



## MEMORANDUM

### CITY OF TUALATIN

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

**DATE:** March 9, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Work Session for March 9, 2015

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**6:15 p.m. (30 min) – Update from Metro.** Metro Councilor Craig Dirksen will be present to give the City Council an update on the happenings at Metro. Attached is a presentation that will be used for this discussion.

**6:45 p.m. (10 min) – Recommendations for 2014 Outstanding Volunteers.** The annual Volunteer Recognition Event is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7 where awards for Outstanding Volunteer will be presented in three different categories (, adult, senior, and group). The nominations will be discussed at work session along with the recommendations from the selection committee.

**6:55 p.m. (5 min) – Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable.** Council will review the agenda for the March 9<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting and brief the Council on issues of mutual interest.



# STAFF REPORT

## CITY OF TUALATIN

### **City Council Work Session**

**Meeting Date:** 03/09/2015

**Subject:** Metro Update

**Through:** Sherilyn Lombos, Administration

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MAKING A  
GREAT  
PLACE



# Metro update

Tualatin City Council

Councilor Craig Dirksen  
March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

# Transportation funding



- Making sure we have the resources we need to help keep our region moving

# Our transportation crisis



- A simple formula:
  - Not enough money for new ways to get around
  - Barely enough to maintain what we have
- There are costs to doing nothing

# Washington can't help



- Federal gas tax has lost nearly half its purchasing power to inflation
- Congress taking money from income taxes to pay for highway construction



# An Oregon solution



- Oregon Transportation Forum: A diverse coalition
- Forum agreed on a proposal in late 2014
- A solution that meets the expectations and values of Oregonians

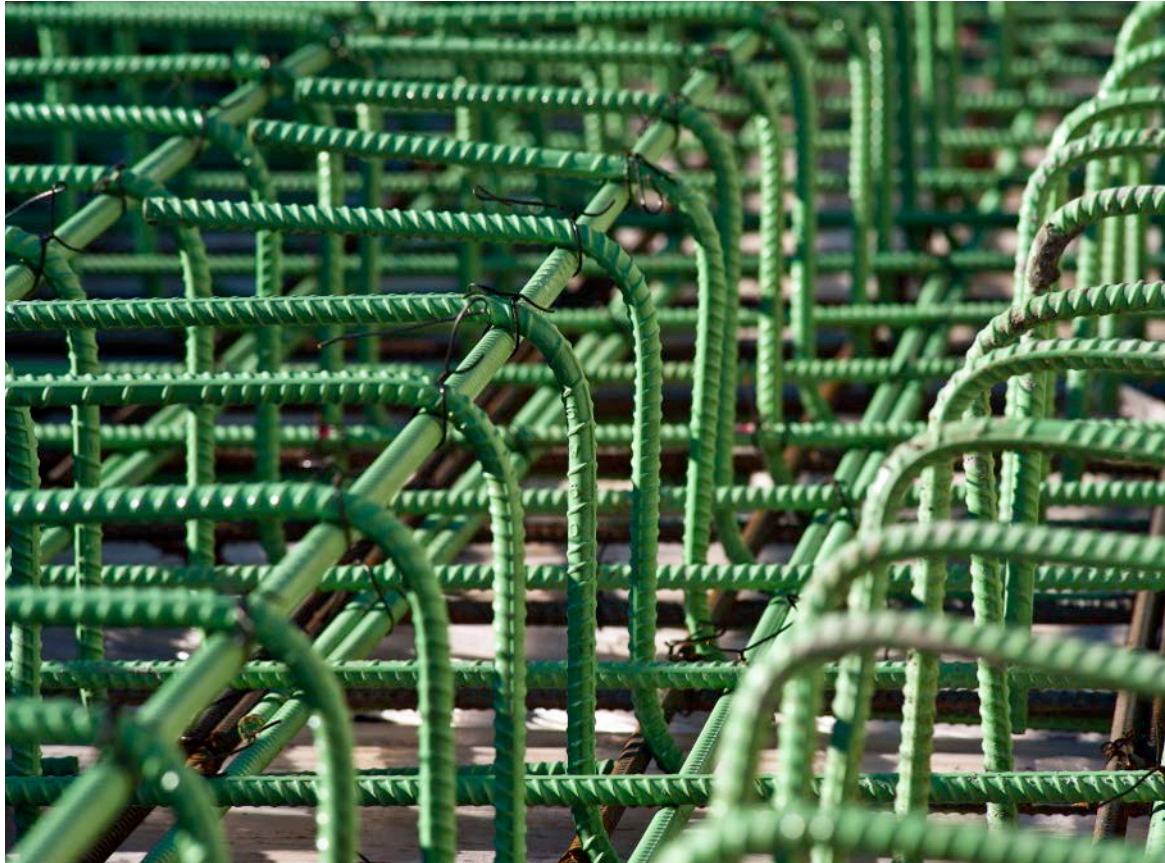
# A smarter gas tax



- Ties gas tax to fuel efficiency
- Increase funding for road maintenance
- Supports transit for Oregon's elderly and disabled residents



# New construction



- Gas tax increase for multi-modal “enhance” program for new projects
- Restore Connect Oregon funding to \$50 million a year

# “Orphan” highways



- State highways that function more like local arterials
- Neglected by ODOT
- A one-cent, 10 year gas tax to ensure needed improvements can happen for safety and convenience of all users



# Support for a solution



- JPACT, Metro Council have endorsed this proposal
- State representatives need to hear that this is a priority

# Southwest Corridor



- A more in-depth look at specific areas
- Current focus includes:
  - OHSU
  - Hillsdale
  - PCC Sylvania
  - Tigard Triangle
- Decisions this summer

# Powell-Division



- Bus rapid transit from Portland east
- On Powell in inner Portland, Division in outer Portland and Gresham
- Specific alignment still not decided



# 2015 Growth Mgmt Decision



- Upcoming discussions with MPAC and other stakeholders on key questions
- Recent developments since December
- Next steps

# Climate Smart



- Metro Council approved this groundbreaking plan
- Based on implementing locally-adopted plans
- LCDC will review plan Jan 22-23 in Portland



# Willamette Falls



- Metro, partners, property owners reached easement agreement on Dec. 11
- Public access to the falls is secured
- A key for spurring private development





Parks and natural areas system plan





Nature in Neighborhoods restoration grants



# Solid Waste Road Map



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# Brian Evans – new Metro Auditor



# Oregon Zoo



- New space for our elephants
- Six acres expected to be open by fall
- New visitors center features innovative construction – cross-laminated timber

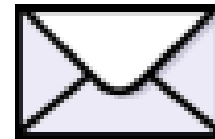
# Your questions...

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