



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Jane Brautigam, City Manager

**DATE:** March 15, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Portland/Eugene Visit, April 24-27, 2016

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Portland/Eugene Trip Planning Subcommittee, Matt Appelbaum and Jan Burton, met with staff on March 10, 2016 to follow up on issues from Council's discussion of the trip on February 29, 2016. The subcommittee is recommending that a representative from the Human Relations Commission, the Planning Board and the Transportation Advisory Board be included on the trip, and that some level of financial support be provided to the city's human services partners.

### **KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED**

As part of the February 29, 2016 council discussion, several council members expressed an interest in offering sponsorships to city partners who might benefit from the first hand opportunity to see and discuss the innovative solutions to issues we face in Boulder. In addition, several Board and Commission members contacted the city manager to indicate their interest in the opportunity as well.

The Planning Subcommittee greatly appreciated the interest of the Board and Commission members. As the trip will be focused on issues of affordable and middle income housing, housing for unhoused populations and transportation, the subcommittee suggested that the three affected city boards and commissions (Human Services Commission; Planning Board; and Transportation Advisory Board) each select a board representative to accompany staff and city council on the trip. This would be part of the city delegation and fully sponsored by the city.

In addition, Boulder Housing Partners has requested to send a representative, with BHP to cover the full cost. The subcommittee recommends approval of this request.

Finally, the Planning Subcommittee recommends that the city partially sponsor several human services partners that are deeply involved in the area of housing for homeless populations. These recommendations are as follows:

Boulder Shelter for the Homeless – Greg Harms	\$1,000
Bridge House – Isabel McDevitt	\$1,000
Boulder Outreach for Homeless Overflow	\$1,000
Ten Year Plan Board/County Partnership – Robin Bohannon (this represents a split cost with Boulder County)	\$ 850

**Total Sponsorships** **\$3,850**

Although members of the public are certainly welcome to accompany the trip, the Committee does not recommend the financial sponsorship of any members of the public.

The five Council Members scheduled to attend are Matt Appelbaum, Aaron Brockett, Jan Burton, Suzanne Jones and Andrew Shoemaker.

The staff members scheduled to attend are as follows:

- Jane Brautigam, city manager
- David Driskell, executive director of planning, housing and sustainability
- Karen Rahn, director of human services
- Kurt Firnhaber, deputy director of housing
- Kathleen Bracke, GO Boulder manager; or the new Transportation Director
- Police Commander, Katie McEldowney

The total amount budgeted for the trip is \$40,000 with the anticipated cost for five Council Members and six staff members at \$ 18,425. Adding representatives from the Boards and Commissions and the sponsorships would bring the cost of the trip to approximately \$27,300. The cost for the Planning Board member is included in this total, although this cost may be paid from the Planning Board travel budget.

City staff is working with DBI as well as the cities of Portland and Eugene to finalize the itinerary for the trip. A rough draft of the schedule is in Attachment A.

### **QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL**

1. Does council agree with the recommendations of the Planning Subcommittee? Does council have any suggested changes to the Subcommittee recommendations?
2. The Committee has suggested that not all council members or staff take the same flight to Portland. Would council members like to make their own flight arrangements and coordinate with the city clerk’s office to ensure that not all members are on the same flight?
3. Does council have any suggestions about items to be added to the itinerary for either Portland or Eugene?

## **NEXT STEPS**

Following council discussion on March 15, 2016, staff will work with the Planning subcommittee and the Portland and Eugene staff members to finalize the itinerary for the trip.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

**A:** Portland/Eugene Trip Itinerary – Draft as of 3.10.16

## *Portland/Eugene Trip Itinerary – DRAFT (as of 3.13.16)*

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### *Sunday, April 24: Travel to Portland and Reception*

**Morning:** Boulder Group travels to Portland

- Westin Portland, 750 SW Alder St. Portland, OR

**Afternoon:** Informal Tour of Portland

- 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm - Boulder Group does “informal” tour of Portland using public transportation to “get a sense of the place”

**Evening:** Reception with Intercity Group

- X:xx – X:xx pm - Nancy Hales, Director of First Stop Portland provides an informal welcome to the full Boulder delegation. Mayor Charlie Hales in attendance.

### *Monday, April 25: Morning - City of Boulder and Intercity Group Joint Meeting and Lunch*

**Morning Plenary with Intercity Group:** Chairman of the Portland Development Commission and owner of Neil Kelly Company, Tom Kelly, opens the conference, shares the goals and aspirations of Portland. He will provide an overview on business/governance partnerships and leadership. He will touch on the future goals and challenges (keeping the city affordable, including new Portlanders, climate goals, etc). The location for this meeting is AirBNB North American Headquarters - it is a re-purposed building, VERY cool, in one of Portland’s emerging urban neighborhoods, a transit stop away from hotel.

**9:45 - 10:45 Panel:** Housing/Affordability

Panel will include Housing Director Kurt Creager, Innovative Housing ED Sarah Stevenson and Home Forward Pres. Marc Jolin, for a cross-sector panel in housing affordability

**11:00 - Noon:** Transportation

Trimet Senior Planner Bob Hastings, Metro Executive Andy Cotugno and Portland Bureau of Transportation Leah Treat will discuss regional transportation investments and connectivity, multi-modal trans. planning and TOD

**Lunch** – TBD

*Monday, April 25: Afternoon – City of Boulder and City of Portland staff and council meet/tour on areas of mutual interest (i.e. overview of “The Portland Plan” and equity issues, transit/walking tour focused on infill housing strategies such as ADUs/OUAs, no-parking-requirement policy along transit lines, food trucks, homelessness site visit, etc.) in two tracks.*

## *Tuesday, April 26: Boulder Group visits Eugene*

***6:00am - 8:35am Portland to Eugene (train/bus)***

***6:05pm - 8:40pm Eugene to Portland (train/bus)***

9:00 – 11:00 am: Meeting with City of Eugene on homelessness, transportation and housing issues. Eugene will have as many of their leadership team, Council Members and the Mayor attend tours or have “sit downs” with the group.

11:00 – 4:00 pm:

Track 1: Homelessness (tours of Opportunity Village, St. Vincent Car Camping, Police Department, etc.)

Track 2: Transportation/Housing Track (tours and/or discussion on affordable housing, university issues, occupancy limits, rapid transit, ADU’s, etc.)

## *Wednesday, April 27: Meetings with Portland City Staff and Travel to Boulder*

**9:00 am – noon** - Meetings/tours with Portland City colleagues on EcoDistricts and possibly music/arts

**Afternoon:** Boulder Group travels back to Boulder