

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING) RESOLUTION NO. 80-194
A CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION)
SYSTEM PLAN) Introduced by the Council
) Coordinating Committee

WHEREAS, Local and State criminal justice information systems are being developed and implemented without regard for the need to exchange information and eliminate unnecessary duplication; and

WHEREAS, Uncoordinated and unplanned information systems have historically been unnecessarily expensive and have at times failed to serve the information needs of the justice system; and

WHEREAS, Metro is currently managing studies to develop information systems for corrections, jails and juvenile departments; and

WHEREAS, Local agencies have requested that Metro develop a comprehensive criminal justice information system plan for agencies in Clackamas and Washington Counties; and

WHEREAS, Metro is the designated Regional Criminal Justice Planning Agency and has identified some staff time that could be devoted to such an undertaking; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

That consistent with resources available and depending upon cooperation from local involved agencies, Metro will develop a Comprehensive Criminal Justice Information System Plan by June 1981.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District this 23rd day of October, 1980.



Presiding Officer

THIS 23rd DAY OF October 1980Cynthia M. Wickman

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

A G E N D A M A N A G E M E N T S U M M A R Y

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80-194

TO: Metro Council
 FROM: Executive Officer
 SUBJECT: Clackamas County Resolution Requesting Development
 of a Criminal Justice Information System Plan

I. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. ACTION REQUESTED: Metro Council instruct staff to undertake the planning effort as requested within the constraints of the Criminal Justice Planning staff time available.
- B. POLICY IMPACT: Continues the Metro Criminal Justice policy of providing planning assistance to local criminal justice agencies.
- C. BUDGET IMPACT: Adoption of the action requested will not impact the current budget.

II. ANALYSIS:

- A. BACKGROUND: The cited resolution proposes that Metro undertake whatever work is necessary to develop a system plan for providing local agencies with automated criminal justice information necessary for day-to-day operations as well as long-range planning.

Metro staff are currently managing studies funded by federal and local money for design and implementation of information systems for three juvenile departments, two local corrections systems, and one circuit court. Many other local jurisdictions have either existing or planned information systems. Some of the existing information systems do not meet the needs of managers for evaluation and resource allocation information. Some of the local systems plan only to address the general needs of local government with no specific plan to address justice system needs. Additionally, except for the juvenile and corrections systems development occurring at Metro, none of the systems operating or being planned are structured in a manner that permits interaction across jurisdictional lines. Clearly then, there is a need for a comprehensive system plan which addresses the concerns identified in the Clackamas County request.

The request is within the Metro Mission in that an adopted system plan would affect the efficient delivery of public safety and justice service in a substantial part of the Metro service area.

Further, although an information system plan as such does not have a specific priority, the 1980 Criminal Justice Improvement Plan for the area established long-range planning as the first priority of systemwide goals to be achieved. Due to the number of transactions that occur within the system components, it is imperative that data be automated before reasonably accurate planning decisions can be made. The interdependence of each part of the system as well as the proximity of other jurisdictions also become important considerations.

Given agreement that a system plan is needed to guide development towards the most efficient system possible within fiscal and political constraints, the next issue to be addressed is the amount of and the availability of resources to develop the plan.

Because of Metro's current involvement in managing the development of juvenile, jail and corrections information systems, some of the information needed to develop a system plan is already at hand. With the cooperation from local data centers, and depending upon the number of jurisdictions involved in the effort, it is estimated that a plan could be completed with two to three months full time effort if done by Metro Criminal Justice Planning.

Ordinarily if Metro Criminal Justice staff were called upon to develop a plan as requested in the resolution, other work would be displaced. However, it appears that there will be no federal appropriation of funds for local criminal justice system improvement projects for federal FY'81. Therefore, there is no requirement to develop a plan complete with projects during the fiscal 1981 cycle. That being the case, about two and one-half months of the criminal justice office's staff or one FTE of five month's time is uncommitted to a specific priority even though revenue for that period has been identified. The staff time available can be committed by Metro to virtually any criminal justice study or planning issue.

- B. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: The following alternatives for the use of at least part of the time available were being discussed by staff:
- a) Study of court policies as they affect local jails in Clackamas and Washington Counties.

- b) Continue financing and study efforts relating to removing juveniles from adult jails.
- c) developing a plan for implementing consolidated communications in Washington County.
- d) Committing more staff effort to a Clackamas County "911" system.

C. CONCLUSION:

1. Metro is the designated Regional Criminal Justice Planning Agency.
2. The request by the Clackamas Commission is within the scope and capability of the Criminal Justice Planning Division.
3. Metro has the authority to direct the effort.
4. There is currently some staff time available.