Metro Transportation Funding Task Force (TF2)

MEETING 22 SUMMARY

April 15, 2020 – 5:30-7:00 PM Zoom Virtual Meeting

ATTENDEES

Michael Alexander; Albina Vision Trust Chair Jim Bernard; Clackamas County Emerald Bogue; Port of Portland

Mayor Steve Callaway; City of Hillsboro

Martine Coblentz, Clackamas County resident

Meredith Connolly; Climate Solutions Mayor Denny Doyle; City of Beaverton Councilor Karilynn Echols; City of Gresham Mayor Mark Gamba; City of Milwaukie Stephen Gomez; Project^ and BBPDX

Sheila Greenlaw-Fink; Community Housing Fund

Kayse Jama; Unite Oregon

Mayor Tim Knapp; City of Wilsonville

Nolan Lienhart; ZGF Architects

Representative Susan McLain; State of Oregon

Nate McCoy; NAMC Chi Nguyen; APANO

Dave Nielsen; Home Builders Association

Dave Robertson; PGE and Portland Business Alliance Board

Vivian Satterfield; Verde Linda Simmons; TriMet Board

Commissioner Pam Treece; Washington County

Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson; Multnomah County

STAFF

Craig Beebe, *Metro*Margi Bradway, *Metro*Tyler Frisbee, *Metro*Andy Shaw, *Metro*Allison Brown, *JLA Public Involvement*Hannah Mills, *JLA Public Involvement*

Special Guests

Congressman Earl Blumenauer Metro Council President Lynn Peterson **Note:** At the first meeting, Task Force chairs suggested referring to the members by their first names due to the nature of this as a working group. The Task Force members agreed and therefore members will be identified by first names for the purposes of this summary document.

WELCOME AND AGENDA

Co-chairs Commissioner Pam Treece, Washington County, and Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson, Multnomah County, welcomed the group and noted the impressive progress that has been made since this process began.

The Co-Chairs reviewed the agenda.

The agenda was as follows:

- 1. Public Comment
- 2. Thank You
- 3. Recap and Highlights
- 4. Task Force Member Advice to Metro Council
- 5. Toast and Adjourn

PUBLIC COMMENT

Although the public was invited to submit requests to give verbal testimony to the virtual meeting, nobody requested to do so. Several written comments were received prior to the meeting. Written testimony was available in the members' digital packets, available <u>online</u>.

THANK YOU

The co-chairs introduced Metro Council President Lynn Peterson and Representative Earl Blumenauer to give brief comments and thank the Task Force.

Lynn began by noting how informative and encouraging this process has been, and how important their shared values have proved. She explained that the work they've accomplished will be critical in helping Metro build something for the future of the region.

Representative Blumenauer thanked the group and encouraged the group to take pride in their accomplishments, especially in these uncertain times. He briefly noted plans for the future for dramatic improvements that will be guided by this process and the actions that will take place at the federal level in terms of securing funding.

RECAP AND HIGHLIGHTS

Using a PowerPoint, Andy Shaw, Metro, gave a brief presentation running through the progress and highlights of this process, including:

- The Task Force outcomes
- Public engagement
- Local Investment Teams
- Task Force consensus on project investment recommendations
- New methods for meeting
- Staff's appreciation for the Task Force

Andy expressed his and Metro staff's gratitude for the commitment and work of the members, as well as his hope that they would be able to get the group together in-person again in the future to celebrate.

TASK FORCE ADVICE TO METRO COUNCIL

The Task Force was asked to each provide a brief reflection on their experience working on the Task Force and their advice to the Metro Council for the next phase of developing the transportation measure. Below is a summary of the feedback received.

- Advice that the Council maintain its commitment to advancing outcomes of racial equity, climate, and safety, while ensuring that any jobs created through the measure provide equitable benefits.
- Recognition that the COVID era creates new challenges and exacerbates existing challenges that the measure must help address, particularly for issues of racial equity.
- Overall gratitude and appreciation for the process and the commitment of Metro staff, the facilitator, and the other Task Force members to performing this work with a focus on the shared values for the region.
- Appreciation to the public and stakeholders that made their voices heard and helped guide the Task Force and advice that Council continue to listen to these voices going forward.
- Appreciation for the work that helped change perspective and grow the ideals of the Task Force.
- Appreciation for the patience and ability to adapt timelines to allow the Task Force more time to deliberate on certain topics.
- General appreciation for the dedication of the group and all that worked on this process.

TOAST AND ADJOURN

The co-chairs thanked the group one last time and all group members toasted to the work they've accomplished and to the potential benefits of the measure to communities.

The meeting and Task Force was adjourned.