

**BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL**

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE ) RESOLUTION NO. 00-2997A  
METRO 2000-01 OREGON STATE AND ) Introduced by Councilor McLain,  
FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES ) Presiding Officer Bragdon and  
AND PRIORITIES ) Executive Officer Burton

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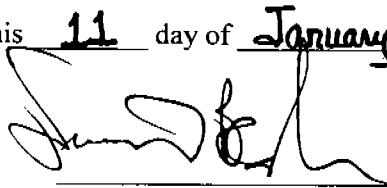
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BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Metro Council adopts the principles and priorities outlined in Exhibit A, and directs its representatives to follow the principles, and to report on the status of priorities listed above and additional priorities as the Congress of the United States and the 2001 Session proceeds.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 11 day of January, 2001.

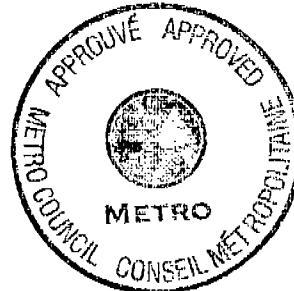


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## **GENERAL PRINCIPLES GUIDING METRO REPRESENTATIVES**

Revised: November 28, 2000

**Transportation:** *Transportation and transit planning are essential components of Metro's growth management responsibilities. Transportation plans must be developed to support land use policies, support the regional economy, and ultimately, move people and goods throughout the region in an efficient manner. Sufficient funding is an important goal in the region for appropriate and adequate infrastructure.*

- Preserve local/regional authority providing for regional transportation solutions.
- Seek adequate funding for transportation and transit planning projects such as Washington County commuter rail.
- Sustain policy and funding for transportation components of regional growth management, including continued support of the ODOT's Transportation/Growth Management grant program.
- Support the regional policy by seeking to improve freight mobility, decrease congestion, and improving transportation access necessary for commercial and industrial development in regional and town centers.

**Land Use/Growth Management:** *Metro's charter directs that regional planning and growth management are Metro's primary functions—in order to maintain and enhance the livability and economic vitality of the area. Rapid growth is occurring in the area. Metro's job is to ensure that this growth occurs in a manner that minimizes the impact on residents and promotes the values established in the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives (RUGGO) and the 2040 Growth Concept.*

- Support continuation of Metro's voter-approved streamlined local/regional land use planning process for the Portland-metropolitan area.
- Support adequate funding of DLCDC and other agencies working with the local/regional planning process.
- Support partners in efforts toward affordable housing.
- Support various mechanisms for formation of complete communities (within the 3-mile radius of the UGB).
- Seek proposal for state-funded grant program for high growth areas throughout the state.
- Assist the implementation of state measures, statutes and rules, in a manner that supports the regional framework plan and the 2040 Growth Concept.
- Consider proposal to develop a state-funded grant program (dollars based on tax "windfall" from UGB amendments) to fund land use and infrastructure planning in high growth areas, and economic growth in economically distressed counties.

**Environmental:** *Environmental concerns in the region cross city, county and district boundaries. Protection of natural resources, including air and water*

*quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and parks and open spaces is a key livability component in our urban environment. Working in concert with local, state and federal partners is a principal strategy in this arena.*

- Help coordinate and assist efforts of local watershed councils; serve as informational resource.
- Monitor and be supportive of efforts by others as needed on NMFS (4d) implementation and/or WRI legislative package.
- Seek urban component language in the Oregon Plan.
- Minimize excessive use of paper and utilize technological advances

**Solid Waste and Recycling:** *Metro manages solid waste disposal and oversees waste reduction and recycling planning. Metro will continue to work with its regional partners to provide cost-effective disposal and promote waste reduction.*

- Support efforts to preserve streamlined, low-cost management of solid waste in the region
- Support recycling policies that emphasize collection, processing and end-use markets
- Seek statewide legislation supporting the development of markets for scrap tires

**Regional Parks and Greenspaces:** *Metro operates 21 regional parks and natural areas and has surpassed the acquisition of over 6,000 acres of open spaces and trails through voter-approved funding of the 1995 Open Spaces bond measure. Metro has considerable responsibility to acquire, plan, operate and manage a system of regional parks and greenspaces. Metro will strive to develop parks, trails and open spaces in a manner that protects their resource value, consistent with a regional park system.*

- Work to support regional parks and open spaces management programs

**Regional Facilities:** *In addition to its regional parks programs, Metro owns and operates facilities that serve regional objectives and attract regional attendees. These facilities include the Oregon Zoo, Metro Exposition and Recreation Commission (MERC) facilities—Oregon Convention Center, Expo, Portland Center for the Performing Arts--and the solid waste transfer stations.*

- Preserve ability to efficiently manage facilities that provide regional and national educational, entertainment and meeting services, as well as direct and indirect employment for the citizens of the region
- Support OE&CDD financial assistance for the Oregon Zoo

2001 Legislative Priorities (January 2001)	Top 5	Level of Interest		
		High	Medium	Low
<b>Transportation Funding</b>				
<i>Preserve and sustain policy and funding components that currently exist:</i>				
Regional Transportation Plan (infrastructure)				
Air Quality and VMT goal support				
Freight Mobility				
High Speed Rail				
<b>Land Use/Growth Management</b>				
<i>Seek legislation to enable and sustain 2040</i>				
Measure 7 Implementation				
Formation of Complete Communities				
Urban Growth Boundary				
(A) Infrastructure funding				
(B) Goal 14 - protection of farmland				
(C) 20-year land supply				
<b>Environmental</b>				
<i>Coordinate, monitor and assist as needed:</i>				
Salmon recovery, NMFS (4d)				
Watershed restoration and protection				
Stormwater regulation				
Adequate Enforcement agency funding				
Seek financial assistance for Oregon Zoo (OEDD)				
Waste Tire Recycling				
Metro inclusion/Partnership in the Oregon Plan				
<b>Other</b>				
<i>Supportive and monitoring roles:</i>				
Recycling efforts and hazardous waste management				
Regional Parks and Greenspaces				
Regional Facilities				
Affordable Housing				
Self-insurance for public entities				
Pro-active legislation as determined by the Oregon Legislative Agenda				

**STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA COMMITTEE REPORT**  
CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. OO-2997, FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
ADOPTING THE METRO 2000-01 OREGON STATE AND FEDERAL  
LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES

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Date: January 2, 2001

Presented by: Councilor McLain

**Committee Action:** At its November 28, 2000 meeting, the State and Federal Legislative Affairs Committee voted 2-0 to recommend Council adoption of Resolution 00-2997. Voting in favor: Councilors Park and McLain.

**Background:** Creates policy guidance for Metro officials and lobbyists during the 2001 legislative session.

- Budget Impact: None

**Committee Issues/Discussion:** The committee reviewed the final iteration of the legislative package, which the committee had shaped over several months. Minor language changes were made relative to transportation policy and funding, after which the committee voted to send the package to Council.

## **STAFF REPORT**

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 00-2997, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE METRO 2000-2001 OREGON STATE AND FEDERAL LEGSLATIVE PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES.

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Date: October 26, 2000

Prepared by: Michael Morrissey

**Proposed Action:** Resolution 00-2997 establishes a set of principles and priorities that will be used to guide Metro in its lobby and educational activities through the Oregon 2001 state legislative season. The legislative effort may also identify federal activities that are of concern to the Metro regional effort.

Specific Metro action to support, oppose or track legislation should be consistent with these principles and priorities.

**Factual Background and Analysis:** Prior to each state biennial legislative session, Metro prepares itself to address issues that may arise in the legislature, perceived to be related to Metro's scope of policy and operation. Metro has contracted with PacWest Communications to provide lobby assistance for federal and state 2000-2001 legislative sessions. Metro's State and Federal Legislative Agenda Committee has spent several meetings developing its legislative stance by polling Council members regarding their individual priorities, tracking key federal legislation and renewing educational efforts with the region's legislative delegation.

The staff legislative team, consisting of staff from the Council, Executive and Office of General Counsel offices, has assisted with the development of these priorities and principles, and oversees the activities of the lobbyist on a day-to-day basis.

**Budget Impact:** There is no direct budget impact from the passage of Resolution 00-2997. The contract with PacWest, approved through separate legislation, allows expenditures for up to \$100,000 for lobbying services.

**Applicable Law:** Council identification and adoption of a legislative agenda is conducted within the guidelines of state law..



## **The 2001 Legislative Assembly Ensuring Metro's Success**

January 3, 2001

### **Key to Success**

- Any contact with any legislator/committee/Governor should be discussed ahead of time with legislative team and Pac/West
- Any meetings in Salem should be coordinated by Pac/West
- Pac/West will develop and update master schedule/contact list
- Legislative concepts should be vetted by the end of January.
- Weekly meetings/conference calls each Monday afternoon during the session between legislative team and Pac/West.
- At least weekly email/fax updates to Metro legislative team, for circulation to key Metro personnel.

### **Key Issues**

- Legislative principles and priorities for 2001, as adopted by the Metro Council, and within the context of adopted Metro policy.
- Other issues will be discussed in weekly calls/meetings. Issues must be approved by the legislative team **before** any contact is made with any government entity in Salem.

### **Key Contacts**

- Doug Riggs/Paul Phillips, Pac/West: 503-598-8806
- Bruce Warner/Nancy Goss-Duran/Jeff Stone/Dan Cooper: Metro

### **Complete Pac/West-Metro Team:**

- Paul Phillips
- Doug Riggs
- Fawn McNeely



- Rashad Henry
- Others as necessary.