

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING )  
THE FY 2002 UNIFIED WORK )  
PROGRAM )

RESOLUTION NO. 01-3038

Introduced by Councilor Rod Monroe,  
JPACT Chair

WHEREAS, The Unified Work Program describes all federally-funded transportation planning activities for the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area to be conducted in FY 2002; and

WHEREAS, The FY 2002 Unified Work Program indicates federal funding sources for transportation planning activities carried out by Metro, Regional Transportation Council, Oregon Department of Transportation, Tri-Met and the local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Approval of the FY 2002 Unified Work Program is required to receive federal transportation planning funds; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2002 Unified Work Program is consistent with the proposed Metro budget submitted to the Metro Council; now, therefore,

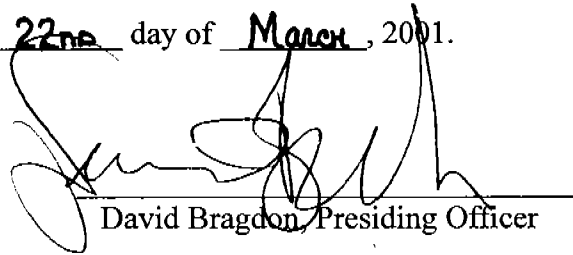
BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Metro Council hereby declares:

1. That the FY 2002 Unified Work Program is approved.
2. That the FY 2002 Unified Work Program is consistent with the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive planning process and is given positive Intergovernmental Project Review action.
3. That Metro's Executive Officer is authorized to apply for, accept and execute grants and agreements specified in the Unified Work Program.

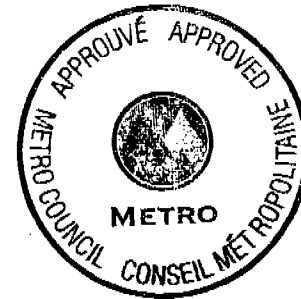
4. That the Memorandum of Understanding between Metro and the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (RTC) is renewed for FY 2002.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2001.

  
David Bragdon, Presiding Officer

Approved as to form:

  
Daniel B. Cooper, General Council



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Attachment: Exhibit A – Unified Work Program

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# **FY 2001-02 Unified Work Program**

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## Transportation Planning in the Portland/Vancouver Metropolitan Area

Metro  
Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council  
Oregon Department of Transportation  
City of Portland  
Tri-Met

Adopted – March 22, 2001

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**FY 2001-02**

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**Unified Work Program**

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Transportation Planning in the  
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Metro  
Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council  
Oregon Department of Transportation  
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## **COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-3038, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE FY 2002 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM**

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Date: March 21, 2001

Presented by: Councilor Monroe

**Committee Recommendation:** At its March 20 meeting, the Committee considered Resolution No. 01-3038 and voted unanimously to send the resolution to the Council for adoption. Voting in favor: Councilors Atherton, Bragdon, Burkholder, Hosticka, McLain, Monroe and Chair Park.

**Background:** Federal grants provide over 90% of the funding for the transportation planning programs in Metro's Planning Department. Receipt of such grant funding is contingent on Metro filing an annual Unified Work Program with the Federal Transit Administration and the Federal Highway Administration. Council approval of the work program is required and the program must be filed by April 1 to insure the receipt of federal funds at the beginning of Metro's fiscal year on July 1.

**Committee Discussion:** Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, presented the staff report. Cotugno explained that the development of an annual work program is required to insure continual receipt of federal transportation planning funds. He noted that the federal plan filing deadlines and the Metro budget process have always been out-of-sync, because the plan must be filed prior to the completion of the budget process. The program areas outlined in the proposed work program are the same as those outlined in the proposed budget. He indicated that if changes in the budget result in the need to amend the plan, the staff would return to the Council with appropriate plan amendment language and, if approved, file the amended plan with the appropriate federal agencies.

Councilor Burkholder expressed concern that the Council currently does not appear to have an opportunity to provide policy direction related to the development of the work program prior to the receipt of a completed document in a proposed resolution for Council adoption. He asked when the plan development process is initiated each year. Cotugno responded that the process begins in the fall. Councilor Burkholder requested that the Council be given the opportunity to provide policy input early in the development process. Chair Park concurred and directed committee staff to amend the committee work plan to provide for staff consultation with the committee early in the plan development process.



## STAFF REPORT

### CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-3038 FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE FY 2002 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM.

Date: February 15, 2001

Presented by: Andrew C. Cotugno

#### PROPOSED ACTION

This resolution would: 1) approve the Unified Work Program continuing the transportation planning work program for FY 2002; 2) authorize submittal of grant applications to the appropriate funding agencies; and 3) extend the Memorandum of Understanding with the Regional Transportation Council (RTC).

#### EXISTING LAW

Federal transportation agencies (Federal Transit Administration [FTA] and Federal Highway Administration [FHWA]) require an adopted Unified Planning Work Program as a prerequisite for receiving federal funds.

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The FY 2002 Unified Work Program (UWP) describes the transportation planning activities to be carried out in the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001. Included in the document are federally-funded studies to be conducted by Metro, Regional Transportation Council (RTC), the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Tri-Met and local jurisdictions. Continuing commitments include implementing the adopted Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), identifying solutions to improve goods flow in the I-5 Corridor; completing the South Corridor preliminary engineering (PE) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), and increasing the communication of transportation system performance, needs and proposed plans. In addition, it includes a greater emphasis on freight planning and further advancements in travel modeling in cooperation with Los Alamos National Laboratories. Environmental Justice also will be an emphasis area.

#### BUDGET IMPACT

The UWP matches the projects and studies reflected in the proposed Metro budget submitted by the Metro Executive Officer to the Metro Council and is subject to revision in the final Metro budget.

Approval will mean that grants can be submitted and contracts executed so work can commence on July 1, 2001, in accordance established Metro priorities.

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