park Curry building project incorporates Metro's regional workforce agreement goals.
- About \$10 for investing in ADA transition plan including pilot at Graham Oaks
- \$4 million to Lone Fir Cultural Heritage and Healing Garden



Community visions program at-a-glance



Money allocated in bond: \$50 million to help deliver significant investment in habitat preservation, restoration, and access to nature in coordinated and visionary capital projects, \$20 million earmarked for Willamette falls legacy project

Key documents

- Council approved pilot program handbook
- Website with active notice of funding availability

Progress to date (as of May 2023):

- Pilot solicitation for up to \$10 million in projects open in summer 2022
- 4 letters of interest submitted by end of October 2022
- Completed initial review of letters of intent

Bond administration/criteria alignment at-a-glance



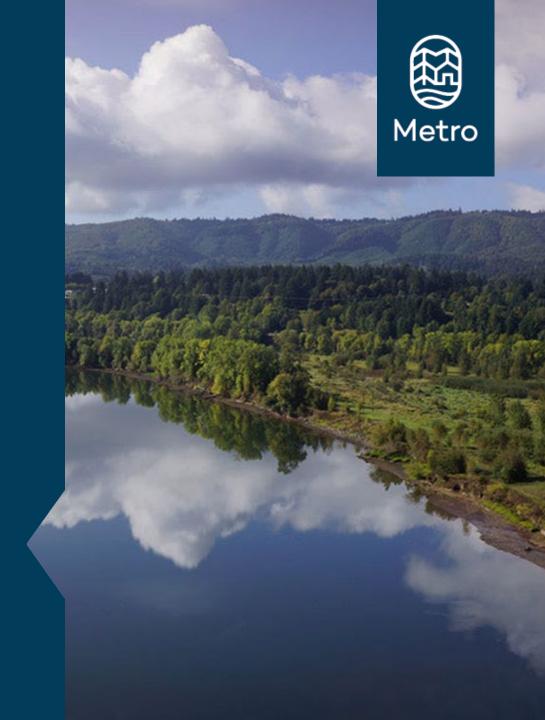
Key documents

- Bond measure language
- Oversight committee bylaws
- Climate resilience intention guidance document
- Anti-displacement information and resources
- Evaluation framework to articulate impact of bond investments
- Bond dashboard (updated quarterly)

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Bond program deep dive | large scale community visions



Topics for committee discussion



- Additional information needed on the program or the pilot round
- Reflections on how large scale community visions pilot round addressed bond criteria and goals
- Feedback on information and reporting to collect on the program moving forward

Community visions program at-a-glance



Money allocated in bond:

\$50 million total

\$30 million for a community driven grant process to fund transformative regional-scale projects that increase access to nature for people in urban areas and/or improve the resilience of urban natural areas

Key documents: Council approved pilot program handbook

Community visions video explainer

Large scale community visions program



Driven by community engagement and community interests

Catalyze investments in transformative regional-scale projects that increase access to nature for people in urban areas and/or improve the resilience of urban natural areas

Leverage public/private investments in affordable housing, transit and connections to local or regional parks

Partner with other public agencies and private organizations



Building on what we know



Program is new to Metro in scale in complexity

- Minimum \$6m project budget
- Minimum \$2m grant
- 5:1 match for overall project to nature uplift components

Functions in a similar manner to other Parks and Nature grant programs

Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants, community choice grants



Council approved criteria in the bond measure



Improve access to nature for people

Protect and reclaim rivers, increase tree canopy and/or restore or improve other important natural features in urban areas for the benefit of people and wildlife

Create access to nature in a regional or town center, employment area or other areas identified as a priority for investment in Metro's 2040 Growth Concept

Foster partnerships between public agencies and between the public and private sectors and/or catalyze private investment by focusing public investments and efforts on specific priority projects

Meet a need identified by communities of color, Indigenous communities, people with low incomes and other historically marginalized communities

Complement investments in affordable housing and transit or active transportation projects

Engagement and outreach for pilot round



Announced on Metro's website, bond newsletter

10 conversations with potential partners;

4 letters of intent submitted by end of October;

Completed information gathering with 4 applicants; all invited to participate in detailed application stage

Pilot round | Project Submission Review



3 Projects

- Trust for Public Land/Oregon State University (OSU) – Forest Acquisition
- OMSI+CRITFC— Waterfront Education Park
- Albina Vision Trust Acquisition/Development

Report to Council

- Match to Criteria Bond Rules
- Project Readiness/Risk Dimension
- No Final Staff Selection Options Similar to Expo Report

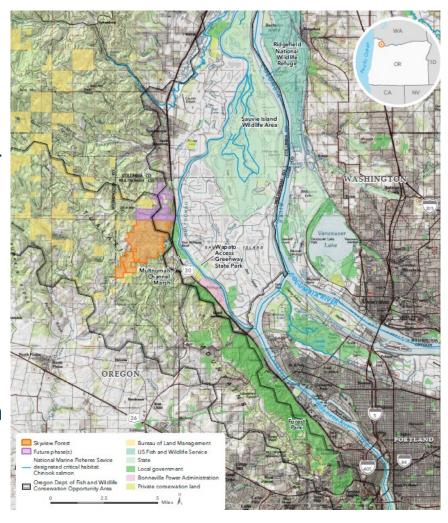
North Tualatin Mountains Forest Site Acquisition







- Requested \$3.5 million as match for a federal grant to protect an over 3,000 acre working research forest
- Opportunity to protect a significant parcel of land in an area already identified as priority habitat for Metro's land acquisition
- Opportunities for future mass timber research funding and carbon mitigation research for biofuel development



OMSI Waterfront Education Park









- Requested \$10 million for construction of Waterfront Education Park
- Project is catalyst for broader OMSI district vision and center for tribal nations
- Near term nature uplift in urban center of Portland



Site acquisition readiness in Albina District





- Requested \$5 million, \$3 million for option to acquire Rose Quarter site and \$2 million for site planning activities
- Catalyst for long-term neighborhood revitalization



Pilot round and review process for up to \$10 million



Summer 2022

NOFA/letter of interest

Winter 2022

Meet with each letter of intent submitter

Spring 2023

Detailed application phase

May 2023 and beyond

Council funding determination that allows staff to negotiate funding awards and conditions

Fall 2023 and beyond

Council direction on adjustments for future rounds of program



Challenges



- Public/private partnerships that require public ownership or easement
- Complex projects with multiple phases and components
- Projects that are eligible vary in ability to meet and address bond requirements, bond criteria and program criteria
- Projects need to have a significant nature component

Evaluating program impact



Demonstrate program progress over time

Number and type of community visions projects awarded

Outcomes of community visions projects on nature uplift, housing, transportation and other

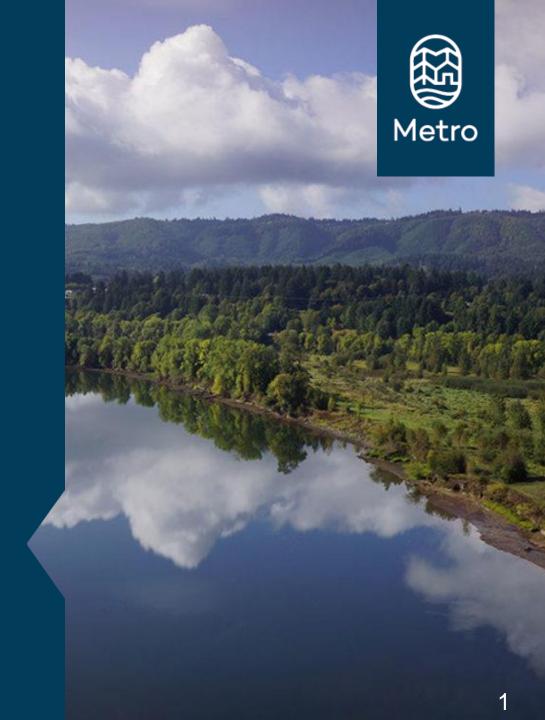
Feedback from program applicants and recipients on impact of participating in the program

Topics for committee discussion



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Update on PN bond's community choice grants program



Outline and Themes

Outline

- Metro and Program Background
- Program Design
- Implementation

Presentation Themes

- Engagement
- Accessibility
- Inclusion



The 2019 Metro Parks and Nature Bond

\$475 million and 6 programs to improve water quality, protect fish and wildlife habitat and connect people to nature

- Advance racial equity
- Prepare for climate change
- Conduct meaningful engagement

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Pilot a new "Participatory Grantmaking" approach within this program area

Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants

- Funds projects that increase nature at the neighborhood scale and partnerships between park providers, community organizations and others
- Multiple rounds of competitive capital grants
- 2023: \$2.7 M; 2024: \$5 M

Pilot

 Community Choice grants up to \$2 million in bond funds



What is participatory grantmaking?



No formal definition of participatory grantmaking.

Participatory grantmaking cedes decision-making power about funding, including the strategy and criteria behind those decisions, to the very communities that funders aim to serve.



Public Participation Spectrum



STANCE TOWARDS COMMUNITY	IGNORE	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	DEFER TO
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IMPACT	Marginalization	Placation	Tokenization	Voice	Delegated Power	Community Ownership
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GOALS	Deny access to decision-making processes	Provide the community with relevant information	Gather input from the community	Ensure community needs and assets are integrated into process & inform planning	Ensure community capacity to play a leadership role in implementation of decisions	Foster democratic participation and equil through community-driven decision-making; Bridge divide between community & governance
MESSAGE TO COMMUNITY	Your voice, needs & interests do not matter	We will keep you informed	We care what you think	You are making us think, (and therefore act) differently about the issue	Your leadership and expertise are critical to how we address the issue	It's time to unlock collective power and capacity for transformative solutions

Participatory Grantmaking Spectrum





Grantmakers tell

Non-grantmakers receive



CONSULTING

Grantmakers receive

Non-grantmakers tell



INVOLVING

Two-way communication that leads to grantmaker decisions



DECIDING

Two-way communication that leads to joint decision-making

Pre-Grant Granting Process

Post-Grant

Program Design and Review Committee



Empowered to make program decisions, the PDRC ensured that the resulting program would center equity and community throughout.

Metro invited community members to apply that:

- reflect the broad diversity of experience and background in the region
- Love parks and natural areas
- Want to support conservation and racial equity





PDRC Recruitment



Engagement

- Direct outreach to community leaders
- Focus on communitybased organizations

Accessibility

Simplified application

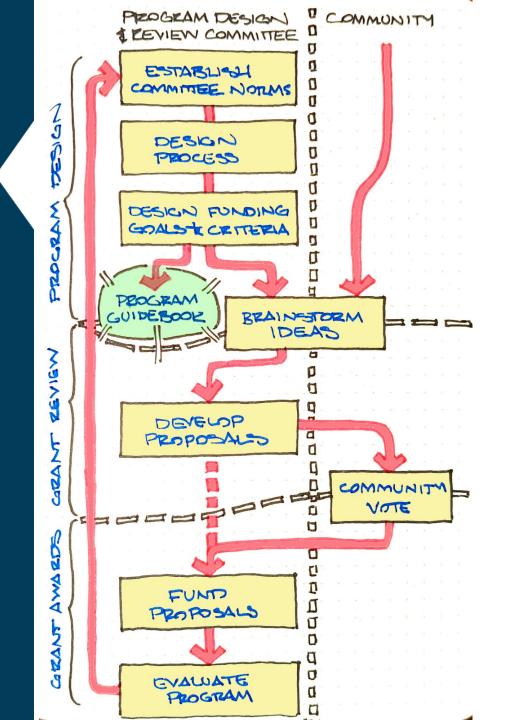
Inclusion

 Focus on lived experience, balancing subject area expertise



Community-Led Program Design

- Empowered to make program decisions
- Group agreements
- Program goals and vision
- Process Design
- Funding goals and criteria



Community-Led Program Design



Engagement

- Direct decision making
- Affirmative decision making

Accessibility

- Compensation/stipend
- Outside work hours
- Remote with in-person social gatherings

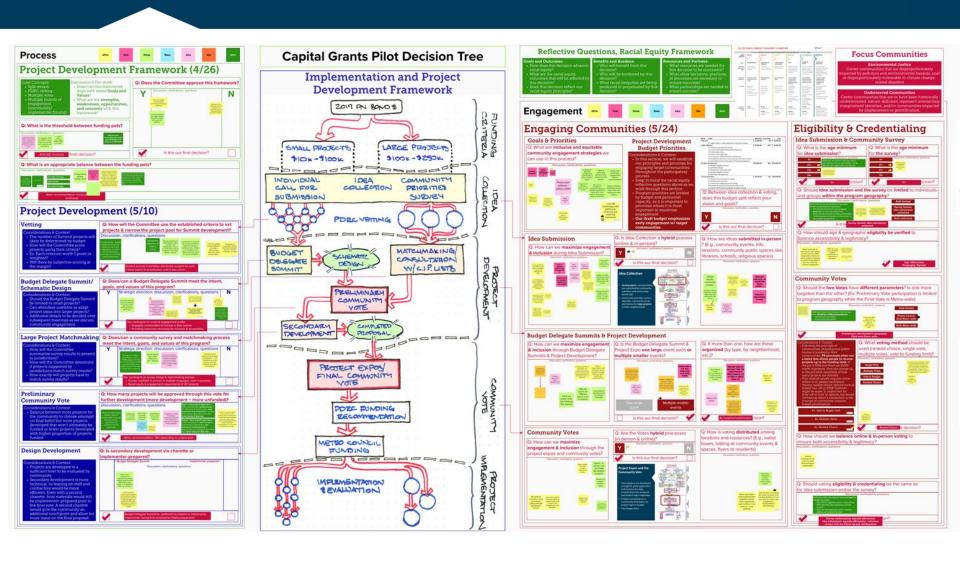
Inclusion

Consensus-based decision making



Community-Led Program Design





Program Design Engagement Tools



Engagement

- Set-up: Ground rules, Principles, Contracts
- Cohort learning: Participatory budgeting, Grants, Bond
- Between-meeting information sharing: reports, memos, webinars, presentations, reference materials and lists
- Focus meeting time on decision making: Mural board and openended surveys for feedback and input
- Development of program guidebook



Committee-led Request for Proposal



Outreach to COBID firms and community-based organizations

Team:

Knot Studio

Colloqate

Multi-Cultural Collaborative



Convening Partners



Washington
County Team
Coordination

Monthly meetings

Sharefile

Regular Emails



The Participatory Process

Community Touchpoints





Becas de Elección Comunitaria Nature in Neighborhoods ¿Cómo funciona?



Comparta sus ideas para parques y áreas naturales en el Distrito 4 del Consejo de Metro.



Únase a los miembros de la comunidad, profesionales del diseño, y personal de las ciudades y distritos de parques locales para trabajar juntos en convertir las ideas en conceptos de proyectos viables.



Cualquier persona de 11 años o mayor en el Distrito 4 puede votar por los proyectos que más les gustan. ¿No puede elegir solo uno? Puede votar por más de uno.



Los proyectos favoritos de la comunidad vuelven al taller de diseño para planeación más detallada, estimados de costos y diseños.



¡Vea todo el trabajo que usted y sus vecinos han hecho! Obtenga más información sobre los proyectos, disfrute de comida, y pase tiempo con su comunidad.



Cualquier persona de 11 años o más en el área metropolitana de Portland puede participar en el voto final. Nuevamente puede elegir más de un proyecto, ¡La votación estará disponible en la expo, en línea y en otras ubicaciones convenientes!



¡El Consejo de Metro asigna las becas al proyecto elegido por la comunidad!



¡Por los siguientes meses y años construiremos los proyectos que usted y su comunidad eligieron! Estos proyectos mejorarán el hábitat de la vida silvestre, harán que nuestra región sea más resiliente al cambio climático y conectarán a las personas con la naturaleza cera de casa.



Idea Collection

Community-generated project ideas

- Digital platform for idea submission and project mapping
- In-person idea generating workshops in community spaces
- Online survey for general needs and desires
- 118 ideas submitted



Project Development

Community Design Workshops



- Multiple community touchpoints
- In-person
 development
 workshops to
 develop 45 ideas
 into projects
- Public working sessions



Community Vote

Community Choice



- First of two votes
- Initial Vote limited to locals
- Both online and in-person at tabling in community spaces

Oregon Metro You have selected 3 / 10 projects. Play and Delight Story Walk (Forest Grove) Adult Play Structures at Heckman Road Park Story Walk (Cornelius) Updating the Playground at Shadywood Park Adult Play Structures in Hillsboro Nature Play in Evergreen Park Covered Outdoor Play at Bard Park Gathering and Celebration Park Keeping It Rustic in Cornelius (27a) Serenity Park Nature Play in Stites Park Covered Outdoor Play at Evergreen Park Keeping It Rustic in Cornelius (27b)

Forest Glen Park Playground Update

Pollinator Pathway on the Forest Grove

Habitat and Restoration

Native Plant Garden at Talisman Park

Add native plantings to the arboretum at Talisman Park, with interpretive signs describing the plants and the habitat they create. Read more...

Location: Talisman Park, in Forest Grove



Remove



Native Plant Gardens in Hillsboro Parks

Creates native plant gardens in existing parks for communities of Color to leand protection of the environment. Read more...

Location: Specific location to be determined.

Project Development

Community Design Workshops



- In person
 community
 workshops and
 individual design
 meetings focused
 on specific
 locations, site
 designs, and costs
 of 28 projects
- Community, park owner and design experts designing collaboratively



Community Vote

Community Choice



- Second of two votes
- Final Vote open to region
- Both online and in-person at project expo and tabling in community spaces

Oregon Metro

Usted ha seleccionado

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proyectos.

Habitat and Ecosystems

- 21. Restauración de los humedales en Kyle Park
- 4. Jardines de plantas autóctonas en Rood Bridge Park
- 23. Bosques de bolsillo en Cornelius
- 18. Ruta para polinizadores en el sendero Rock Creek Powerline Trail
- 7. Jardín de aprendizaje y descubrimiento en W.L. Henry Elementary School
- 14. Hábitat para polinizadores en Center Street Park
- 17. Hacer que todo vuelva a estar bien en PCC Rock Creek
- 1. Restaurar la naturaleza en Hamby Park
- 27. Ruta para polinizadores en el sendero Forest Grove Loop
- 20. Hacer que todo vuelva a estar bien en Tualatin Hills Nature Park

Play and Delight

9. Juegos al aire libre bajo techo en

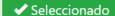
Play and Delight

9. Juegos al aire libre bajo techo en Evergreen Park

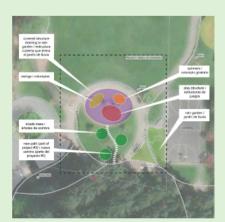
Un área de juegos bajo techo en Evergreen Park ampliaría la época del año en que las áreas de juegos pueden utilizarse, tanto en las temporadas de lluvia como las de calor. Leer más...

Costo Estimado: \$249.633

Ubicación: Evergreen Park en Hillsboro



Anular selección





Ayuda English

Engagement



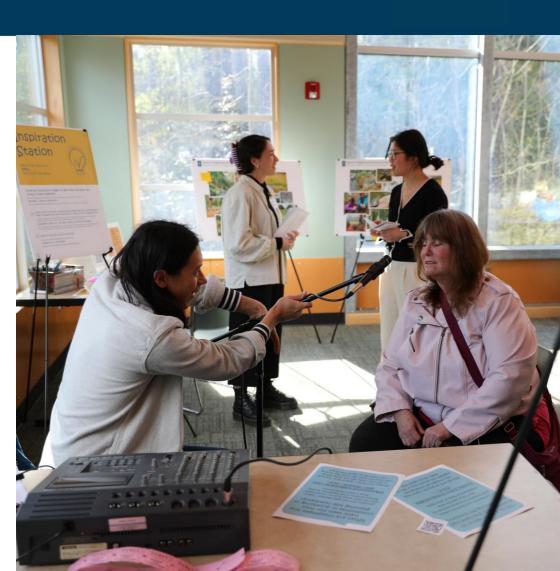
- In-person: events for idea generating and project development workshops, voting expos
- Tabling at culturally specific events
- Collaborative community design workshops
- Online: idea submission platform and survey, voting platform
- Communication: Physical mailers,
 Graphics, Website, Social Media
- Gift cards to local restaurants



Accessibility



- Community leaders: stipends, applied lived expertise, outreach to community, materials and workshop design, community events
- Interactive, tactile and audio components at all workshops
- Accessibility website
- Screen reader compatible and braille materials



Inclusion



Community leaders: stipends, applied lived expertise, outreach to community, materials and workshop design, community events

Community events and workshops

Traditional ecological knowledge



Inclusion



- Interpretation at events in Spanish, ASL, Vietnamese, Mandarin
- All materials bilingual (side-byside, not separate)
- Events held in community spaces
- On-site project posters



Lessons learned

Advancing bond outcomes around racial equity an **Metro** community engagement

- Advancing equity requires new processes
- Opportunity to repair past harms and improve institutional trust
- New voices
- Projects that reflect community needs

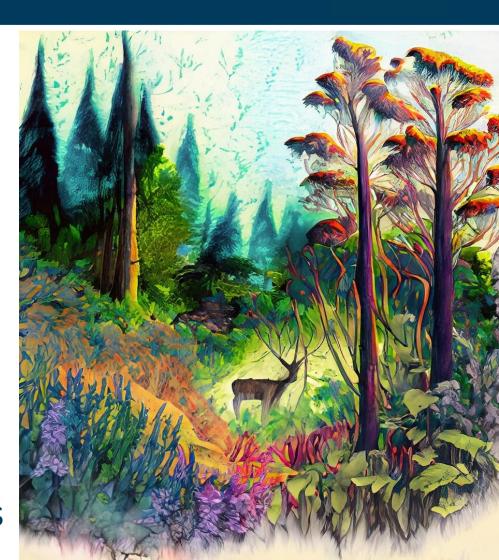


Lessons learned

Risks and costs



- Capture and reinforcing inequity
- Community trust
- Funding source
- More touchpoints, more intensive engagement, more cost
- Community expectations



Thank you to our partners on this project!



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Thank you to our partners on this project!

















Thanks to the Metro team!



Crista Gardner, Crista.Gardner@oregonmetro.gov

Gabrielle Brown, Gabrielle.Brown@oregonmetro.gov

Topics for discussion today



- Additional information needed on the program
- Reflections on how community choice grants pilot round addressed bond criteria and goals
- Feedback on information and reporting to help evaluate the program moving forward

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October 11 oversight committee community engagement working group summary

Attendees: Burt, Erin, Georgena, MG, Beth, Melanie

Link to video recording: https://vimeo.com/887380308?share=copy

Overview of recent engagement activities for Blue Lake Park and Community Choice grants

- Heard an update on two engagement activities planned for the Blue Lake Park renovation
 project engagement through three phases of the project (small partner cohort, BIPOC focused,
 general and tribal government engagement). In the last two months, the team has completed the
 first milestone for engagement
- Heard an update on the community choice grants process on the initial community vote for District 4 residents and projects moving on to the final round of voting open to anyone 11 and older in the region) is happening in October. Then final recommended slate of projects will be shared for Metro Council consideration and approval in January 2024.
- In both instances, working group discussed the type of projects need to emphasize how people have been heard. Need to make that connection between feedback and outcomes.
- Bond talks about accessibility...all these projects have accessibility in mind
- Come back to accessibility lens for all bond projects

Takeaways from discussion about audit at Sept. 14 meeting

- Engagement is connected to access. This bond is not only about access to physical place but to decision-making and where power and money decide
- Defining what we mean by access and accessibility
- There are a lot of levels that the audit report talked about
 - Community has already told us what is important to them when they show up at a site. How do we measure some of those intangible pieces.
 - How do we also recognize that the conservation benefits of many of our properties are access...access to clean air and water, eco-system functions in the region
- Understand that there are subjective aspects to what we're talking about that can be put down in black and white.
- Engagement as an iterative process. How does this question get woven into some of the community engagement, communication and story-telling piece. incorporate it into long term work plan
- Follow up on access work. adding elements to staff and committee members

Note: working group expressed an openness to having updates on the work come to each of the three working groups. Don't need to create a new working group. Let's not add another committee but figure out how to work within another committee

New member recruitment

- It would be nice to have different perspectives of people living with different abilities
 - o Accessibility specialist at PCC. Patricia
 - o Organization...is all about sports adaptive sports NW

Future topics for the committee to hear about

 Bringing in the agency's tribal liaison or just talk about where tribal engagement has approached our projects

October 16 oversight committee finance working group summary

Attendees: Cary, Shannon, Tabitha, Chantia, Beth, Melanie

Link to video recording: https://vimeo.com/887396576?share=copy

<u>Update on bond finance as of October 2023</u>

- One of the tools staff can provide is our expectations and markers for where the work should/will go and then you can track how we are or aren't meeting those expectations.
- For the finance focus, this means being clearer about spend and other finance activities we're anticipating for this fiscal year
- We're working to anticipate spend and award for this fiscal year and also future fiscal years as we plan to spend and award bond funds mostly by 2031.
- Some of the things we know now that are influencing our projections for this FY include
 - 3-4 major capital projects at BLP underway now and should spend about 10-15 million this FY
 - Analysis of the challenges in the current real estate market and our team capacity for acquisition means that we'll probably spend at a similar pace to last fiscal year (about \$6-\$7 million).
 - We're also paying attention to funds awarded and teeing up more through local share, community choice grants and capital grants
- Projecting to spend more in the next two years and will share longer term spend forecast with the committee in the coming months
- Other dynamics
 - We're closing out the 2006 bond
 - o COBID participation across the bond remains at about 30%

Takeaways from discussion about audit at Sept. 14 meeting

- Needed more notice about the audit and what it was covering blindsiding
- Wanted committee to be more aware or audit progress

Note: working group expressed an openness to having updates on the work come to each of the three working groups. Don't need to create a new working group. Let's not add another committee but figure out how to work within another committee

Future topics for the committee to hear about

- Are there any contract equity updates and diving in to the figures behind the overall COBID participation numbers
- Workforce participation
- Audit response work plan
- Specific financial measures as targets

October 12 oversight committee land acquisition working group summary

Attendees: PK, John, Owen, MG, Shannon, Beth, Melanie

Link to video recording: https://vimeo.com/887403877?share=copy

Takeaways from discussion about audit at Sept. 14 meeting

- Really important that there is absolute clarity about the overall purpose of this bond, don't want to do anything
- John read the meeting summary, appreciated the committee members comments and questions. It sounds like the auditor's main issue was access and equitable access and it's about
- Auditor said that the team found limitations to accessing some of the land. One barrier is that
 the portfolio is oriented towards conservation. Can we have both? I think we can, but not
 everywhere
- Need to make it clear that we are working towards accessibility, but it may be limited depending on the site.
- Access to sites to mass transit is being discussed as part of the regional transportation plan
- Agree that local share/grants should take a more focus to public access
- Also important to provide better signage that indicates space is open
- More ideas about how to make folks feel safe and welcome
- Different levels of access
 - New opportunities for access at Metro sites
 - o How do we advance arguments about investments happening in local partners
- Lots of work done pre-bond passage that contextualized an understanding that there isn't an official definition of access for this bond measure. It is important to take that context and make that official, but that context is based on work that is being updated by the department (Racial Equity Diversity and Inclusion plan, oversight committee, disability justice)

Note: working group expressed an openness to having updates on the work come to each of the three working groups. Don't need to create a new working group. Let's not add another committee but figure out how to work within another committee

Discussion on better leveraging maps, information sharing

- One map with acquisition investments from the 1995, 2006 and 2019 bond
- For signs and information, how do we help provide leadership to other organizations working on these same topics?
- Challenge around creating a single online map that represents the region's parks, trails and natural areas
- How can we make data dense and information dense? Provides a lot of information that people
 can zone in on at different levels? Mapping struggling with the balance of how much
 information to include vs. complexity
- Need to capture the full investment of the region. What's the system as a whole doing? More than what's Metro's part of that
- The latest bond investment maps from the 2022-2023 annual report can be found here: https://www.oregonmetro.gov/news/parks-and-nature-2023-regional-investments-neighborhood-benefits

• A map of Metro natural areas is also available at the bottom of this webpage https://www.oregonmetro.gov/metro-parks-and-natural-areas

<u>Update on land acquisition work</u>

- Since May, acquired 3 properties, 2 trail easements. Small dollars and sizes but significant in terms of our term. Also recently closed on a property in the Tualatin River (53 acres)
- Completed 19 acquisitions across 13 diff. target areas
- Talking to 20 landowners, serious conversations
- Recently hired a senior real estate specialist and working with a recruiting firm to target folks for remaining vacancy
- Have currently, offers on 6 properties (\$8 million)
- Discussed goals for pace of acquisition
 - Only doing since 18 months...continue to believe that as the team gets staffed up and the volume of projects
 - Seeing increase in terms of how many landowners we're talking to...bell curve of quick pace happening in year 2 or 3
 - Also acquisitions within the urban target area require agreement on managing from local partner. When Metro acquires something within another park providing jurisdiction, we don't manage it
 - When Metro acquires trails we pass the easement to the park provider and often that is challenging.

From: Parks and Nature Bond
To: Parks and Nature Bond

Cc: <u>Beth Cohen; MG Devereux; Melanie Reinert</u>

Subject: Oversight committee updates and meeting materials for December 7

Date: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 12:38:00 PM

Attachments: 20231207 slide deck 1 draft 1.pdf

20231207 slide deck 2 Community visions program v2.pdf

20231207-pnoc-agenda.pdf

Hi Committee members—

Wishing a restful and restorative holiday week for you all. We are looking forward to seeing you at our <u>meeting on December 7 from 4-6 p.m</u>. Hopefully you saw the calendar appointment for this time.

In advance of the meeting, see below for items for your review and attention in advance.

December 7 meeting agenda and packet

See attached for meeting agenda and draft slides to help support committee discussion at the meeting on December 7. Below is a summary table describing the key topics we're planning to cover and relevant slides or info to review in advance.

Agenda item	Focus for committee	Supporting materials
Report out from October	Topics covered at working	Link to meeting summaries from
working group meetings	group meetings	October 2023 working groups
		(see meeting materials folders
		for each working group for
		summaries and recordings)
Presentation on Parks and	Reflections on how large scale	Slide deck # 2 (attached)
Nature bond's Large Scale	community visions pilot round	
Community Visions Program	addressed bond criteria and	Brief video explainer on large
	goals	scale community visions program
	Feedback on information and	
	reporting to collect on the	
	program moving forward	
Presentation on Parks and	Reflections on how	Slide deck on community choice
Nature bond's community	community choice grants pilot	grants (to come)
choice grants pilot program	addressed bond criteria and	
	goals	Videos of community choice
		grants team presenting
	Feedback on information and	https://vimeo.com/868922370?
	reporting to collect on the	share=copy
	program moving forward	
		https://vimeo.com/868923147?
		share=copy
2024 committee work plan	Edits to work plan goals	Slide deck # 1 (attached)
	Feedback on timing for year 2	
	annual report	

Additional topics for committee attention	
Adjustments to working	
groups	

Other updates

- As was requested from the land acquisition working group, Melanie is sending a large print out of the map we shared at the Scouter's Mountain meet up to the full committee. You may see that in your mailbox in the coming week.
- We are working to post the recruitment for new members of the committee as early as next week
- Parks and Nature director, Jon Blasher, presented the <u>Parks and Nature annual report for FY 2023</u> (covering activities through June 2023) to the Metro Council on November 16.

Reminders and resources

- Fall 2023 quarterly report
- Parks and Nature annual report for FY 2022-2023
- Resources from audit discussion
 - Link to audit highlights
 - Link to full audit
 - Video from optional drop-in sessions earlier this month
 - Video of audit presentation to the Metro Council on July 20
 - Packet from Auditor presentation and discussion at the September 14 Natural Areas Oversight Committee meeting
- Virtual resource library (recent working group notes are in meeting materials folders)

From: Parks and Nature Bond
To: Parks and Nature Bond

Cc: <u>Beth Cohen; MG Devereux; Melanie Reinert</u>

Subject: Meeting materials part 2, oversight committee December 7 meeting

Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 1:42:39 PM **Attachments:** slide deck 3 community choice grants.pdf

current natural areas oversight committee roster October 2023.pdf Oversight committee updates and meeting materials for December 7.msq

202312 fuchs testimony packet updated.pdf

Hello Committee Members,

Please find attached several more documents to supplement the earlier meeting materials:

- Slide deck 3 on Community Choice Grants program. NOTE: there are more slides in the deck that will be covered during the meeting on Thursday, but they provide good context on the program for committee questions and discussion.
- Current committee roster. This document was shared in advance of the October working groups and is helpful context as we think about new member recruitment this winter.
- Follow-up materials from Sharron Fuchs' public testimony at the September oversight committee meeting for reference. As a reminder, Ms. Fuchs testified at the September meeting about a project submitted by Portland Parks and Recreation for the bond's local share program. Ms. Fuchs copied us to some communications she had with other related agencies. She also requested a copy of the Rose City Golf Course project application materials from the local share program, which we provided (email and name required for access).

The previous materials email is also attached for reference.

Also, please note that we are doing some maintenance on the oversight committee webpage document carousels, but they will be in proper order in the next few days. (Documents are accessible, just being rearranged).

Have a safe, dry week, and we'll see you on Thursday. Cheers,

The Parks and Nature bond team

<u>Committee roster for Natural Areas and Capital Program performance oversight committee, as of October 2023</u>

Key notes and caveats:

- According to the committee's charter and bylaws, committee members can serve up to 3 terms. At the time of the Council's appointment of committee members, individuals were randomly assigned an initial term of one or two years so committee turnover wouldn't happen all at the same time.
- The list below notes which individuals were randomly assigned a one year or two-year term to start.
 - Those individuals who were assigned a one year term were re-appointed by the Council in February 2022.
 - Those individuals who were assigned a two-year term were re-appointed by the Council in February 2023
- Since the Council established the committed in early 2021, six members have stepped away: Michael Morrow, Nicole Johnson, Eric Pederson, Lisa Freedman, Bryan Mercier, Michael Lin
- Bios of all current committee members can be found online

Parameters for committee membership (from committee charter and bylaws established by the Metro Council). Bylaws can be found on the committee's webpage.

- Membership. The Committee will be composed of no fewer than nine and no more than twenty-one members, all appointed by the Metro Council President subject to Council confirmation. The Metro Council President will designate at least one member to serve as Chairperson of the Committee or may elect to designate two members to serve as co-chairpersons. Committee members will bring a commitment to racial equity values and will include members with technical expertise and lived experience in areas including, but not limited to: finance, land acquisition, land conservation, environmental issues, working lands, tribal sovereignty and issues relevant to the disability community and the urban Indigenous community.
- (b) Terms. Notwithstanding Metro Code Section 2.19.030, Committee members may serve up to three (3) two-year terms. All appointments made by the Metro Council President will be for a term of two years or to fill a vacancy in the remaining portion of a term not to exceed two years. Notwithstanding the foregoing or Metro Code Section 2.19.030, one-half of the initial Committee members will be appointed to serve a one-year term, and may be reappointed to serve up to three additional two-year terms.
- Upon establishing the committee, Council did want to see a diversity of backgrounds, experiences and geographies (from the three county Metro region)
- Given the fact that the Natural Areas Oversight Committee provides oversight to a measure paid for by the voters within the 3-county Metro service boundary, would want members to live within that same boundary.

First	Last	Geography (at the time of appointment)	Initial term start	Randomly assigned initial one year term (re- appointed in Feb 2022)	Randomly assigned initial 2 year term (up for re- appointment in Feb 2023)
Tana	Atchley Culbertson	Washington	2021, March		X
Burt	Edwards	Multnomah	2021, March		Х
John	Ferguson	Clackamas	2021, March	х	
Shantae	Johnson	Multnomah	2021, March	х	
Martita	Meier	Washington	2021, March		Х
P.K.	Melethil	Clackamas	2021, March	х	
Georgena	Moran	Multnomah	2021, March		X
Tabitha	Palmer DuPau	Washington	2021, March	х	
Vivek	Shandas	Multnomah	2021, March	Х	
Shannon	Shoul	Washington	2021, March	Х	
Erin	Upton	Clackamas	2021, March	Х	
Cary	Watters	Clackamas	2021, March		Х
Owen	Wozniak	Multnomah	2021, March		Х

Members who've stepped away¹

Name	Background/experience (doesn't include all elements of experience, just the one that has strongest connection with Parks and Nature)	Geography (residence or primary area of work)
Michael Morrow	Happy Valley planning commission Water Environmental Services Advisory Committee, which provides input and makes recommendations on surface water and wastewater issues to WES and the BCC Former Happy Valley City Councilor	Clackamas
Eric Peterson	Newland Communities, Vice President of Operations	Multnomah, works in Washington
Nicole Johnson	1000 Friends of Oregon community engagement manager	Multnomah
Bryan Mercier	Bureau of Indian Affairs' regional director, the senior most official overseeing all Northwest BIA functions ranging from staffing to transportation.	Multnomah
Lisa Freedman	Career as an executive, manager, and Strategic Planning and Budgeting Director, Former US forest service	
Adventure Leader with Wild Diversity, leads outdoor trips and facilitates community workshops for BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities to identify risks and mitigation strategies in outdoor recreation to be used by organizations leading outdoor programs. Currently works at Oregon Food Bank		Multnomah

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¹¹ There was an additional individual who received and declined a formal invitation to serve on the committee, Dnaiela Perez who worked (at the time) as the Farmer's Market & Farm Business Manager at Adelante Mujeres

From: Sharron Fuchs
To: Parks and Nature Bond

Subject: [External sender]Audit Metro Grant for Rose City Golf Course walking trail

Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 12:07:24 PM

CAUTION: This email originated from an External source. Do not open links or attachments unless you know the content is safe.

Dear Committee,

I ask that you audit the 'technical details' required of the grant (2 million dollars) given for preliminary action(s) on the Rose City Golf Course walking trail.

Technical details:

Does the grant require a neighborhood impact study?

Does the grant require an environmental impact study?

Does the grant require that ADA requirements be met for all entrances onto the trail and along the entire trail?

Does the grant require collaboration with different agencies to address problems of the area including lack of a walking or assistive device only (not bicycles) Safe Route to Schools path along 72nd Drive north from Tillamook and up the hill to Sacramento St.? (This is a major route for children going to school from south of the golf course including the low income Ellington apartment complex.)

Does the grant require collaboration with different agencies ie PBOT to address cost savings by combining efforts to address multiple problems of the area?

Does the grant require a safety analysis be done including how to cross 72nd Drive if the path crosses 72nd Drive?

Does the grant require public comment on all stages of the trail project?

Does the grant require that all areas of the trail be a nature/ natural experience for users, including along 72nd Drive which is in the middle of an area zoned and designated as an open green space?

Very truly yours,

Sharron Fuchs Public Citizen Resident Rose City Park neighborhood
 From:
 Parks and Nature Bond

 To:
 Sharron Fuchs

 Cc:
 Parks and Nature Bond

Subject: Re: Audit Metro Grant for Rose City Golf Course walking trail

Date: Monday, September 11, 2023 4:44:00 PM

Attachments: External senderAudit Metro Grant for Rose City Golf Course walking trail.msg

Hi Ms. Fuchs—

Thanks for your email and your attention to projects funded by Metro's 2019 parks and nature bond. We have shared your testimony with the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee and on the staff side, we wanted to provide some information and context that may be helpful.

Metro's Parks and Nature bond measure, passed by the voters in 2019, is designed to improve water quality, protect fish and wildlife habitat and connect people with nature close to home through several program areas.

One of these six programs, the local share program, allocated funds to each of the region's 27 park providers including Portland Parks and Recreation. <u>The bond measure</u>, endorsed by the region's voters in 2019, describes criteria, requirements and goals for each of these projects to which projects must adhere. <u>The local share program handbook</u> provides further guidance for park providers in determining and designing projects that meet the intended outcomes of the bond measure.

Metro reviews all local share project submissions for alignment with the stated goals in the bond measure around water quality, habitat protection and access to nature. In addition, projects identified by local park providers for funding through the local share program, must be reviewed and approved by their governing body (like the Portland City Council) prior to receiving funding from Metro's bond.

Given the specificity of the questions you raise around the project, we've forward along your comments to the team at Portland Parks and Recreation (PPR), who will be better able to speak to the process they've completed for this project and transportation analysis and future steps to advance the trail improvements at Rose City park golf course. If you want to follow up, a good initial contact at Portland Parks and Recreation is Robin Laughlin, Robin, Laughlin, portlandoregon, gov.

Please let us know if there are other questions or comments you'd like to raise about the 2019 parks and nature bond.

Thank you again,

The Parks and Nature bond team

From: Sharron Fuchs

To: Stathopoulos, Jenna; Melanie Reinert

Cc: Swanson, Ross; Johnson, Vincent (Parks); Ross, Mark; Commissioner Ryan Office; Solomon, Danielle; Collier, Tim

Subject: [External sender]Re: URGENT: Rose City Golf Course maintenance and service vehicles using surrounding local

residential streets?

Date: Monday, November 6, 2023 9:53:43 AM

CAUTION: This email originated from an **External source**. Do not open links or attachments unless you know the content is safe.

Dear Commissioner Ryan,

Thank you for encouraging a response to the problem at Rose City Golf Course,

Dear Ms. Reinert,

Please forward this email to the Metro Parks and Nature Bond Committee.

Dear Ms. Stathopoulos,

Thank you for your reply.

Regarding the route for the golf course service trucks: I'm not convinced that's a safe viable option.

Regarding public engagement for the Rose City Golf Course walking trail: I stand by my comment(s). I had previously seen all the attachments you sent . To convene with multiple diverse communities and speak in generalities about parks is a good thing to do however, as I have educated myself on pubic engagement I have come to understand that there is much more public input to be gathered with specific projects ie the walking trail at Rose City Golf Course. With specific projects, public engagement begins with the immediately surrounding and directly impacted communities where they have meaningful input from the very beginning and at multiple points along the way. If a specific project has already determined its scope and path ie the Rose City Golf Course 'Path to Taco Bell', it cannot by any definition of any responsible public entity, including PP&R, be called project specific 'meaningful public engagement and meaningful public response'. The wording below from the walking trail grant seems to prove the absolute disregard and disrespect of directly impacted immediately surrounding communities including the local city of Portland housing community.

Exact wording from the Metro Grant Pg. 7:

'PP&R's regular practice is to develop project specific engagement plans. Future engagement methods will reflect on this process to identify appropriate tools and opportunities for this particular project.

A formal community engagement plan will be developed once the project work commences.

18. Engagement plan

If an engagement plan was developed for this project, upload it on the next page.

I uploaded it!

X Not applicable'

The **Not Applicable** box was checked which means to me, that up until the writing of the grant there was no **project specific** public engagement. And, I will assert that up until this very day there has been no honest public engagement with the **directly impacted immediately surrounding communities.**

Very truly yours,

Sharron Fuchs Public Citizen

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 1, 2023, at 5:13 PM, Stathopoulos, Jenna <Jenna.Stathopoulos@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

Hello Sharron,

Here is a follow up on your request for more firm plans.

Our Golf Program Director met with PBOT 70s Neighborhood Greenway project team this past Monday. Maintenance plans were discussed and the following was established.

The Northbound lane will be closed to regular vehicular traffic. Parks vehicles will be allowed access for scheduled deliveries or maintenance, the total of both amounting to less than one per day. Signage will be posted along the route that there will be shared use.

I am attaching information regarding the Metro Bond Local Share Program which provides insight on the engagement conducted between 2018-2021 for project selection. Additionally, you can view the criteria established by Metro in this <u>linked handbook</u>.

Kindly, Jenna Stathopoulos

Jenna Stathopoulos (she/ they) Why do I list my pronouns?

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From: Sharron Fuchs <sharronfuchs@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, October 28, 2023 6:02 AM

To: Stathopoulos, Jenna < Jenna. Stathopoulos@portlandoregon.gov>

Cc: Swanson, Ross <Ross.Swanson@portlandoregon.gov>; Johnson, Vincent (Parks)

<Vincent.Johnson@portlandoregon.gov>; Ross, Mark

<Mark.Ross@portlandoregon.gov>; Commissioner Ryan Office

<CommissionerRyanOffice@portlandoregon.gov>; Solomon, Danielle

<Danielle.Solomon@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: Re: URGENT: Rose City Golf Course maintenance and service vehicles using surrounding local residential streets?

Minor edits

Dear Ms. Solomon,

Please forward these communications to the Golf Advisory Committee.

Very truly yours,

Sharron Fuchs

Public Citizen

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 27, 2023, at 12:50 PM, Sharron Fuchs <<u>sharronfuchs@gmail.com</u>> wrote:

Dear Ms. Stathopoulous, Commissioner Ryan et al,

Thank you Commissioner Ryan for helping me get a response from PP&R regarding my concerns.

Ms. Stathopoulous,

I'm happy to have you respond to me though I'm a tad confused how your work on the walking trail would mesh with my concerns about golf course service vehicles traveling through narrow residential streets. I see safety to local residents from the golf course functions, the PBOT closure of the northbound lane of 72nd Drive and the walking trail as separate sections of thinking and work.

The answers to my safety questions are too vague. I would like to know definitively if service vehicles will travel south from Sandy Blvd through narrow residential streets, along a greenway, past barriers and down a very steep winding hill or north from Tillamook traveling into a no vehicle path putting pedestrians, bicyclists and oncoming cars at risk? These questions are about golf course functions and local impacts. These are reasonable questions and I look forward to concrete answers.

If Rose City Golf Course needs to keep 72nd Drive open in both directions to operate safely then, again, I'll ask if PP&R (Rose City Golf Course) has considered asking PBOT to do so? This is not an unreasonable request given the fact that up until recently no one seems to have considered the big picture of the golf course functioning safely.

In regards to PBOT and the Seventies Neighborhood Greenway project I cannot see how how PP&R or Rose City Golf Course should be anything but concerned entities. It isn't PP&Rs duty to go along with what PBOT does without question. If you personally agree with their actions that is one thing but I don't see how personal advocacy should travel into specific job descriptions ie golf course functions and public safety.

In regards to the walking trail we will have to agree to disagree on the definition of meaningful public engagement and meaningful public response.

I have learned the idea of a walking trail has been around since at least 2018. At that time nor at anytime thereafter did anyone go directly to the surrounding neighborhoods and ask for input. The grant was written in March of 2023 without any direct input from the surrounding neighborhoods. I asked Ms. Stewart what the planned path for the walking trail was and she replied that nothing was 'planned' which I discovered was incorrect after reading the actual grant. The grant had very definite language in it about the trails path , its 'intent', its

'perceived benefits' and frankly it looked to have been written by PBOT to somehow justify the walking trail in tandem with the Seventies project rather than it being based on anything to do with neighborhood wants, needs and a nature experience.

The community days at the golf course was overall a wonderful event and I look forward to more of those kinds of activities however, that type of set up cannot be considered meaningful public engagement with directly impacted communities. Rose City Park neighborhood alone has around 5000 households. Talking to 45 people at the event, especially if they have not been given factual information , really pales to what is needed for true public engagement. The booths, including the one from my neighborhood which was showing historical pictures, were tended by various levels of involved people that off the cuff cannot speak for their neighborhoods. Talking to the people at the booths is not the same as going to the neighborhoods directly - Coalitions, Neighborhood Association Boards, Neighborhood Association -Land Use Committees or direct communication with the people living in complexes ie The Ellington.

I will stay in close touch with Commissioner Ryan. I hope the golf course maintenance people and Mr. Johnson and Director Long meet together, get down to brass tacks and talk solely about the functioning of the golf course and public safety and not how to be the dutiful pawns of PBOT.

Very truly yours,

Sharron Fuchs Public Citizen

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 27, 2023, at 10:07 AM, Stathopoulos, Jenna Jenna.Stathopoulos@portlandoregon.gov wrote:

Hi Sharron,

I hope this finds you well.

I am sorry that a response to your OCT 3 email has been delayed, I understand that you may have been waiting for a response, and I appreciate your patience. Director Long and Golf Program Director Vincent Johnson have reviewed your previous email, and I'm here to address your concerns.

My name is Jenna Stathopoulos, and I am leading the community engagement portion of the Rose City Golf Course Trail Project for Portland Parks and Recreation (PP&R). I am aware that you had been in touch with our previous Project Manager, Mary Stewart, and I had the privilege of working alongside her. I want to assure you that I understand the context of your concerns, both regarding the PBOT 70s Greenway Project and the current concerns related to the Rose City Golf Course Trail Project.

You are currently on the Rose City Golf Course Trail Project email list, which means you will receive regular project updates. These updates include invitations to community open houses where we gather feedback and incorporate it into the project's design processes. As we transition to a new Capital Project Manager and implement our community engagement schedule for this project, we kindly ask for your patience. You will be invited to participate in these processes. Meaningful community engagement processes a core value for our Bureau, and I am personally committed to this work.

Now, let me address your questions individually. I want to express my understanding of the challenges posed by the upcoming changes to 72nd Avenue. The city, as a whole, is undergoing transformations that necessitate adjustments for many community members. The 70's Greenway Project falls under the Bureau of Transportation, and both our Bureaus are committed to working collaboratively to ensure project success, with a primary focus on the safety of all community members.

Please refer to the Naito Parkways biking and walking route. Naito Parkway serves as a vital link between several neighborhoods, making it easier for residents to access downtown Portland and other areas by foot or bike, reducing traffic congestion and air pollution. I would implore you to think holistically about the immense benefits creating

a safe and accessible walking and biking route will be to many of your neighbors, and others from around Portland seeking access to natural spaces.

Now, let's address your specific questions:

1. Do you plan on bringing service vehicles to the golf course from Sandy Blvd. through the neighborhood streets to 72nd Drive?

To this question and your earlier point about a proposed route, I want to assure you that, at this stage in the project, Rose City Golf Course operations have not yet established a route for service and maintenance vehicles. They will collaborate with experienced planners and consider traffic data to determine the route.

2. Do you plan on having service trucks circumvent the proposed barrier on the northbound lane of 72nd Drive near the clubhouse parking lot and **dangerously** travel north on a pedestrian path to the maintenance yard driveway?

PP&R prioritizes the safety of community members and staff when establishing maintenance routes and with all operations of the Rose City Golf Course. We will not establish a route that compromises safety, and there are multiple routes available to access the golf course maintenance building and course. We appreciate your local knowledge and encourage your input at community open houses.

3. Have you considered asking PBOT to keep 72nd Drive open in both directions because of dangerous conditions to pedestrians of all abilities and because of the significant disruption to golf course functioning?

Again, I would ask you consider the larger impact of this project for many Portlanders. We see this an opportunity to increase access to the golf course and better align ourselves with the goal of connecting new people to the game and the Rose City facility.

4. Have you considered using golf course walking trail money to help solve a neighborhood need of a paved sidewalk on

the east side of 72nd Drive?

Typically, this is where community input for the design process comes in. If we have many requests for this function, it will be considered against the project's many opportunities and constraints.

Given the current status of the 70's Greenway project, redirecting funds to install a sidewalk in this area is unlikely. However, we may explore alternative solutions, such as improving access from the apartments on the South side of Tillamook, and creating a walking path along the golf course frontage on the Northern side of Tillamook.

Also, you need to be aware that no one from the proposed golf course walking trail staff has gone to any of the surrounding neighborhood groups at any time for input?

This statement is not accurate. Prior to the temporary hold on project outreach our community engagement team attended the Community Day hosted at Rose City Golf Course, where we gathered direct feedback and contact information from over 45 individuals and connected with neighborhood community-based organizations in attendance.

There are ongoing outreach efforts, such as a live email signup sheet for periodic project updates with over 150 contacts, as well as a relationship with the Rose City Bluff Restoration Group, local Neighborhood Association leadership and Home Forward.

Keeping with our Community Engagement best practices, various stakeholders have been identified and will be contacted as soon as project outreach resumes.

We will have two open community meetings and a community survey for feedback on this project, in addition to ongoing individual stakeholder outreach. These efforts and their timeline are consistent with our public involvement standards.

If you have recommendations for additional local groups that I should reach out to, I would be glad to include them in the stakeholders list.

In closing, I want to assure you that I am here to address reasonable concerns about the Rose City Golf Course Trail

Project. I invite you to provide constructive input during the community open houses and survey periods. All relevant information on this project will be shared with the public, and you have the option to request public records if you need additional information. I encourage your patience as we move forward with this project.

It's important to acknowledge that the city's resources are finite, and we must allocate them thoughtfully. Both projects are approved, funded, and underway, and we need to ensure that we can allocate time and resources effectively. Your continued communication, while valuable, has been frequent and assertive, which can divert our resources from engaging with community members who historically have had limited participation in city decision-making and parks design processes.

We want to ensure that we have the time and energy to engage with them as meaningfully as we have been engaging with you. Your input is valued, and we appreciate your dedication to these projects, but it's essential that we balance our commitments to the broader community.

Thank you for your understanding and continued involvement in shaping our city's future.

Warm regards,

Jenna

Jenna Stathopoulos (she/ they) Why do I list my pronouns?

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From: Sharron Fuchs <<u>sharronfuchs@gmail.com</u>> Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 9:31 AM

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Cc: Solomon, Danielle

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Subject: Re: URGENT: Rose City Golf Course maintenance and service vehicles using surrounding local residential streets?

Hello All,

I'm sorry I have heard nothing from any of you regarding my October 3, 2023 email below. .

I have several questions and ask for a reply:

- 1. Do you plan on bringing service vehicles to the golf course from Sandy Blvd. through the neighborhood streets to 72nd Drive ?
- 2. Do you plan on having service trucks circumvent the proposed barrier on the northbound lane of 72nd Drive near the clubhouse parking lot and **dangerously** travel north on a pedestrian path to the maintenance yard driveway?
- 3. Have you considered asking PBOT to keep 72nd Drive open in both directions because of dangerous conditions to pedestrians of all abilities and because of the significant disruption to golf course functioning?
- 4. Have you considered using golf course walking trail money to help solve a neighborhood need of a paved sidewalk on the east side of 72nd Drive?

Also, you need to be aware that no one from the proposed golf course walking trail staff has gone to any of the surrounding neighborhood groups at any time for input?

Very truly yours,

Sharron Fuchs Public Citizen On Oct 3, 2023, at 6:39 AM, Sharron Fuchs <sharronfuchs@gmail.com> wrote:

Please Forward to all members of the Golf Advisory Committee

Dear Ms. Long and Mr. Johnson,

Rumor has it that Rose City Golf Course maintenance and service vehicles will be using surrounding local residential streets to access 72nd Drive once the northbound lane of it is closed.

I want to register with you that I vehemently **object** to any remote consideration of maintenance or service vehicles for Rose City Golf Course, including but not limited to gasoline delivery trucks, regularly using the surrounding residential neighborhood streets. One rumored route is Sandy Blvd south along 62nd Ave. to Sacramento St., turning east at a very tight and sharp corner on to Sacramento St., traveling over a newly placed crosswalk meant to protect pedestrians going to and from Rose City Park, continuing east along the City of Portland's designated panoramic view area(s), squeezing past a large and intentionally obstructive vehicle impeding bollard, through a slow streets / share the road / neighborhood greenway , south down a steep choked hairpin turn in extremely close proximity to where bicycle riders and pedestrians, including school children, are supposed to be safe then crossing over the same bicycle and pedestrian lane to enter the odd angled entry to the maintenance yard.

If indeed the usage of surrounding neighborhood streets for golf course purposes

has even a scintilla of a consideration it is **COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE** to me as close local resident.

A 1944 Ordinance deemed 72nd Drive as a public street and city tax dollars has paid for its upkeep ever since. As 72nd Drive runs right through the golf course with easy access to the maintenance yard, the city intended that the road was to be used for both golf course purposes and for the general public. Never has it been suggested in any documentation that I could find where the regular golf course maintenance and service trucks for your functioning would be diverted from 72nd Drive and instead regularly encroach upon, unsettle, endanger and burden the public at large in the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

I ask that you **urgently** contact Portland Bureau of Transportation and pin them down as to what

the specific travel plans they propose for your needed maintenance and service vehicular traffic are, including the liability for, given their poorly conceived of plan and insistence to move forward with the unnecessary, disruptive and now even more dangerous consequences of the closure of the northbound lane of 72nd Drive.

Once you have the proposals from PBOT and you presumably concur with them, meaningful public engagement by you with the surrounding communities will be necessary.

Very truly yours,

Sharron Fuchs Public Citizen Immediate local resident

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To: Parks and Nature Bond

Cc: MG Devereux; Beth Cohen; Antonia Machado

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Date: Monday, November 6, 2023 12:02:21 PM

Related to Sharron Fuchs' testimony- below

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You could also send it to:

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Metro who is funding the walking trail grant yet PP&R apparently using the grant to further PBOTs wishes

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Subject: URGENT Need for a pause and better public involvement

To Members of the Portland City Council,

PBOTs public engagement process is broken. Impacted neighborhoods and taxpaying motorists that pay for the streets and roads and who make nearly 80% of the trips in Portland are being left out of the planning process. When PBOT does host a community meeting, the communication is one of preaching decisions already made to those in attendance as opposed to listening to community members and their concerns and recommendations. Hidden behind closed doors with meetings <u>not</u> posted on Youtube, PBOT's bicycle advisory committee members <u>call motorists murders</u> and make decisions for all modes of travel that all too often have negative impacts that include creating more congestion which increases fuel consumption, emissions and adds to cutthrough traffic on residential streets. The decisions being made can also add to VMTs and create more cut through traffic in residential areas. Allowing this to take place is totally inappropriate. The following design change is in need your immediate attention:

In 2015 PBOT requested funding administered by ODOT to construct the 70s greenway project. The original plans included constructing a multi-use path on the East side of 72nd Drive through Rose City Golf Course. The funding was

approved in 2018.

Various amendments to the funding were made in 2020 and 2021 changing some of the design components of the project. This included eliminating the multi-use path on the East side of Rose City Golf Course which included ADA access to the Sacramento Ridge Bluff on the North end. Currently 72nd Drive through Rose City Golf Course is a shared roadway utilized by both cars and bikes. There have been no reported incidents between the two modes. There is a gravel walking path on the East side with dirt trails to ascend and descend bluff. As a replacement for the multi-use path, PBOT is ready to close the northbound lane of 72nd Drive to motor vehicles and falsely calling it a multi-use path reserved for the near exclusive use by bicyclists and pedestrians.

In 1944 the Portland City Council passed an ordinance laying out the strip of land for N. E. 72nd Drive through Rose City Golf Course. The ordinance reads: "for the convenience for the use of the Rose City Golf Course." That intently means golfers who drive, otherwise transport with their own personal golf clubs to use the golf course and/or for people accessing and/or maintaining golf course facilities, but NOT for the "exclusiveness" of bicyclists just freely passing through on the street. Reserving the northbound lane exclusively for bicyclists and walkers, the vast majority of whom are NOT utilizing golf course facilities, is in violation of this ordinance and therefore the City of Portland is not following their own law set forth in the 1944 ordinance! Any such change to NE 72nd Drive must require a vote of City Council after a public hearing specifically on changing the law described in the 1944 ordinance.

Furthermore, PBOT failed to have any meaningful public engagement process specifically related to closing down 72nd Drive to motor vehicle traffic with the three impacted neighborhoods that surround the golf course; Rose City Park, Madison South and Roseway. The Rose City Park Neighborhood is not even on the list to be contacted. No evidence has been found that any presentations took place with these neighborhoods that specifically involved the changes to 72nd Drive through Rose City Golf Course.

Many neighbors in the area near and around the golf course have expressed their frustration about closing the road northbound to motor vehicle traffic. As many as 1000 to 1200 cars a day use this route. Opting out of originally planned multi-use path on the East side of 72nd Drive which includes ADA access to the bluff on the North end, and replacing it by closing down the northbound lane of the roadway to motor vehicle traffic and then calling it a multi-use path which has a grade on the North end too steep to be ADA complaint will create the following **negative impacts:**

Increase cut through traffic on the residential streets at the West end of the golf course where children walk to Rose City Park School.

Add more traffic on 82nd Avenue past McDaniel High School.

Add more traffic NE Sacramento Street, a route to school and a greenway on the North Side of the golf course. This possibly could include trucks carrying commodities such as sand, gravel and gasoline for golf course maintenance operations.

Create a negative impact for golf course operations and maintenance.

<u>Discriminate</u> towards the mobility impaired by not constructing ADA

"complaint" access up and down the Sacramento Bluff.

<u>Discriminate</u> towards senior citizens who drive this route to access the businesses near 72nd and Sandy Bv.

<u>Discrimination</u> and <u>bias</u> aimed at motorists who will be funding a roadway they can no longer use in the northbound direction.

A waste of taxpayer dollars by not doing it right the first time.

Possibly a further waste of taxpayer dollars by adding mitigation that could negatively impact residents travel within their own neighborhoods.

Add VMTs, fuel consumption and emissions for drivers going around the golf course, all of which is the direct opposite of PBOT policy.

PBOT has become a city bureau that continues to have a one-sided special interest bias and now is \$32 million in the hole. Open and honest conversation and the fair and equal treatment of all Portlanders is just not happening. The likelihood is the bureau will want more revenue from the majority of a community and neighbors who they are <u>not</u> listening to.

Any changes on 72nd Drive through Rose City Golf Course need to be immediately paused. Work could start any day if the pause is not immediate. We are talking about ODOT administered funds here. I am sending you this message with urgency to speak up for the interests of the neighborhoods you all represent and put a STOP to the destruction of a neighborhood resource that everybody/all modes can use. A rigorous public engagement process needs to take place with the three impacted neighborhoods where PBOT actually listens instead of preaching before any changes are made to 72nd Drive.

Nobody that I know of is saying bicyclists can not use the roadway. The preferred alternative here is to stick to the original plan of a multi-use path on the East side of 72nd Drive. This would give bicyclists the option of using either the path or the roadway. Additionally, Metro has supplied grant money to study a trail around the front nine West half of the golf course. Both have wide community support. The two projects need to be melded together instead of in separate silos. Maybe then PBOT can change its bias practices and regain the general public's trust, a trust that PBOT is currently on a trajectory of further losing.

Respectfully,

Terry Parker Northeast Portland