

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING THE) RESOLUTION NO. 00-2991
EXISTING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT)
SPECIFYING ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR) Introduced by
THE BI-STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE) Councilor Jon Kvistad,
JPACT Chair

WHEREAS, Metro established a Bi-State Transportation Committee to develop recommendations to the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on bi-state transportation issues (Resolution No. 99-2778); and

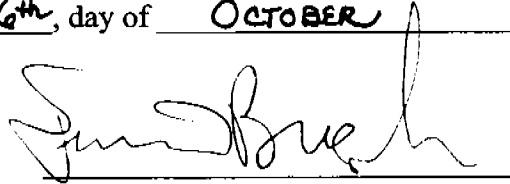
WHEREAS, Metro and RTC approved an Intergovernmental Agreement specifying roles and responsibilities for the Bi-State Transportation Committee; and

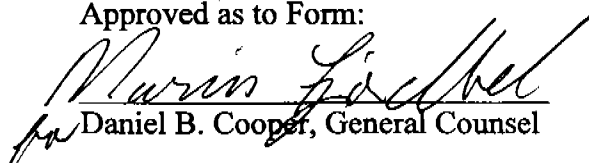
WHEREAS, The Bi-State Transportation Committee has identified modifications to the Intergovernmental Agreement that would allow the agreement to reflect the committee's practice in the past year.

BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. That Metro and RTC authorize the modifications to the existing Intergovernmental Agreement (as substantially reflected in Exhibit A) specifying the roles and responsibilities of the Bi-State Transportation Committee.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 26th, day of OCTOBER, 2000.


David Bragdon, Presiding Officer

Approved as to Form:

Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel



ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council this _____ day of _____, 2000.

Royce E. Pollard
Mayor, City of Vancouver and RTC Chair

Intergovernmental Agreement
Specifying the Roles and Responsibilities of a
Joint JPACT and RTC Bi-State Transportation Committee

Role

The Bi-State Transportation Committee shall review all issues of major bi-state significance for transportation and present recommended actions to RTC and JPACT.

JPACT and RTC Board shall take no action on an issue of bi-state significance without first referring the issue to the Bi-State Transportation Committee for their consideration and recommendation. Any member of JPACT or the RTC Board may request referral of an item for consultation prior to action, but it takes a majority of the JPACT or RTC Board to refer an item to the Bi-State Transportation Committee. The Bi-State Committee members may also select items for consideration.

Membership

~~JPACT and RTC Board will nominate membership in the Bi-State Transportation Committee.~~ Membership will be drawn from agencies serving on JPACT and RTC Board with representation in Washington from the Washington Department of Transportation, C-TRAN, City of Vancouver, one of the smaller cities in Clark County, Clark County and the Port of Vancouver. In Oregon, membership will be from Oregon Department of Transportation, Tri-Met, one of the Counties of the tri county region, City of Portland, Metro, the Port of Portland and a smaller city from Multnomah County. Each agency shall select their member for the Bi-State Transportation Committee and shall also identify an alternate member.

The Bi-State Transportation Committee may create working groups on a topical basis that involve other elected officials and business or community representatives as needed.

Membership will be valid as long as the member is a member of JPACT and the RTC Board or appointed by JPACT or RTC Board.

Chair and Vice Chair

The Bi-State Transportation Committee shall elect its Chair and Vice-Chair. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall not be representatives of the same state.

Voting

Each member will have one vote. A simple majority vote is needed to pass an action item. A quorum is needed for a vote to be valid.

Quorum

A quorum is defined as four members from each state for a total of eight.

Reporting

The Bi-State Transportation Committee shall ~~report to JPACT and the RTC Board semi-annually to alert JPACT and the RTC Board~~ the full committees on issues of bi-state significance and the schedule for upcoming action items.

The Bi-State Transportation Committee shall submit an annual report to JPACT and RTC Board that highlights the committee's major accomplishments and progress over the last year. The report will be distributed to JPACT and RTC Board one year after the date of their first meeting and annually on each subsequent year.

Minutes of each meeting shall be taken and shall be distributed for approval at the subsequent Bi-State Transportation Committee meetings.

Amendment

Any amendment to this agreement shall require the approval of JPACT, the Metro Council and RTC Board.

Termination

Termination of this agreement and the Bi-State Transportation Committee will require written notice sixty (60) days prior to the termination date proposed by JPACT or RTC Board.

Meeting Location

Meetings will alternate between sites in Oregon and Washington.

Public Notice

The public shall be notified of the Bi-State Transportation Committee meetings consistent with other public meeting notices required by Metro or RTC.

Administrative Support

Metro and RTC shall share in the costs for administrative support and staffing to the Bi-State Transportation Committee.

Budget/Expenses

Expenses for conducting Bi-State Transportation Committee meetings shall be equally shared between Metro and the RTC.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 00-2991, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING THE EXISTING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT SPECIFYING ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE BI-STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Date: October 18, 2000

Presented by: Councilor Monroe

Committee Recommendation: At its October 17 meeting, the Committee considered Resolution No. 00-2990A and voted 2-0 to send the resolution to the Council for adoption. Voting in favor: Councilor Bragdon and Chair Monroe.

Background: The Bi-State Transportation Committee was initiated in September 1999 to provide a forum for elected officials and transportation agency representatives to engage in an in-depth discussion of transportation issues that affect both the Portland area and Clark County in Washington. It was agreed that the committee's bylaws would be reviewed after a year of operation to determine if any changes were needed.

Committee Discussion: Andy Cotugno, Transportation Planning Director, presented the staff report. He explained that the purpose of the proposed resolution was to amend the Bi-State Committee bylaws. The three specific changes would include: 1) allowing committee members to identify agenda items, 2) clarifying that the agencies with representation on the committee would select their members, and 3) that the committee would request the scheduling of items for JPACT and the RTC as needed, rather than reporting semi-annually to these groups.

Councilor Kvistad was not present during the original committee discussion, but during councilor communications he expressed his opposition to the provision in the resolution that allowed the committee to initiate its own agenda items. He noted that the committee was a subcommittee of JPACT and the RTC and, therefore, these oversight committees should drive its agenda. Councilor Monroe responded that the committee was not really a subcommittee and that its membership included elected officials that should have the freedom to raise issues of interest to them and their constituents.

STAFF REPORT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING THE EXISTING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT SPECIFYING ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE BI-STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Date: September 29, 2000

Presented by: Andrew C. Cotugno

PROPOSED ACTION

Approval of this resolution would modify the existing Intergovernmental Agreement for the Bi-State Transportation Committee to bring it in line with the practice that the committee has developed over their first year of operation. The modifications include the following:

- Clarify that Bi-State Committee members may identify agenda items for discussion in addition to those referred to them by the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (RTC).
- Clarify that the agencies named in the Intergovernmental Agreement to serve on the committee shall select their member and alternate.
- Clarify that the Bi-State Committee is responsible for scheduling bi-state issues for JPACT and RTC action as needed, instead of reporting to JPACT and RTC semi-annually.

The Bi-State Transportation Committee discussed these changes to the Intergovernmental Agreement at their September 2000 meeting and approved a motion to submit them to Metro and RTC for approval.

EXISTING LAW

Metro is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for federal transportation planning purposes. Metro has the authority to create subcommittees such as the Bi-State Transportation Committee to help meet its roles and responsibilities as the regional transportation planning agency.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

In May of 1999 JPACT and RTC approved the creation of a Bi-State Transportation Committee to develop recommendations to JPACT and RTC on bi-state transportation issues. As part of the establishment of the new committee, Metro and RTC adopted an Intergovernmental Agreement specifying the roles and responsibilities of the Bi-State Transportation Committee. The committee began meeting in September 1999.

Based on their operating experience over the last year, the Bi-State Transportation Committee identified a few modifications to the Intergovernmental Agreement to better reflect the committee's operating procedures.

BUDGET IMPACT

None.

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