

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 16, 2003
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Susan McLain, Brian Newman, Carl Hosticka, Rod Monroe, Rex Burkholder, Rod Park

Councilors Absent:

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:02 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Council President Bragdon invited Jay Waldron to the testimony table. He gave a history of the Task Force.

Jay Waldron, Chair of the Transportation Investment Task Force introduced Robin White, Steve Clark, Bill Maris, Bernie Bottomly, and Steve Corey, members of the Task Force. Last July, former Executive Officer Mike Burton called together the Task Force. They were charged with taking a look at the region's transportation issues and finding ways to fund transportation in the region. He spoke to the history and the composition of the Task Force. He said survey after survey indicated growth, livability, and congestion was at the top of the priority list for most individuals in the region. He gave an overview of transportation and trade issues in the region. There was a direct connection between the State's economy, transportation and freight mobility. The Task Force completed their task in 6 months with goals of good public policy and pragmatism. They felt these had to be projects that voters would approve which emphasized livability and compatibility. The projects focused on reducing congestion, facilitating centers and neighborhood livability. The Task Force completed their surveys and married these with public policy and political pragmatism. They brought forward five recommendations (a copy of the report is included in the meeting record). He gave an overview of those recommendations and the two proposed revenue measures.

Steve Clark, Task Force member, asked the Council for a strong recommendation of support. He talked about the projects that enhanced the community including highway, community and transit projects. They were all projects that were included in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The business community must be at the table. He talked about what the business community could bring to the table. Robin White said she chaired the revenue part of the Task Force. Coming up with ways to fund the project was not easy. She gave an overview of the kind of revenue measures they considered to pay for projects. They recommended five funding mechanisms that they wanted the staff to explore. She spoke to the proposed funding measures. The Task Force

felt that these measures would have to be massaged and changed slightly as they got input from citizen, the legislature and congress. Bernie Bottomly supported the report and the process. They had to deal with what was real. They must be non-parochial. This plan would take broad involvement. Steven Corey added that they had approached this effort with a regional emphasis.

Mr. Waldron concluded by thanking Richard Brandman, Ted Leybold, Charlie Hales, Mike Hoglund, Renee Castilla and Mark Ford. Council President Bragdon acknowledged Henry Hewitt, Rob Boley, Bob Short, committee members in the audience.

Councilor Monroe said it had given him a great deal of pleasure to work these individuals over the last six months. One of the most important resources they had in the region were progressive leaders, who were willing to look beyond tomorrow's bottom line toward what was good for their children and grandchildren and the development of this region over time. These individuals exemplify that kind of leadership.

Motion:

Councilor Monroe moved to accept the Transportation Investment Task Force Report and Recommendations. Councilor Hosticka seconded the motion.

Councilor Hosticka thanked the Task Force. This had been a unified effort and a good first step. He was looking forward to see what the legislature would do. He was interested in seeing Metro move forward with a regional solution. Councilor McLain noted Mr. Clark's comment about getting to the second step to make this work. She acknowledged a letter from Washington County. She reiterated that this was the beginning of the process. She supported accepting the report. Councilor Newman thanked the Task Force. It was a pleasure to receive a solution. He was largely supportive of the recommendations. He noted Mr. Waldron's comments to eliminate parochialism and the need to maintain momentum. He said the South Corridor project was in Portland as well as in Clackamas County. He didn't want anyone to think that Clackamas County was getting more than its fair share. These projects were regional in nature. We must see this package in a regional context. This package solved a lot of deferred projects. He talked about community transportation projects and asked why these projects weren't identified? Mr. Waldron said, at this point, they had just given examples. It would be up to Metro to identify the important specific projects. Councilor Newman noted that this was not intended to usurp the public process. Mr. Waldron said they wanted to deliver what the public wanted and welcomed any public process that Metro set up.

Councilor Park echoed his thanks. He invited the Task Force to come to Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) for a similar discussion. Council President Bragdon spoke in favor of Councilor Monroe's motion. It was also an obligation to take the next step in concert with the Task Force. He spoke to recommendation #5, a further refinement of the project list. Clearly there needed to be refinement. They wanted to move this forward. He asked the Task Force to remain engage to help in that continuing process of refining the recommendations. He asked Councilor Monroe to take the lead on this, on behalf of the Council, to continue to move this forward. He had also heard clearly the message about not being parochial. He felt this Council was not parochial. These projects belonged to all of us because we were interdependent in this region. Transportation was on the top of many people's list. Part of the problem was that people didn't realize what they were really talking about was transportation when they were talking about economic opportunities and keeping the air clean. It was his hope that Mr. Waldron would continue to serve. Mr. Waldron said the Task Force had agreed to continue to serve.

Councilor Monroe closed by thanking the Council President for his faith in him to lead the charge from here on out. He accepted the challenge. It wouldn't be easy. He would spend time in Salem and in Washington DC if necessary. They wanted to make sure that the Task Force's good efforts and hard work led to an investment in infrastructure in this region that kept this region moving. He urged support of the motion to accept the report.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, McLain, Monroe, Newman and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of minutes of the December 12, 2002 and January 6, 2003 Regular Council Meetings.

Motion:

Councilor Park moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the December 12, 2002 and January 6, 2003, Regular Metro Council meeting. Councilor Newman seconded the motion.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Hosticka, Burkholder, McLain, Monroe, Newman and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.

5. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

5.1 **Ordinance No. 03-991**, For the Purpose of Adopting Performance Measures to Monitor the Progress of Implementing the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan and Amending Title 9 (Performance Measures) of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 03-991 to Council.

6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Park talked about the JPACT meeting this morning and the memo to the Oregon Transportation Commission (a copy of which is found in the meeting record).

Tom Kloster, Planning Department, gave an overview of the memo concerning comments on the 2004-07 Draft State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Comments included specifics on modernization projects, project development for future modernization projects, preservation, safety, and bridge program coordination with local jurisdictions, corridor planning contribution, I-5 Trade Corridor Transportation Demand Management (TDM), Intelligent Transportation System/Advanced Traffic Management System (ITS/ATMS) Updates, Protective Screening Budget Increase and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Coordination.

Council President Bragdon suggested if items needed to be brought forward to Council, they needed to be put on the agenda in advance. Councilor McLain asked about the modernization projects and if they were prioritized? Mr. Kloster said they were prioritized by year. Councilor Park apologized for bringing this forward at this time but thought there was a need to act on it immediately. He suggested bringing it forward next week for formal consideration.

Councilor McLain asked about bringing up the issue at the Informal Meeting. Council President said it would be officially considered at next week's regular Council meeting. Councilor McLain suggested meeting with all jurisdictions in the district. She said she would like to provide a list of Council priorities to Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) for their retreat.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 16,
2003

ITEM #	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOC. NUMBER
3	REPORT	DECEMBER 17,2002	TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT TASK FORCE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS	011603C-01
3	LETTER	1/15/03	TO: METRO COUNCIL FROM: TOM BRIAN, CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RE: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT TASK FORCE	011603C-02
6	DRAFT MEMO	1/16/03	TO: OREGON TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FROM: METRO COUNCIL AND JPACT RE: COMMENTS ON THE 2004-07 DRAFT STIP	011603C-03