Friday July 13, 2018

LA Metro Sustainability Council

Sustainability Council Agenda
(Council Meeting) #14
9:00AM – 11:00AM

Plaza View Conference Room
One Gateway Plaza, 4th Floor

Meeting Call to Order – Chair

Chair & Executive Committee Report/Updates

ACTION ITEMS:
1. Adopt Minutes of Meeting – 06/08/2018
   Attachment A

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
1. Chair’s Vision for the Sustainability Council FY19
2. Report back on the Work Plan Workshop
   Attachment B
3. Climate Action 7 Adaptation Plan - Overview
   Attachment A

Future Agenda Item Recommendation

Next Meeting Dates:
- August 10, 2018
- September 14, 2018
- October 12, 2018
- November 9, 2018
- December 14, 2018
LA Metro Sustainability Council
Minutes of Meeting

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ACTION ITEMS:
3. Adopt Minutes of Meeting – 05/11/2018
   Attachment A

4. LA Metro Sustainability Council By-Laws -Revisited
   Attachment B

5. Elections: Sustainability Council Executive Committee
   Attachment C

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

DRAFT Work-Plan Overview by LSA

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Work-Plan Focus Group Meeting 11AM – 12:30PM by INVITATION

Subcommittee Meetings
Electrification Subcommittee to meet in Mulholland.
Time: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Council Chair, Cris Liban.
Chair welcomes any additions to current agenda, hearing none, proceeds with Executive Committee updates:
Chair delivers Committee reports/updates:

- For Board process in July: Receive and file document on RAMP. (Receive and file: A request for staff to report to the Board in public on a topic).

- 2nd document is: Energy and Resource Report. The annual Metro report on how Metro is achieving the metrics. Produced by metro staff since 2010. Changing format of report this year. Last year, feedback from community and the Board was that the report did not contain enough data. This year’s report will contain more information as requested. Council members may contact Metro staff member S. Sinclair to inquire about the format of this year’s report.

- 3rd Report in the process of getting to the Board is the option to exercise the remaining of the biomethane contract. Previously LA Metro awarded a 50-million-dollar contract to Clean Energy; supplier of biomethane for buses. Biomethane is currently being used at Div.5. in South LA. Anyone interested in an offline conversation re: Reason Division 5 was chosen over other divisions, please reach out to Chair. The intention of this report is to:
  1. Request to release biomethane supply to buses in all divisions where buses are being fueled by compressed natural gas.
  2. Explain the benefits of deployment: In terms of low-carbon fuel standards credits and greenhouse gas emission reduction benefits.

- 4th Report (still in writing stages) developing an electric vehicle plan for Metro’s non-revenue fleet.

Reports from Metro 27 Chair - Council member, Dominique Hargreaves gives a recap from Events at the 17th Annual Municipal Green Building Conference and Expo in April.

Additional News: LA Metro has joined the LA Clean Tech Incubator Transportation Collaborative through LACI CEO Matt Peterson.

ACTION ITEMS:
1. Councilmember Aki Luukkainen motions to adopt meeting minutes of Council meeting #12. John Williams seconds. None oppose. Minutes are adopted.

2. Introduction to new Metro Sr. Director, Mr. Craig Reiter.

3. LA Metro Sustainability By-Laws addressed by Council Administrator Dilara El-Assaad. We have heard many comments about the by-laws from many members of Council. It will be important that we move forward with more clarity in understanding one another.

Opens floor for discussion.
Chair offers floor to Council member Bryn Lindblad.

i) Process of election.

Per Bryn there was an understanding from last year that one Executive Committee spot would be occupied by an NGO representative. This is not reflective in the by-laws. Per Chair, this is something we can discuss today to incorporate such a provision.

Per Belinda Faustinos: I would like to endorse that position; where it was important to have diversity (i.e. So Justice, Environmental Justice) Community stakeholders were a big part of that. It is important to acknowledge that membership has evolved over time. In order to create an atmosphere where NGOs will continue to participate in this process, having someone on the executive committee that will reflect those perspectives is suggested and amended on the by-laws.

Per Dilara El-Assaad: The way we discussed this last year was that since the Council was formed to advise Metro that it would be extremely beneficial to the entire Council to have Metro leadership for the first year. This is the reason why we had many presentations and invited many departments to present their work so you could have a better sense of how Metro does its business. If Council prefers that every year, the executive committee must be comprised of, one Metro, one NGO and one other; that must be included in the language. The former Chair will always be a member of the executive committee as a past chair in an expanded executive committee.

Per Bryn: I like the idea of continuity from one executive committee to the next. Perhaps staggering terms is a better way to ensure continuity rather than having the same person reserve that position 2 years in a row. I believe this is separate issue from preserving one of the 3 executive chairs for NGOs. So perhaps we can vote on this separately.

Per Dilara: It’s your call, my role is to ensure there is clarity of process. You can say that you want the Executive Committee to be comprised of Metro, NGO and other or you could say that anyone who is a primary member can run. Or you can say, as you were alluding to, Caryn; that basically if Metro is the Chair this year maybe we’ll have 3 different members from the rest of the Council. We have 3 seats for Metro: Program Management under the leadership of Cris Liban, Paul Backstrom for Planning and Debra Avila/Carolina Coppola for
Procurement. Please make sure that as you discuss this please make sure that if we amend the language, your expectations are very clear.

**Question from Will Wright:** There are 3 people on the Executive Committee and there would actually be four people?

**Per Chair:** There are two models in discussion. The first model; to some extent this may sound like a biased statement: This is an advisory council to LA Metro. If LA Metro does not have any position, period as Chair or Vice Chair the idea is to essentially have an LA Metro individual as part of the Executive Committee so that he will have the level of engagement between the agency and its stakeholders. Having no Metro individual in the Executive Committee; in my humble opinion; does not bide well because the executive committee might go to that this agency will have a very contentious relationship.

The second model, which I’m not supporting personally; is have Executive Committee members. If existing Chair is not re-elected this year; they become a member of Executive Committee as a past Chair and Metro is not a part of that conversation.

**Per Belinda Faustinos:** In many government entity committees a viable solution to this issue that seems to work very effectively is that the agency that you’re advising is an ex-officio member of that committee. Because that is the role. If you want the participation of the Council in giving advice; the agency is now a part of the decision-making process because that changes the character of the committee as an advisor.

So, I actually like the 2nd model. I think that having Metro as part of the discussions And providing real-time input to the recommendation process. Where Metro sits on the executive committee as ex-officio and I think that is a system that has worked well in advisory committees where I’ve participated in federal and state level. It’s important to get staff support and input but the advisory council actually does that, they provide advice and seek recommendations from staff but that the Council does not include staff.

**Per John Williams:** It seems to me that the Executive Committee be nimble and available. And the more people you add to it; the less nimble and available. I would favor 3 primary players. Metro is a complex organization and this Council is very diverse; so I favor the Metro position in a voting position.

**Per Bruce Reznik:** With all respect to the way Metro works, I don’t believe it works well. It sends a message when it’s staff directing everything. This is supposed to be an outside advisory committee. It sends the message you don’t actually care what the public thinks and that you will drive the process. So I think that ex-officio is important. If you really want to send a message from Metro that you want to know what outside people and stakeholders think; to adopt a model where it’s ex-officio, non-voting seat and the people driving are from the outside. That message is taken by us. When the message is driven by Metro and we’re all ridiculously busy, (I’m on 6 or 7 committees) I don’t have time if the
message is, “Your input really isn’t that important to us.” I’d like to propose a motion that Metro representative serves as a non-voting ex-officio member of The Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is comprised of 3 non-Metro staff that includes at least one NGO representative. Belinda Faustino seconds the motion.

Per Roy Thun: regardless of which way we go with the motion on the floor; we need the ability to have Metro bring forth what is of concern to them and how we can help them. That’s why we’re here. We may come up with esoteric ideas that Metro may not accept. They don’t have to accept anything Council does. So regardless of what the structure becomes; ex-officio or not. We have to ensure that the by-laws are structured so that Metro is comfortable and free and almost forceful about giving hope to this Council. I think this is an important aspect of what we’re trying to accomplish.

Per Rita Kampalath: I’m trying to understand the discomfort with the proposal. There are still three Metro staff who are voting. The executive committee doesn’t have any more voting privileges than anyone else. Their primary roles are to set agendas; not to have more voting power so in this way they would have a Metro staff who will always have a role in setting the agenda. I don’t get the disconnect in terms of voting.

Per John Williams: I think there are 2 drivers that we’re talking about. Whatever we think is important we hope to see implemented in Metro which is why I feel strongly about Metro’s presence in the Executive Committee because we can talk all day if it doesn’t get implemented.

Per Aki Luukkainen: I’m worried that whoever is the Chair of the Executive Committee should commit to 2 days per month preparing and we should get a commitment for this. There must be someone to take responsibility.

1st Motion: Metro rep serves as, non-voting, ex-officio member with 3 Executive Committee members- with at least one seat as NGO. 
9 in favor – 10 opposed – Motion fails.

Alt. Motion: Adding assured NGO seat in Council, 
18 in favor – 0 opposed – Motion Passes
Candidates’ Ballot for Elections:

Three Executive Committee Seats are Open:

Chair of Sustainability Council – 1 Seat
Vice Chair of sustainability Council – 2 Seats

Nominated Candidates’ in alphabetical order:
Dr. Cris Liban — NOMINATION DECLINED
Director Bryn Lindblad
Director Dominique Hargreaves
Director Caryn Mandelbaum — NOMINATION DECLINED
Honorable Thomas Small
Dr. Ghina Yamout

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ELECTION RESULTS

FY 19 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ELECTED CHAIR: Honorable Thomas Small - Mayor
VICE CHAIR: Bryn Lindblad
VICE CHAIR: Dominique Hargreaves

Work-Plan Focus Group Meeting 11AM – 12:30PM by INVITATION
LA Metro Sustainability Council – FY 19 Work Plan

DRAFT – July 13, 2018

Main Objectives

• To increase awareness of sustainability best practices;

• To advise in the development of the LA METRO sustainability goals;

• To increase involvement and inform the larger public on sustainability efforts;

• To improve understanding by our constituents and stakeholders of the sustainability-related efforts and opportunities at LA METRO
Major Themes from 4 Subcommittees

- Need for a **Clear Process** to provide input and advice to Metro staff;
- Focus on **New Action Items**;
- Define Metro’s **Extreme Targets, and Critical Threshold Targets** for major projects;
- Water mitigation planning/compliance, and habitat preservation & restoration;
- A **Unified Framework for the Region’s sustainability programs**

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Major Themes from 4 Subcommittees

- Set-up a **Common Platform** to track impacts of action items, **same methodologies**;
- Establish a **Common Platform** for:
  - Green Procurement,
  - Water,
  - Metrics & Targets,
  - Innovation & Technology
Major Themes from 4 Subcommittees

- Set-up Institutional Processes that define when targets are revisited;
- Need to always be in front of the curve - not be static;
- Early input when scope has been defined for a sustainability program;
- Provide a Dashboard on key sustainability targets for capital projects to monitor them regularly;

Major Themes from 4 Subcommittees

- Achieve Interconnectedness and Partnerships
- Ensure Resilient Transportation Systems
  Increase Clean Energy Development and Use
- Boost Economic Sustainability and Support Businesses of all sizes
Current & Future Initiatives for Council Review

- Metro Green Procurement Program
- Metro Climate Action and Adaptation Plan
- Natural Resource Investment in Environments
Attachment B

Metro’s CLIMATE ACTION & ADAPTATION PLAN

Metro’s Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

Agenda

- Introductions
- Background
- CAAP Outline
- Where We Are
- Collaboration
Background

- Establishes the framework for Metro projects, programs, and facilities to:
  - Reduce GHG emissions from operations
  - Prepare for the impacts of climate change on Metro’s systems
- First released in 2012
- Undergoing an update planned for late Fall 2018

CAAP Outline

- Successes/lessons learned from the 2012 CAAP
- 2016 baseline inventory
- 2030 and 2050 forecasts
- Local/regional/state legislative context
- GHG reduction strategies
- Climate change risks/vulnerabilities
- Adaptation strategies
- Implementation plan
Where We Are

- 2012 CAAP Assessment
- Staff Interviews
- Forecasting Tool
- Risk Mapping
- Critical Asset Identification
- Vulnerability Assessments
Collaboration

• GHG reduction strategies
• Adaptation strategies
• Performance measures
• Data sharing
• Preliminary draft CAAP

Discussion / Q&A