

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Tuesday, May 23, 2017**

BOARD BRIEFING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. with Commissioners Sharon Meieran and Lori Stegmann present. Commissioner Loretta Smith arrived at 1:47 p.m. Vice-Chair Jessica Vega Pederson was excused.

Also attending were Jenny Madkour, County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

B.1 Climate Action Plan Progress Report. Presenters: John Wasiutynski, Director; and Tim Lynch, Climate and Energy Coordinator - Office of Sustainability; Brendon Haggerty, Healthy Homes and Communities; and Jae Douglas, Director - Environmental Health Director– Health Department.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD AFTERNOON. WELCOME BACK TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE HAVE A VERY INFORMATIVE AND EXCITING BOARD BRIEFING THIS AFTERNOON ON THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

Mr. Wasiutynski: GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS, MY NAME IS JOHN WASIUTYNSKI, I'M THE DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND WE'RE HERE TODAY TO PROVIDE A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE 2015 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN. THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, OUR WORK ON CLIMATE GOES A LONG WAY BEGINNING IN 2001 WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE LOCAL ACTION PLAN AND GLOBAL WARMING THAT WE ADOPTED WITH THE CITY. AND THEN IN 2009, WE FORMALLY ADOPTED THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, WHICH SET OUT THE AMBITIOUS GOAL OF REDUCING CARBON EMISSIONS BY 80% BY THE YEAR 2050. BUT WE RECOGNIZED DOING THAT IN MAKING A PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2050 IN 2009 WOULDN'T ACCOUNT FOR ALL THE VARIOUS CHANGES THAT WOULD COME ALONG THE WAY. SO WE DECIDED TO UPDATE THE PLAN EVERY FIVE YEARS.

IN 2015 WAS OUR FIRST UPDATE TO THE PLAN, AND IN ORDER TO STAY ACCOUNTABLE TO THE ACTIONS ADOPTED IN THAT FIVE-YEAR PLAN, WE'RE GOING TO BE PROVIDING UPDATES ON THE ANNUAL BASIS SO THAT WE'RE ABLE TO KEEP YOU ABREAST OF ALL THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS. AND WE HAVE A LOT TO BE PROUD OF LOCALLY. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT SETS OUR WORK APART IS THAT WE PARTNER. SO WE'RE PARTNERING WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND, THEY ALSO ARE THE JOINT OWNERS OF THE PLAN, AND THE THING I THINK THAT REALLY SENDS OUT FOR THE CONTRIBUTION IS OUR FOCUS ON HEALTH AND EQUITY AND HOW WE DO THAT WORK EVERY DAY,

BECAUSE WE'RE VERY CLOSE TO THE FRONT LINE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE AFFECTED FIRST AND WORST BY THE CLIMATE CHANGE. AND THAT'S WHY I'M PLEASED TO BE HERE WITH JAE DOUGLAS AND BRENDON HAGER ALONG WITH TIM LYNCH, SO I WANT TO TURN IT OVER TO JAE SO SHE CAN SPEAK TO THE HEALTH CONTRIBUTION AND TO THE PLAN.

Dr. Douglas: GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M JUST GOING TO KICK OFF THIS PIECE ABOUT THE FRAME WE PUT ON THIS. THEY SAY WHEN YOU'RE A HAMMER THE WHOLE WORLD LOOKS LIKE A NAIL. WHEN IT COMES TO HEALTH, AND CLIMATE, WE DEFINITELY FEEL THAT IS TRUE. AND WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE ASPECTS TO THE ECOLOGY OF OUR COMMUNITY, BUT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE THINGS WE'RE MOST PRESENTLY CONCERNED ABOUT, IT'S DEFINITELY THE HUMAN HEALTH THREATS. THERE ARE DEFINITELY MANY IMPACTS THAT WE ARE ALREADY SEEING THE INDICATIONS OF HERE, INCLUDING EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS, WILDFIRE, WE TALKED A LOT ABOUT AIR QUALITY HERE, BUT AIR QUALITY IMPACTS CAN BE BEYOND SOME OF THE THINGS WE KNOW ABOUT. WE ALSO THINK ABOUT THINGS LIKE THE IMPACTS TO MENTAL HEALTH. ACCESS TO FOOD AND CLEAN WATER, AND NEEDING TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE MIGRATION OF VECTOR BORNE DISEASES, MIGRATION NORTHWARD THROUGH MOSQUITOES AND TICKS. WHAT WE KNOW ALSO IS THAT ALL OF THE IMPACTS THAT WE KNOW, THE DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACTS TO COMMUNITIES WE SERVE WILL BE AMP AMPLIFIED.

PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY FACING HEALTH CONDITIONS, PEOPLE WITH LOW SOCIOECONOMIC RESOURCES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THERE ARE RESOURCES WE ALREADY HAVE THAT WE CAN LEVERAGE INCLUDING OUR PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE. AND THEN THE WORK THAT WE'RE ALREADY DOING AROUND HEALTH AND SUPPORTING THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COBENEFITS OF FOCUSING ON CLIMATE CHANGE. SO THE THINGS WE'RE DOING HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY INCLUDE OUR VECTOR MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, WE MONITOR FOR BOTH MOSQUITO AND TICK BORNE ILLNESSES, WE'RE LOOKING FOR THINGS LIKE WEST NILE, ZIKA, MALARIA, BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE'RE MONITORING THE SPECIES OF MOSQUITOES THAT ARE COMPETENT TO CARRY THOSE ILLNESSES. WE TALKED ABOUT AIR QUALITY, BUT WITH CLIMATE CHANGE WE'RE NOT JUST CONCERNED ABOUT WOOD BURNING SMOKE, BUT ALSO THINGS LIKE POLLEN THAT CAN INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD OF MORBIDITY.

I LIKE TO TALK ABOUT POPULATION FROM THE STANDPOINT OF IT BEING ONE OF THE THREATS. WE DON'T HAVE ADEQUATE WAYS TO MEASURE WHAT THE DRIVERS ARE OF THE IMMIGRATION THAT'S HAPPENING IN PORTLAND, BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO BE WATCHFUL ABOUT. ESSENCE IS THE STATE SYNDROME SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM. JUST SHALL I WAS JUST LOOKING AT THEIR SUMMARY FOR LATE '16 AND '17, AND IT'S THE MECHANISM

BY WHICH WE WOULD BE ALERTED TO AN UPTICK IN CERTAIN ILLNESSES TO TELL US SOMETHING UNUSUAL IS HAPPENING.

Dr. Douglas: THEY WERE LOOKING AT INVERSIONS AROUND AND WOOD STOVE BURNING AND CONDITIONS SUCH AS ASTHMA AND OTHER RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES. POWER OUTAGES AND MAYBE ILLNESS THESE COME FROM FOOD PREPARATION, FOOD SPOILAGE. EVEN SLIPS, TRIPS, AND FALLS FROM WEATHER EVENTS. SO THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS WE'RE ALREADY DOING, CONTINUING TO DOING, AND YOU'LL BE HEARING MORE. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LISTEN.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Wasiutynski: AS JAE MENTIONED, THE EVIDENCE OF A WARMING CLIMATE IS ALL AROUND US, AND WE'RE BEGINNING TO SEE IT MORE AND MORE. WHAT IS THE DROUGHT THAT WAS GRIPPING CALIFORNIA AND OREGON LAST YEAR TO RECORD FOREST FIRES, THE DECLINING SALMON POPULATIONS WE JUST RECENTLY LEARNED THE SALMON RUN THIS YEAR AT THE BONNEVILLE DAM IS THE LOWEST IT'S BEEN ON RECORD SINCE THE DAM WENT IN. WE'RE SEEING IMPACT TO OUR ECOSYSTEMS, IMPACTS TO OUR HUMAN SYSTEMS, AND WE'VE BEEN SEEING IMPACTS. WE'RE SEEING THESE IMPACTS COME MORE QUICKLY THAN WE ANTICIPATED THEM COMING. SO WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THIS IN 2001, WE'RE THINKING, WELL, SOME OF THESE IMPACTS WE'RE SEEING TODAY MAY BE STARTING TO MANIFEST THEMSELVES AT THE END OF THE CENTURY. UNFORTUNATELY THEY'RE HAPPENING MORE QUICKLY. AND WE HAVEN'T YET TAKEN OUR FOOT OFF ACCELERATOR WHEN IT COMES TO REDUCING OUR EMISSIONS.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN AND I BOTH HAVE ELECTRIC CARS.

Mr. Wasiutynski: THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION. THAT'S EXACTLY THE FUTURE WE'RE GOING TO BE TALKING MORE ABOUT. YOU ARE THE FUTURE. THE FUTURE IS NOW. [LAUGHTER] SO JUST HERE IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY BETWEEN 1895 AND 2015, WE SAW 2.2 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT WARMING. WITHOUT TAKING MITIGATION STEPS, GLOBALLY WE CAN SEE 10 TO 11 DEGREES ADDITIONAL WARMING BY THE END OF THE CENTURY, WHICH IS REALLY A MUCH DIFFERENT OREGON THAN WE HAVE TODAY. AND AS JAE MENTIONED, THAT HAS ALSO PUT EFFECTS ON OUR HUMAN POPULATION, IT ALSO HAS BIG IMPACTS ON OUR ECOLOGICAL RESOURCES AS WELL. THERE ARE SIGNS OF HOPE. AS LONG AS YOU DON'T WANT CNN. SO I WOULD SAY THAT WE HAVE SEEN SOME POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL, WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT WILL COME BACK AROUND, BUT UNTIL THEN, WE'RE REALLY IT. LOCAL COMMUNITIES TAKING A STAND HERE IN THE UNITED STATES ARE REALLY THE LEADERS IN MEETING OUR OBLIGATIONS TO THE PARIS CLIMATE ACCORD, AND REALLY CHARTING A PATH FORWARD SO THE STATE HAS TAKEN THE AMBITIOUS STEP OF COMMITTING TO HALF OF OUR

ENERGY STATEWIDE COMING FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY BY THE YEAR 2040, WE DECIDED TO UP THE ANTE ON THAT.

Mr. Wasiutynski: WE'RE GOING TO BE BEFORE THE BOARD THERE WILL BE A RESOLUTION NEXT WEEK, WE'RE GOING TO SAY BY 2035 WE'D LIKE ALL OUR ELECTRICITY TO COME FROM RENEWABLE SOURCE AND BY 2050 HAVE ALL OUR ENERGY SOURCES COME FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES. IT SOUNDS AMBITIOUS, AND IT IS, BUT IT'S ALSO WHAT'S NEEDED IN ORDER TO CHART THIS PATH TOWARDS A CLIMATE STABLE FUTURE. SO I'M A GOOD CATHOLIC BOY, I WAS RAISED IN A POLISH CATHOLIC FAMILY. SO OF COURSE THE POPE'S GOT A MORAL IMPERATIVE, WHICH IS IMPORTANT TO ME. AND WE'RE SEEING A RISING TIDE OF COMMUNITY ACTIVISM AROUND THIS ISSUE. BELIEVE ME, THE COMMUNITY IS VERY ACTIVE, I HEAR FROM THEM OFTEN, AND THEY TELL US WHEN THEY DON'T THINK WE'RE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT. AND SO WE'RE REALLY IN A GOOD PLACE TO BE LEADERS ON THIS ISSUE. SO WITH THAT, MY KNOWLEDGE ON THIS TOPIC HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED, AND I'LL TURN IT OVER TO TIM.

Mr. Lynch: I AM TIM LYNCH WITH THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY. APPRECIATE THE CHANCE TO BE HERE. THERE'S A LOT IN THIS PROGRESS REPORT, JOHN HAS A COPY AND I THINK IT'S BEEN PASSED TO YOUR COMMISSION OFFICES AND THE CHAIR. THERE'S ALSO A LOT IN THE COMMON ACTION PLAN ITSELF, AND SO I HAVE AN OPEN CUBE, I'D LIKE TO TALK MORE ABOUT THIS ISSUE, BUT TODAY WE'LL HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE SUCCESSES WE'VE SEEN OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. JUST TO SET THE STAGE, AS JOHN MENTIONED, WHEN THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN WAS ADOPTED IN 2015, IT SET A GOAL OF 80% REDUCTION OF CARBON EMISSIONS BY 2050, 40% REDUCTION BY 2030. THOSE ARE BIG, AMBITIOUS GOALS, BUT WITH THE 2015 PLAN WE TOOK A BROADER APPROACH, NOT JUST FOCUSING ON CARBON MITIGATION, BUT ALSO LOOKING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE WILL BE TO OUR COMMUNITY, HOW WE CAN MANAGE AND BUILD RESILIENCY FOR THE CHANGES, AND ALSO TO UNDERSTAND HOW WORK TO ADDRESS CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY REALLY INTERSECTS WITH THE ISSUES THAT ARE DRIVING THIS ORGANIZATION AND OUR COMMUNITY AROUND HEALTH EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

SO IT TOOK A PRETTY BROAD APPROACH AND ONE OF THE WAYS TO LOOK AT THAT IS THIS DIAGRAM, ACTIONS SPECIFICALLY THAT CAN ADDRESS CARBON EMISSIONS, IT MAY BE HARD TO READ. ENERGY EFFICIENCY, THERE'S THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREPARE A COMMUNITY LIKE HAVING COOLING CENTERS AVAILABLE DURING HEAT EVENTS, BUT THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS THAT OVERLAP ON THOSE THINGS, LIKE HOME WEATHERIZATION, IF YOU WEATHERIZE A HOME YOU USE LESS ENERGY, IT MAKES YOU MORE RESILIENT TO HEAT AND IF YOU APPLY AN EQUITY LENS AND UNDERSTAND WHO BENEFITS AND WHO'S BURDENED BY CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ACTIONS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE, YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THERE'S

OPPORTUNITIES AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT AND REALLY INVOLVING COMMUNITIES THAT ARE OFTEN LEFT OUT OF THESE CONVERSATIONS IN THE WORK TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE.

Mr. Lynch: SO I THINK THIS PLAN TRIES TO DO THAT, AND WE'VE MADE GREAT STRIDES AROUND THAT. I'LL GO PRETTY QUICKLY THROUGH THESE. WE'RE WELL AHEAD OF THE NATIONAL TREND AND DOING REMARKABLE WORK. MULTNOMAH COUNTY, 21% BELOW 1990 EMISSION LEVELS, WHICH IS AS YOU CAN SEE THE BLUE LINE IS THE NATIONAL AVERAGE, THE RED LINE IS MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SO WE'RE WAY AHEAD OF THE TREND. AND ON A GOOD PATH. BUT IT'S EVEN MORE REMARKABLE WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE GROWTH AND POPULATION AND THE COUNTY SINCE 1990, THE NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED ARE SHOWING THAT THE MYTH THAT YOU CAN EITHER HAVE PROSPERITY OR CLIMATE ACTION REALLY IS A MYTH. WE'VE SHOWN THAT EMISSIONS PER CAPITA ARE DOWN 41%, AND SO WE'RE ABLE TO GROW AND GROW OUR ECONOMY, AND STILL TAKE CLIMATE ACTION. WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.

SO YOU LOOK AT THE CHART, THE BLUE LINE IS WHERE WE ARE, THE ARROW, ORANGE POINTING TO THE RIGHT IS THE 80% REDUCTION GOAL. WE'RE ON THE RIGHT PATH, BUT WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US. THERE ARE A LOT OF ACTIONS IN THE PLAN. IT'S SPREAD ACROSS NINE DIFFERENT ISSUE AREAS, INCLUDING THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION, FOOD SYSTEMS, SO IT'S A BROAD LOOK AT MANAGING THIS CHALLENGE, AND SO THERE'S 171 DISCREET FIVE-YEAR ACTIONS THAT WERE IDENTIFIED BY STEERING COMMITTEE THAT CAME TOGETHER TO DEVELOP THIS PLAN AS WELL AS AN EQUITY WORKING GROUP OF SIX DIFFERENT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT INFORMED IT. AND THE GOOD NEWS IS, WE ARE FOR THE MOST PART ON TRACK TO COMPLETE THOSE FIVE-YEAR ACTIONS BY THE YEAR 2020. THERE'S A FEW THAT ARE STILL TO BE STARTED, A FEW THAT WILL HAVE SOME BARRIERS, BUT FOR THE MOST PART WE'RE DOING THE WORK. AND IT'S EXCITING TO SEE. JUST TOUCHING ON A FEW DIFFERENT HIGHLIGHTS, WHEN FOSSIL FUELS ARE A RISK NOT JUST FROM CLIMATE, BUT ALSO PRESENT AN AIR QUALITY RISK. AS WE SAW WITH THE MOSIER DERAIGNMENT, THEY'RE A DIRECT RISK TO COMMUNITY AND HUMAN HEALTH.

WE WORKED WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE RISKS FROM SHIPPING OIL BY RAIL AND AVOID THE REGIONAL PROJECTS OF SIGNIFICANCE. WE WORKED WITH OUR FINANCE OFFICE TO ADOPT A DIVESTMENT POLICY SO THE COUNTY IS NOT DIRECTLY INVESTING IN ANY COMPANIES THAT ARE FOSSIL FUEL ORIENTED. WE'VE LAUNCHED WITH THE PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION NOW PROSPER PORTLAND THE PROPERTY FIT PROGRAM, THIS IS THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESS CLEAN ENERGY STRATEGY THAT PROVIDES THE TOOLS, THE FINANCE TOOLS FOR COMMERCIAL AND MULTIFAMILY

OWNERS TO RETROFIT THEIR BUILDINGS WITH ENERGY EFFICIENCY RENEWABLE ENERGY.

Mr. Lynch: A BIG PART OF THAT WORK HAS BEEN TO HELP STAND UP DMW CONTRACTORS AS PRIME AND SIGNIFICANT PART OF THAT WORK, SO REALLY WALKING THE TALK WHEN IT COMES TO EQUITY AND GREEN JOBS. THEN I WANT TO APPLAUD THE WORK THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES DID WITH THEIR UPDATES TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THEY LOOKED AT THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, DID A VERY CAREFUL CROSSWALK TO UNDERSTAND WHERE THERE WAS INTERSECTIONS WITH THE POLICY AREAS THEY WOULD BE WORKING ON. THEY HEARD SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, AND I THINK DEVELOPED A REALLY SOPHISTICATED PLANNING PROCESS AND PLAN THAT REALLY LIVES THESE VALUES WE'VE LAID OUT IN THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN. WITH THAT I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO MY COLLEAGUE, BRENDON HAGER.

Mr. Haggerty: GOOD AFTERNOON. AS JAE MENTIONED, WE WORK ON A LOT OF INITIATIVES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION. I'M GOING TO HIGHLIGHT A FEW OF THEM TODAY. THE FIRST ONE IS AN EFFORT TO REDUCE BLACK CARBON FROM WOOD SMOKE. BLACK CARBON OR SOOT IS HARMFUL TO HEALTH IN A LOT OF WAYS. BUT IT'S ALSO A WARMING AGENT WHEN IT ACCUMULATES IN THE SMEAR OR DEPOSITS ON SNOW. IT CAN COME FROM A LOT OF SOURCES, BUT TWO OF THE BIG ONES ARE RESIDENTIAL WOOD SMOKE AND WILDFIRE. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH IS TAKING A POLICY APPROACH TO WOOD SMOKE FROM RESIDENTIAL BURNING. AND MY COLLEAGUE MATT HOFFMAN, WHO IS HERE TODAY, IS LEADING THAT EFFORT ALONG WITH THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY.

IT'S A CHALLENGING ISSUES, BECAUSE FOR SOME HOUSEHOLDS IT'S THE ONLY AVAILABLE SOURCE OF HEAT, OR MAYBE THE ONLY AFFORDABLE SOURCE OF HEAT. BUT WE'RE SEEKING TO ADDRESS THAT THROUGH A CURTAILMENT PROGRAM THAT WOULD REDUCE WOOD SMOKE ON THE WORST AIR QUALITY DAYS. AND THAT WOULD BE COUPLED WITH A ROBUST OUTREACH AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN THAT WOULD HELP FOLKS UNDERSTAND THAT WHAT THEY BURN AND HOW THEY BURN IT REALLY INFLUENCES THE AMOUNT OF SMOKE THAT GETS GENERATED. AS PART OF THAT EFFORT, WE INTEND TO SEEK FUNDING TO FUND AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM THAT WOULD INCENTIVIZE FOLKS TO SWAP OUT THEIR OLD DIRTY STOVES FOR EITHER A DIFFERENT FUEL SOURCE, OR A CLEANER BURNING EPA CERTIFIED WOOD STOVE. WE THINK THAT IF WE DO THAT IN A WAY THAT PRIORITIZES LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS AND SOME OF THE HIGHER IMPACT BURNERS, WE CAN ADVANCE EQUITY, HEALTH, AND CLIMATE GOALS ALL THROUGH THE SAME PROGRAM.

Mr. Haggerty: THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN CALLS FOR A NUMBER OF MONITORING AND OUTREACH EFFORTS. SEVERAL OF THOSE ARE UNDERWAY AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. AND I'LL HIGHLIGHT A FEW THAT ARE RELEVANT AS WE GO INTO THE WARM SEASON, AS WE'RE ALL EXPERIENCING. THE FIRST IS WHAT JAE MENTIONED ABOUT OUR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM, WE CAN IN CLOSE TO REAL TIME SEE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS AND QUERY THEM TO FIGURE OUT WHY FOLKS ARE GOING, SO WE'RE WATCHING FOR HEAT-RELATED ILLS IN ON OUR HOTTEST DAYS, AND WATCHING FOR SPIKES AND PART OF THE REASON WE DO THAT IS SO WE CAN TAILOR OUR OUTREACH STRATEGIES WHEN NECESSARY. LAST SUMMER WE WORKED WITH THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY TO DEVELOP NEW OUTREACH TOOLS THAT INCLUDE SOME PRETTY ENGAGING VIDEOS, AND AN INTERACTIVE MAP OF PLACES TO KEEP COOL, WHICH IS ON OUR WEBSITE. OUR VECTOR CONTROL TEAM KEEPS TRACK OF MOSQUITO POPULATIONS IN THE COUNTY AND AS JAE MENTIONED, THOSE POPULATIONS AND THE DENSITY AND THE SPECIES THAT WE SEE AND THEIR ABILITY TO CARRY DISEASE COULD CHANGE AS THEIR HABITAT IS INFLUENCED BY CLIMATE CHANGE.

WE KEEP CLOSE TABS ON AIR QUALITY ISSUES. AND MONITOR IN REAL TIME WHAT WE SEE ON THE GROUND. AIR QUALITY CAN BE INFLUENCED BY OUR WEATHER IN LOTS OF WAYS. ONE OF THE WAYS THAT WE EXPECT IT TO CHANGE WITH CLIMATE CHANGE IS POTENTIAL INCREASE IN OZONE AND GROUND LEVEL OZONE. AS WE WORK WITH COMMUNITIES TO TRY TO REDUCE THEIR EXPOSURE. WE TRACK POPULATION PATTERNS AND MIGRATION TRENDS AND TRY TO UNDERSTAND HOW THAT WILL INFLUENCE HEALTH. AND THEN FINALLY WE COLLABORATE WITH THE STATE PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION TO DISTRIBUTE ADVISORIES ON HARMFUL ALGAE BLOOMS. IT CAN BE TOXIC TO HUMAN AND PETS, AND THEY HAVE AFFLICTED THE WILLAMETTE HERE IN PORTLAND FOR THE LAST SEVERAL SUMMERS. WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY PRETTY UNUSUAL. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT COMMITTED TO IDENTIFYING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND WORKING TO ALIGN WITH COMMUNITY EFFORTS AS PART OF THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN.

ONE OF THE WAYS WE'VE DONE THAT WE WON SOME GRANT FUNDING TO COLLABORATE WITH THE COALITION OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, TO IDENTIFY IMPORTANT INDICATORS OF SOCIAL VULNERABILITY TO CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS. WE KNOW OLDER ADULTS ARE MORE VULNERABLE TO HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS, AND LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS HAVE FEWER RESOURCES TO COPE WITH EXTREME WEATHER IMPACTS. WE USED NEW ONLINE MAPPING TOOLS TO EXPLORE THESE WITH THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND WE EXPECT THIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE DATA AND AWARENESS OF IT WILL HELP US ELEVATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN OUR CLIMATE ACTION.

ONE LAST EFFORT I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF ALIGNING WITH COMMUNITY EFFORTS. OVER THIS PAST FALL AND WINTER, WE

PARTICIPATED ALONG WITH THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY IN AN OREGON SOLUTIONS PROJECT IN THE JADE DISTRICTS. THAT WAS CONVENED BY SENATOR DEMBROW WITH THE GOAL OF FINDING WAYS TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY AND LIVABILITY IN THE JADE DISTRICT. OUR ROLE IN THAT WAS TO PROVIDE DATA ON HEALTH OUTCOMES AND ON AIR QUALITY, AND WE THINK THAT AN UNDERSTANDING OF THOSE DATA WILL HELP MANY COMMUNITY PARTNERS DEVELOP A SERIES OF SOLUTIONS OVER THE COMING YEARS THAT CAN BENEFIT BOTH HEALTH AND CLIMATE. WITH THAT, I'LL PASS IT BACK TO TIM.

Mr. Lynch: THERE'S A LOT OF WORK HAPPENING IN THE JADE DISTRICT THAT BRENDON JUST MENTIONED. I'M MOSTLY EXCITED TO HIGHLIGHT THE WORK OUR OFFICE IS DOING TO BRING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PLANNING RESOURCES. WE SECURED EPA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THAT'S FUNDED A DESIGN TEAM TO WORK WITH OH APOKO AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO IDENTIFY ON A FEW DIFFERENT PRIORITY SITES THAT HAD SAFETY AND TRAFFIC ISSUES, A PARCEL THAT IS A POTENTIAL PARK SPACE, AND SO THEY'VE BEEN WORKING TO DO SOME INITIAL DESIGNS THAT ARE REALLY EXCITING. IT'S A REALLY GREAT EXPERIENCE, A GREAT GROUP OF FOLKS, COMING UP WITH AMAZING COMMUNITY VISION. WORK THAT JOHN HAS DONE IN THE ROCKWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD TO HOST AN EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP TO UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF THAT COMMUNITY WHEN IT COMES TO SUSTAINABILITY AND PLANNING. PART OF THAT CONVERSATION LED TO SOME RESOURCES TO DO TREE PLANTING IN THE ROCKWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD, WORKING WITH YOUTH, WORKING WITH OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHICH IS A GREAT PROJECT TO HIGHLIGHT.

WE'VE DONE A LOT OF WORK WITH PSU, BRENDON WENT THROUGH DATA AND ANALYSIS, HAS WORKED WITH A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, WE'RE ACTUALLY HOSTING AN INTERN THROUGH THEIR SUSTAINABILITY SOLUTIONS THIS SUMMER WHO WILL LOOK AT THE OPPORTUNITIES TO ADD ADDITIONAL SOLAR P.V. SYSTEMS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE COUNTY, SO WE'RE EXCITED TO SEE THAT DATA ANALYSIS, HOW THAT CAN STEER OUR FUTURE POLICY DIRECTIONS. LOTS OF I THINK MEANINGFUL WORK AROUND THE ADJUST CARBON PRICING STRATEGY WITHIN THE STATE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS OF PUTTING A PRICE ON CARBON IS FOR THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE MOST AT RISK FROM OUR MOST PRICE SENSITIVE AND HOW THOSE POLICY LIKE THAT CAN BE A DRIVER FOR JUST ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE WORK OF MY COLLEAGUE JERRY HUNTER, WHO IS HERE.

I WOULD MAKE JERRY COME UP BUT HE DOESN'T LIKE SPEAKING. HE'S DOING AMAZING WORK AT THE CROPS FARM, BOTH TO GROW OVER 17,000 POUNDS OF FRESH ORGANIC PRODUCE THAT'S GONE TO THE OREGON FOOD BANK THROUGH THE SNOW CAP CHARITIES, BUT ALSO TO WORK WITH A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT SCHOOLS AND OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS AROUND TO

SUPPORT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MODEL. HE'S BEEN A LEADER AND IS RECOGNIZED, IS DOING FANTASTIC WORK AND THE OTHER PIECE TO HIGHLIGHT IS SOME OF THE WORK WITH CLINICS AROUND PRESCRIPTION CSAS, SO WORKING TO PROVIDE FRESH FOOD, AND THAT SYSTEM, WHICH WE CAN'T TAKE CREDIT FOR, BUT WE WANT TO HIGHLIGHT --

Mr. Haggerty: I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT, A LOT OF THIS WORK OUR OFFICE HAS OFTEN SOME ROLE AND OFTEN LIMITED, BUT THE WORK IN SUPPORT OF THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IS HAPPENING ACROSS THE COUNTY. THERE'S SO MANY INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE TAKEN THIS WORK ON, THEY'VE BEEN CHAMPIONS, TOO SHORT A TIME TO RECOGNIZE EVERYBODY. BUT I WILL RECOGNIZE THE FOLKS IN DCA AND DCS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON DESIGN OF THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE, THEIR LEADERSHIP AROUND THE COURTHOUSE DESIGN, WHICH I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH JUST WATCHING TO SEE HOW THEIR APPROACH HAS BEEN. AND IT'S BEEN REMARKABLE. THEY HAVE AN AMAZING PROJECT TEAM AND I THINK THE OUTCOME IS GOING TO BE A SYMBOL OF WALKING OUR TALK AROUND ISSUES OF SUSTAINABILITY. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMPLETED AN LED CONVERSION OF THE MID COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT, THAT'S COST EFFECTIVE AND IT'S GOOD FOR RATEPAYERS. THERE'S WORK HAPPENING AT THE INVERNESS JAIL THAT FACILITIES HAS BEEN LEADING TO WORK FOR WATER EFFICIENCY AND LIGHTING EFFICIENCY. I JUST, AGAIN, THERE'S SO MANY GREAT EXAMPLES OF WORK THAT'S HAPPENING ON THE GROUND, AND HOW APPRECIATIVE OF THOSE OTHER PROGRAMS AND STAFF. BUT CHALLENGES REMAIN.

Mr. Lynch: I'LL BRIEFLY MENTION I RECENTLY HAD A CHANCE TO MEET WITH SOME OF MY COUNTERPARTS FROM HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT A LOT OF FOLKS WERE VOICING IS THE DUAL THREAT WHERE OUR LEADING PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS ARE TELLING US CLIMATE CHANGE WILL BE ONE OF THE GREATEST CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY. AND AT THE SAME TIME, THERE'S A THREAT OF LOTS OF RESOURCES AND EXTRA TEETH IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM AS A WHOLE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON DOWN. AND SO WHEN WE NEED TO RESPOND TO SOMETHING LIKE ZIKA, WE'RE LESS CERTAIN THAT THE EXPERTISE AND THE RESOURCES WILL BE ABLE TO BE THERE.

I THINK OTHER CHALLENGES ARE WE'RE RELYING ON THE STATE TO DO THINGS LIKE PUTTING A PRICE ON CARBON, OR RECENT ADVOCACY TO IMPROVE THE STATE'S BUILDING CODES TO IMPROVEMENT, WE'LL CONTINUE TO PROMOTE THOSE ACTIVITIES, BUT THOSE ARE CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTS AS WE ARE AWARE. A FEW OTHER ACTIONS, I THINK WILL TAKE SOME ADDITIONAL I THINK FOCUS BUT I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT COMMUNITY IS VERY INTERESTED IS A DEEPER SET OF METRICS THAT AFFECTS HOW WE'RE MEETING THIS BROAD SET OF GOALS WITHIN THE PLAN, AND THAT'S SOMETHING WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON. TO HAVE AT OUR NEXT UPDATE. THE WORK CONTINUES. LOOKING AHEAD, JOHN MENTIONED THE

ENERGY RESOLUTION THAT WILL BE COMING BEFORE THIS BOARD AND THE CITY COUNCIL NEXT WEEK. THAT'S A REALLY IMPORTANT MARKER OF WHAT THE COMMUNITY CARES ABOUT IN TERMS OF WHERE THEIR ENERGY COMES FROM. WE'RE EXCITED TO WORK ON THAT. WE'RE EXCITED TO WORK WITH CAPO AND OTHER PARTNERS, UNDERSTANDING HOW ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY CAN BE STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS ENERGY POVERTY, THE SOLAR ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT THAT I MENTIONED, WORK THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS DOING, LOTS AHEAD, LOTS TO COME, AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO ENGAGE WITH YOU ALONG THE WAY. I THINK WITH THAT WE'RE OPEN FOR QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. ON SLIDE FIVE, YOU HAD SOMETHING ON THERE ABOUT ECOROOF. AND IF THEY'RE INCLUDED IN OUR MULTILAYER STRATEGY. ARE THERE ANY BUILDINGS SPECIFICALLY THAT CAN BE RETROFITTED FOR THAT PARTICULAR PURPOSE, AND WHAT DO YOU THINK THE COST WOULD BE TO DO THAT?

Mr. Wasiutynski: WE HAVE FIVE ROOFTOPS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY ARE PORTFOLIO BUILDINGS THAT HAVE GREEN ROOFS ON THEM. OUR FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TEAM, PARTICULARLY WITH THE PROFIT OF GREEN ROOFS AS IT WERE, HE HAS EVALUATED OUR ROOFTOPS TO FIGURE OUT WHICH ONES CAN BEAR THE LOAD OF A GREEN ROOF. AND SO WE'VE RETROFITTED THE CENTRAL LIBRARY, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH GREEN ROOFS, AND WITH OUR NEW BUILDINGS, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AND THE COURTHOUSE WILL ALSO BE GREEN ROOFS INCORPORATED INTO THOSE PROJECTS. AND AS WE LOOK AT ACQUIRING PROPERTIES, I'M SURE ALLAN WILL BE OUT THERE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE. GREEN ROOFS ARE A GREAT STRATEGY BECAUSE THEY HELP COOL THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT, THEY EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE ROOFTOP, AND OBVIOUSLY THEY ABSORB STORM WATER AS WELL. AND WE HAVE ONE OF THE COOLEST GREEN ROOFS IN THE COUNTY, IT'S IN COMMISSIONER STEGMANN'S DISTRICT, EAST COUNTY COURTHOUSE HAS SOLAR AND GREEN ROOF. SO FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME, THAT'S --

Chair Kafoury: DOUBLE GEEK.

Mr. Wasiutynski: YEAH, THAT'S THE BEST ONE.

Commissioner Smith: SO THE BIKING AND TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE IS INCLUDED IN THE MITIGATION STRATEGY, AND A COUPLE THINGS. WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT WE'LL NEED IN TERMS OF RESOURCES TO REALLY FULLY RAMP THAT UP? AND THE SECOND PIECE, WE'VE BEEN STRUGGLING WITH THIS WHETHER IT'S THE CITY OR THE COUNTY IN REGARDS TO BICYCLE

REGISTRATION, A FEASIBLE STRATEGY, I GET AT LEAST AT THE VERY LEAST TWO QUESTIONS EVERY WEEK. THE BIKERS SHOULD BE REGISTERED, AS MUCH AS THEY ARE AT RISK AND VULNERABLE, AND I THINK WE NEED TO USE IT TO KEEP OUR CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, YOU KNOW, INTACT, BUT THERE'S SOME OTHER SECURITY KINDS OF SAFETY KINDS OF ISSUES THAT A LOT OF SENIORS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT WITH THE BIKERS, AND IF THAT'S SOMETHING WE WOULD DO, OR SOMETHING THAT THE CITY COULD DO.

Mr. Wasiutynski: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER. WHEN IT COMES TO TRANSPORTATION ISSUES, THE CITIES PLAY A VERY LARGE ROLE IN SORT OF CHARTING THAT PATH. BUT OF COURSE MULTNOMAH COUNTY THROUGH OUR DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES ALSO EXERTS A LARGE ROLE, PARTICULARLY IN EAST COUNTY, IN DETERMINING WHAT OUR COUNTY PRIORITIES ARE GOING TO BE FOR FUNDING. AND ABSOLUTELY PRIORITIZING WALKING AND BICYCLING ARE REALLY IMPORTANT STRATEGIES. AND MAYBE JAE CAN WEIGH IN ON THE HEALTH SIDE, BUT WHEN WE THINK ABOUT OUR ENERGY FUTURE, THE CHEAPEST ENERGY WE CAN GET IS ENERGY THAT WE DON'T USE. THAT'S WHY WE ALWAYS EMPHASIZE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AS A REALLY IMPORTANT STRATEGY FOR REACHING OUR GOALS. BECAUSE IT'S REALLY COST EFFECTIVE. SIMILARLY, OUR INVESTMENTS IN BIKING AND WALKING ARE REALLY COST EFFECTIVE. WE GET A LOT OF TRIPS WITH VERY LITTLE CARBON FROM THOSE MODES. AND I'M GOING TO LET JAE WEIGH IN, BECAUSE THERE'S ALSO THIS INCREDIBLE PUBLIC HEALTH ASPECT OF IT AS WELL.

Dr. Douglas: WHAT I WAS THINKING ABOUT HERE IS THE GROWING ADOPTION OF THE VISION ZERO WORK THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN CITY OF PORTLAND, IT'S BEING CONSIDERED AT THE STATE LEVEL AS WELL. AND ONE OF THE REALLY IMPORTANT THINGS ABOUT THE VISION ZERO WORK IS IN ADDITION TO THE ATTENTION TO EQUITY AND THE WAYS THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE IMPACTED IS THE INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THOSE HEALTHFUL ACTIVITIES, WALKING, CYCLING, AND RECOGNIZING THE SOLUTION TO THAT IS REALLY TWOFOLD. IT'S INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN. SO CYCLISTS CAN SAFELY NAVIGATE AND THAT MOTORISTS ARE NOT PUTTING CYCLISTS IN HARM'S WAY AND CYCLISTS ARE NOT PUTTING MOTORISTS IN HARM'S WAY AND NEITHER ARE PUTTING PEDESTRIANS IN HARM'S WAY. SO IT GOES TO THE QUESTION OF SEPARATION OF THOSE DIFFERENT MODES, AND ALSO THEN WHEN THEY INTERSECT THAT THERE'S SORT OF SAFE MECHANISMS FOR INTERSECTING. AND THE SECOND PIECE IS SPEED. WE'RE SEEING NOW THAT THE BILL IS BEING ENTERTAINED TO CITIES CAN REDUCE SPEEDS. THOSE ARE IMPORTANT INFRASTRUCTURE AND DESIGN ISSUES THAT I THINK WILL HAVE AN IMPACT.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. BUT THE REGISTRATION?

Mr. Wasiutynski: OH, THE REGISTRATION PIECE. YEAH. I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE ISSUE, COMMISSIONER, I GUESS I'M NOT PREPARED TO SPEAK TO THAT. I WOULD SAY THAT IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, THE EASIER WE MAKE IT FOR PEOPLE TO BIKE AND WALK AND THE FEWER BARRIERS WE PUT UP, BE THEY INFRASTRUCTURE OR POLICY, THE BETTER. I THINK THAT'S JUST SORT OF MY INITIAL GUT TAKE ON THAT. BUT I HAVEN'T REALLY LOOKED OR I HAVEN'T LOOKED AT THAT ISSUE CLOSELY.

Commissioner Smith: A BIKER HIT ONE OF MY STAFFER'S CAR AND KICKED IT, AND THERE WAS NO WAY TO REPORT IT OR WHO IT WAS. SO THEREIN LIES THE PROBLEM. IN TERMS OF THIS CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IS A HUGE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE NEED FOR BIKES AND FOR WALKING. THERE'S AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUES THAT ARE IN OUR COUNTY IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, AND THERE'S SOME THINGS I THINK WE CAN BE DOING TO MAKE THOSE PLACES A LITTLE BIT SAFER. IN ADDITION TO THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL AND OTHER THINGS. BUT THAT'S A HUGE PROBLEM IN THE COUNTY, THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY STUFF.

Mr. Wasiutynski: ABSOLUTELY. AND THE WORK THAT YOUR DCS TEAM HAS BEEN DOING AROUND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL IS PARTICULARLY WORTH HIGHLIGHTING. THE RESEARCH SHOWS WHERE WE HAVE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAMS FULLY IMPLEMENTED, THERE'S 25, 30% INCREASE IN PEOPLE WALKING AND WALKING AND BIKING TO SCHOOL. AS JAE MENTIONED, HEALTHFUL ACTIVITIES ARE BUILT INTO OUR DAYS, REALLY INCREASE OUR WELLNESS OVERALL, AND SO --

Dr. Douglas: WITH THE TABLE WITH US IS MY EXPERT IN TRANSPORTATION, SO AS I'VE BEEN CHATTING, I WANT TO ALSO INVITE BRENDON, IF YOU WANT TO CONTRIBUTE SOMETHING.

Mr. Haggerty: I THINK MY CONVERSATION WITH MY COLLEAGUES FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY IS COMING BACK TO ME, THIS TOPIC AS WELL, BECAUSE I THINK WHAT FOLKS ARE FINDING IS A LARGE RETURN ON INVESTMENT FROM THE HEALTH BENEFITS FROM PHYSICAL ACTIVITY THAT COMES FROM BIKING AND WALKING. WHETHER THAT'S THROUGH SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL OR THROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS THAT INCENTIVIZE BIKING AND WALKING. AND BECAUSE SO OF OUR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES DON'T MEETS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY RECOMMENDATIONS, THE ABILITY TO BUILD THAT IN TO PARTS OF THEIR ROUTINE IS IMPORTANT TO SUSTAINING THAT BEHAVIOR.

Commissioner Smith: JUST SO YOU KNOW, WHEN I'M GOING AROUND THE COUNTRY AS WELL, ONE OF THE THINGS PEOPLE SAY TO ME IS THE BIKING, THEY LOVE ALL THE BIKING OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE HAVE IN PORTLAND. SO MUCH SO, I'M SUPPORTING THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SUPPORTED A

CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK, AND I ADDED AN EARLY MORNING BIKE RIDE AROUND THE ESPLANADE, BECAUSE EVERYBODY, THEY WANT TO RIDE SOME BIKES. SO IT'S FORTUNATE THAT WE'RE VERY CLOSE TO THE WATERFRONT, AND WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT. THEY ASKED FOR IT, SO I HAD TO GIVE IT TO THEM.

Mr. Wasiutynski: COMMISSIONER, I'LL BE LEADING A GROUP RIDE ON TOMORROW MORNING FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES COMING FROM NORTHEAST, AND SO IF ANYBODY FROM YOUR STAFF OR YOURSELF WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US, WE'RE GOING TO START --

Commissioner Smith: FIRST I'VE GOT TO GET A BIKE.

Mr. Wasiutynski: OKAY, WELL -- [LAUGHTER]

Commissioner Smith: I WOULD STOP RIDING IN MY CAR IF YOU CAN GUARANTEE THIS WEATHER EVERY DAY.

Mr. Wasiutynski: WE'LL SEE WHAT CLIMATE CHANGE CAN DELIVER ON THAT.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT. YOU TALKED ABOUT GREEN JOBS AND THERE'S GOING TO BE SHORTAGE OF FOLKS TO FILL THOSE JOBS. I'M WONDERING WHAT KIND OF OUTREACH EFFORTS AND THE PARALLEL I'M DRAWING, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO THE WOMEN AND TRAINS CAREER DAY FOR GIRLS, AND IT WAS AMAZING. AND I JUST, LIKE, MAN, WHAT KIND OF IMPACT IS THIS HAVING ON YOUNG WOMEN AND GIRLS TO THINK ABOUT THE TRADES? IT MADE A HUGE IMPACT ON ME. UNFORTUNATELY WHEN I WAS THAT AGE, THERE WEREN'T THINGS LIKE THAT. SO I'M JUST WONDERING WHAT ARE WE DOING IN THE GREEN SECTOR, BECAUSE YOUR KIDS ARE KIDS, THEY COME HOME AND SAY, MOM, YOU SHOULD BE DOING THIS, AND THAT'S SUCH A GREAT MOTIVATOR TO HAVE YOUR CHILD TELL YOU, YOU NEED TO START WALKING. I WAS TOLD LAST NIGHT I NEEDED TO QUIT DRINKING CAFFEINE AND GO ON A CLEANSE. I'M LIKE, NO, I'M NOT! NOT UNTIL BUDGET SEASON IS OVER! HOW THAT NEXT GENERATION OF FOLKS TO FILL YOUR SHOES?

Mr. Wasiutynski: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER. WELL, I'M GOING TO CITE TWO EXAMPLES OF HOW WE'RE LEADING WITH THAT. ONE IS THE GRANT THAT WE GOT TO DO TREE PLANTING IN THE ROCKWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD. AN AREA THAT WAS IDENTIFIED THROUGH SOME OF THE RESEARCH BRENDON WAS MENTIONING AS A PLACE WITH PARTICULARLY BAD HEAT ISLANDS BECAUSE OF THE PREPONDERANCE OF CONCRETE AND THE DEARTH OF TREES. AND FIGURING OUT HOW TO ALSO BUILD IN WORK FORCE AND BUILD IN THE BMW CONTRACTORS AND THE WORK FORCE EQUITY COMPONENT INTO IT. BUT ONE OF THE WAYS IS BY FOCUSING OUR TECHNICAL RESOURCES ON TO MINORITY CONTRACTORS. RATHER THAN SAYING, OKAY, WE HAVE THESE

TECHNICAL RESOURCES TO TRAIN THE WHOLE UNIVERSE OF CONTRACTORS IN HOW TO USE THIS FINANCING TOOL WE'RE SAYING WE ARE GOING TO FOCUS ON THE SUBSET OF CONTRACTOR AND GIVE THEM A LEG UP INTO THE NEW MARKET.

Mr. Wasiutynski: THOSE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF HOW WE'RE TRYING TO LEAD WITH THAT. I THINK THAT AN AREA WHERE WE HAVE MORE ROOM TO GO IS YOUTH ENGAGEMENT. I THINK THAT'S A REALLY CRITICAL PART TO GIVE YOU INSIGHT INTO HOW THE POLICY MAKING WORLD WORKS. I THINK I DON'T WANT TO SCARE THEM AWAY FROM POLICY MAKING BECAUSE IT'S OFTEN PRETTY BORING, LOTS OF EMAILS, BUT I THINK WE HAVE TO INVITE A LOT OF INTERNS INTO OUR PROGRAM TRYING TO GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY I THINK THAT WITH THE NEXT UPDATE WE WILL BUILD IN A STRONGER YOUTH COMPONENT TO HAVE THAT GENERATIONAL VOICE REPRESENTED.

Commissioner Stegmann: I'M PLEASED TO HEAR ALL THE EFFORTS THAT YOU'RE MAKING. THE OTHER QUESTION I HAVE IS SO THIS CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY. KIND OF WONDERING WHERE THE REST OF THE CITIES AND COUNTIES. HOW DO WE COMPARE? SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE DOING AN AMAZING JOB. HOW DO WE ENCOURAGE THE REST OF THE JURISDICTIONS TO STEP UP?

Mr. Lynch: DEFINITELY A FOCUS WITHIN THIS FIVE-YEAR PLAN. I'M ACTUALLY MEETING WITH A LOT OF SENIOR STAFF FROM PUBLIC WORKS IN THE CITY OF GRESHAM TO SORT OF TEE UP THIS CONVERSATION. I THINK ONE OF THE CHALLENGES I'M APPRECIATIVE FOR THE FACT WE CAN TALK ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE OPENLY. ' OTHER COMMUNITIES ARE DOING AMAZING WORK AROUND SUSTAINABILITY AND SOME OF THE SAME STRATEGIES THAT WE'RE EMPLOYING HERE BUT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY CALL IT CLIMATE CHANGE. THAT'S FROM ONE OF THE CHALLENGES THAT WE WANT TO MEET COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY ARE, BRING THEM INTO THIS PARTNERSHIP, BUT WE ALSO HAVE A CLEAR MESSAGE THIS IS ABOUT ADDRESSING CARBON EMISSIONS AND CLIMATE VULNERABILITIES. I REALLY APPRECIATE THIS BOARD IF YOU CAN HELP NAVIGATE SOME OF THOSE CONVERSATION BUT THERE IS REGIONAL CONVERSATIONS HAPPENING AT METRO. COMMISSIONER SMITH, I KNOW WE DID SOME WORK TO ARE ELEVATE ISSUES AROUND AIR QUALITY AT METRO AND OTHER REGIONAL BODIES. MORE WORK TO COME BUT OUR OFFICE APPROACHES YOUR LEADERSHIP.

Commissioner Stegmann: I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU'VE REACHED OUT TO THE STAFF OF GRESHAM. YOU PROBABLY KNOW IN GRESHAM WE HAVE A NET ZERO WASTEWATER TREATMENT. I THINK THE VOCABULARY THAT WE USE IN VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS IS UNFORTUNATE. ENDS OF THE DAY THE RESULTS WILL HOPEFULLY GET US FARTHER DOWN THE ROAD. IF THEY CALL IT SOMETHING AND WE CALL IT SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAT'S WHAT WE WANT

IF WE REACH THE GOAL. VOCABULARY IS IMPORTANT BASED ON WHO YOU'RE TALKING TO. THAT WAS GREAT THAT FOR THE COOLING CENTERS JUST THE RESPONSIVENESS TO HELP PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM THE HEAT, ELDERLY, THOSE MOST AT RISK. I JUST APPRECIATE YOU LOOKING OUT FOR THE WELFARE OF OUR COMMUNITY.

Mr. Wasiutynski: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER. GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO OUR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM. THAT'S AWESOME.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING. THIS HAS BEEN VERY INTERESTING. IT SEEMED LIKE PRIOR TO THIS WE HAD HAD A BRIEFING ON THE PLAN THEN FIVE YEARS LATER A BRIEFING. SO I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT WE HAVE ANNUAL UPDATES ON WHAT'S OCCURRING. AS YOU SAID, JOHN, THINGS ARE CHANGING SO MUCH MORE QUICKLY THAN WE EVER IMAGINED. NOT NECESSARILY IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. WE'RE ALSO I THINK YOU ALL DO A GOOD JOB ALTHOUGH YOU'RE SMALL BUT MIGHTY OF CONNECTING TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS THAT I KNOW OUR WOODSTOVE PROGRAM IN FACT CAME FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY LEADING THE WAY IN THAT. SO WE ARE NOT WORKING IN A VACUUM. OR ALONE. WE'RE TOUCHING ON ALL OF OUR PARTNERS.

I ONLY WISH THAT WE HAD SOME PARTNERS AT THE STATE LEVEL BECAUSE IT'S BEEN VERY FRUSTRATING THIS SESSION WITH ALL THAT'S OCCURRING AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL WE LIKE TO THINK OF OREGON AS BEING LEADERS, AT THE FOREFRONT OF EVERYTHING. WE'RE DEFINITELY NOT AT THE FOREFRONT OF CLIMATE CHANGE. I THINK WE MADE SOME GREAT STRIDES LAST SESSION. THIS YEAR IT'S A TOTAL STOP. EVEN IN THE TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE I JUST SEE SUCH A LACK OF VISION OF WHERE WE SHOULD BE HEADING. IT'S ALL IN THE 1-S 50S. WHATEVER THINGS WE CAN DO HERE AND I APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING ISSUES FORWARD AND IDEAS FORWARD SO THAT WE CAN REALLY PUSH AS WE DO IN SO MANY DIFFERENT AREAS THAT WE WORK ON AS A COUNTY IF WE CAN PUSH THE ENVELOPE HERE AND PUSH ON THE REST OF THE STATE TO MOVE FORWARD THAT'S OUR ROLE. THANKS SO MUCH. WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT WEEK. IS THAT WHEN WE HAVE OUR ITEM UP?

Mr. Wasiutynski: YES, CHAIR. WE'LL BE BACK ON JUNE 1.

Chair Kafoury: SEE YOU THEN.

Mr. Lynch: I EXPECT A LARGER AUDIENCE, I THINK.

Chair Kafoury: THIS ISN'T SO BAD. [LAUGHTER]

Mr. Lynch: THIS IS A GREAT AUDIENCE.

Mr. Wasiutynski: BEST LOOKING AUDIENCE I HAVE EVER SEEN. [LAUGHTER]

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT. SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE'RE ADJOURNED.
[GAVEL]

ADJOURNMENT – 2:23 p.m.

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