

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE) RESOLUTION NO. 03-3272A
METRO 2003 OREGON STATE AND FEDERAL)
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES) Introduced by Council President Bragdon

WHEREAS, the 2003 Oregon Legislature convened on Monday, January 13, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States may consider legislation that is germane and have an impact on Metro; and

WHEREAS, Metro has certain legislation which it will pursue or request to be introduced into the 2003 Session of the Oregon Legislature for consideration; and

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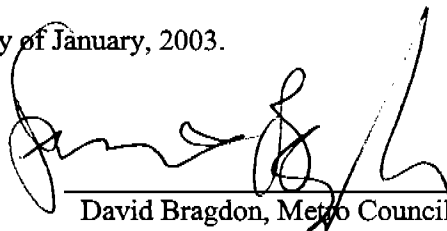
WHEREAS, Metro has hired PacWest Communications to lobby on behalf of the agency on state and federal issues; and

WHEREAS, Metro has created a list of priorities (Exhibit A) which is intended to guide Metro's involvement in the 2003 Session of the Oregon Legislature and the Congress of the United States, and provide direction to Metro's lobbyist; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED:

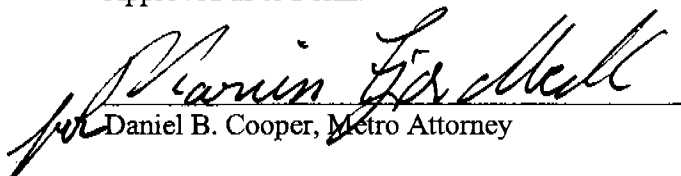
That the Metro Council adopts the priorities outlined in Exhibit A, and directs its representatives to report on the status of priorities listed and additional priorities as the Congress of the United States and the 2003 Oregon Legislative Session proceeds.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 23rd day of January, 2003.



David Bragdon, Metro Council President

Approved as to Form:



Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney



Exhibit "A" to Resolution No. 03-3272

2003 Metro Legislative Agenda

STATE LEGISLATURE

<u>Priority Items for this next session</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Action</u>
• Transportation funding Package	Transpo	support
• Infrastructure finance (work with cities & counties)	Land Use	support
• UGB amendments of over 50 acres to LCDC	Land Use	support
• Tire Recycling Bill (pre-session file)	Environment	support
• Pool Chlorine disposal	Environment	support
• Self-Insurance	Administrative	support
• Revenue Sharing Task Force creation	Revenue	support

Issues of Interest

- Road User Fee Task Force (monitor)
- Infill Opportunity Zones (urban design programs through ODOT)
- Portland to Eugene passenger rail
- Studded tire debate (monitor)
- Forest Legacy program (monitor)
- Conservation incentives (non-regulatory for State Goal 5)
- Oregon Tourism Investment Proposal (1% increase in Hotel/Motel tax statewide) – at the request of POVA
- Split rate tax debate (monitor)
- Legislation to Permit Enforcement of Metro Civil Orders
- PERS reform
- Urban infrastructure (schools and churches)
- Affordable Housing (regional solutions)
- Education funding package (monitor)
- Real Estate Transfer Tax (local government options)
- Electronics Recycling
- Department of Land Conservation and Development budget
- State of Oregon Transportation Growth Management Funds (monitor)
- Takings Legislation (monitor)
- Urban uses outside the UGB

Oppose

- Prohibition or pre-emption of local government revenue options
- Zoo Parking Lot debate

FEDERAL PRIORITIES

- Earmark dollars from US Fish & Wildlife for Parks and Greenspaces Department (part of a Greenspaces Package for 2003 – including CARA)
- Gresham Civic Station transportation allocation (project specific)
- Advice/support for the Regional Emergency Management Group (seeking federal funding) – at the request of Beaverton Mayor Rob Drake
- Flow Control (monitor)
- TEA-21 Reauthorization (policy)
- Computer Forensics Institute funding (from the Department of Defense) – at the request of the East Metro Economic Alliance.
- Damascus Area funding request
- Federal Environmental Protection Agency – Smart Growth Policies

ADDITIONAL MEASURES OR EFFORTS

- Begin setting groundwork with the OECDD for Expo (Phase 3)
- Metro day at the Capitol – Tentative Date – March 24, 2003
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Staff Legislative Team: Dan Cooper (Metro Attorney), Sarah Carlin Ames (Public Affairs Director), Jeff Stone (Senior Policy Advisor to the President).

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 03-3272, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE METRO 2003 OREGON STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES.

Date: January 17, 2003

Prepared by: Jeff Stone

BACKGROUND

The Metro Council passes a list of priorities for the members of the council, its legislative team, and our lobbyist to work from during a legislative session. Regular points of contact will occur during the session with the Metro Council to determine positions of support, opposition or simply to monitor certain bills germane to the agency.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

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 Communication to provide lobby assistance for state and federal issues during 2003. The Metro Council met in a work session on January 14, 2003, and spent time developing its legislative stance on priorities.

The staff legislative team has assisted with the development of these priorities and have interviewed over a dozen stakeholders around the region to coordinate a legislative priority package. This legislative team will oversee the activities of the lobbyist on a day-to-day basis and report regularly to Metro Council.

Known Opposition – none.

1. **Legal Antecedents** - none
2. **Anticipated Effects** – Priorities adopted will assist our legislative team to be proactive and successful at the State Legislature and federal process.
3. **Budget Impacts** – There is no direct budget impact from the passage of Resolution 03-3272. All expenses incurred by the contract with PacWest Communications remains within the budget approved by the Metro Council.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends that the Metro Council pass this resolution.

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