

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL INFORMAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 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 Metro Council Informal Meeting at 2:03 p.m.

1. SALEM LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, reported that HB 2137 Regulatory Takings Law. It was not going anywhere fast. There were now two proposals to amend the constitution. There were several proposed bills on periodic review. He explained further some of those proposals.

Mr. Cooper spoke to the self-insurance bill. They were working it actively. Councilor Hosticka asked about 20-year land supply bill and the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) department director's departure. Mr. Cooper said they had been having conversations with DLCD about how they can expedite Metro's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) decision. Councilor Hosticka asked if it signified any policy shifts. Mr. Cooper said the policy shifts that the director was urging might not happen as quickly. People were still looking at positive ways to improve the system. There were no rumors on replacement. He handed out an update on the bills at the legislature (a copy of which is found in the meeting record). Councilor McLain asked about #36 on the list. Were they repealing what was on the books now? Mr. Cooper said yes, there was no report on where that bill was. Councilor Burkholder asked about #59. He asked Mr. Cooper for a description of what it did.

2. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 13, 2003.

Council President Bragdon provided an overview of the upcoming Regular Council meeting, which included a Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement (MCCI) appointment and two solid waste issues. He explained the process for the Hattenhauer deliberations. The laboratory services resolution dealt with St. Johns Landfill.

3. SOUTH CORRIDOR PROJECT BRIEFING

Councilor Newman introduced the project and thanked staff for their efforts over the last four years. He spoke to the process for the project including the public comment period, Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) recommendations on alternatives and then it would come back to Council in April for final consideration. He also thanked Councilor Monroe for his effort. Richard Brandman, Planning Department, introduced the presentation on the South Corridor Project Update. Mr. Brandman said they had worked very hard with local jurisdictions to rebuild connections. He noted that this was the conclusion of a very long process. Part of the success of the project was Interstate Light Rail. The listening posts during 1998 produced feedback from the communities, which indicated that they were not interested in light rail. Metro then produced an alternatives analysis but the communities came back and said they weren't

interested in the alternatives but rather in light rail. Metro staff wrote the South Corridor Project Transportation Alternatives but it was a federal document.

Ross Roberts, Project Manager, gave a power point presentation on the alternatives (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). Councilors asked about the different connections. Mr. Brandman talked about light rail on the mall. Portland Business Alliance was supporting light rail on the mall. Councilor Hosticka asked about an analysis where all of the trains didn't go downtown. Mr. Brandman said they had completed that analysis, however, most travelers were going downtown. He explained further problems with this proposal. He said it was not a foregone conclusion. Clackamas County was interested in this idea. They had studied it in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). He talked about one seat rides and transit service. Mr. Roberts said there was a need to add trains to the primary transit lines. Councilor Hosticka asked if adding downtown complicated the policy decisions. Councilor Newman responded that early on it had, however, because of the momentum of the part of the city of Portland, downtown was an option. Councilor Monroe talked about connectivity to Clackamas and Mt. Hood Community Colleges. There was a lot of cross over between educational institutions. We can't load all of the trains on the mall alignment. Funding issues would include a public vote. To win the public vote, you have to have the support of the Portland business community. Councilor Burkholder expressed concern about the Steel Bridge capacity. Mr. Brandman said the Yamhill/Morrison had the capacity problem not the Steel Bridge. He concluded the presentation by speaking to the findings. Ridership would double by 2020. Councilor Burkholder asked about build out. Mr. Brandman said they used the 2040 Growth Concept. Councilor Burkholder asked about quantifying it. Sharon Kelly, Planning Department, said they had never tried to do that.

Mr. Brandman spoke to cost, displacements, jobs, environmental impacts, and land use connections. He talked about public comments; most were supportive of the light rail. He talked about the upcoming process, going to the policy committee February 13th, then to local jurisdictions for consideration during March and then back to Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC), JPACT and finally to Council on April 17, 2003. They had one more phase after this in 2004 Final EIS with construction beginning in 2005. They looked to requesting 60% of the funds from the federal government.

Councilor McLain said this was where the hard work starts because the general public would be hearing about it. We had to show them the validity of the project and the potential funding ideas. Councilor Newman said the politics were complicated from this point forward. Second, the economic conditions made our job more difficult. They needed to make the case that now when our economy was down was the best time to develop infrastructure. It would take all of our efforts to sell this project. Councilor Monroe said the involvement of the business community was essential to the success of the project.

4. TASK III DRAFT WORK PROGRAM BRIEFING

Council President Bragdon gave an overview of the past process. There was interest in concentrating on industrial lands and keeping Task III relatively narrow.

Lydia Neill, Principal Regional Planner, provided a memo on Task 3, Periodic Review Work Program (a copy of which is found in the meeting record). Council President Bragdon spoke about a committee that was focusing on economic development headed by Ethan Seltzer. Councilor McLain said that if they make this group an advisor to Metro, we would need buy-in from that group. Councilor Park asked what would be the product of the economic development group. He asked what their intended outcome would be. Councilor McLain suggested having

Ethan Seltzer give an update at one of our Council Informals. Councilor Hosticka asked about the 20-year land need. Ms. Neill said it was based on Dennis Yee's economic forecast. Ms. Neill said Mr. Yee had updated the need. That was incorporated into last year's Urban Growth Report (UGR).

Ms. Neill provided an overview of her memo. She said they were attempting to reduce the work plan down, take out sub regional, urban reserves and decouple the work tasks. She was looking for guidance from the Council on the work program. They have a need for about 2000 of industrial land. They needed to revisit the land that was just brought in. Councilor Burkholder noted the economic changes and the industrial lands needed. Ms. Neill summarized Councilor Burkholder's question about revisiting the need for industrial lands. Councilor Burkholder asked if it was allowed to consider the Washington industrial lands. Mr. Cooper said when Council went through the methodology in December you used a capture rate to determine the acreage needs. He noted that they were dealing with a 20-year need, not short-term effects. Ms. Neill said one of the things they needed to look at was where the land was. She reviewed the work tasks including alternatives analysis, how far did they go? They had studied a lot of acreage in the last go around. Some of that acreage was not in areas where it was needed. She spoke to the agricultural impacts and suggested an agricultural task force to look at their industry.

Councilors Park and McLain talked about Washington County Farm Bureau. They had shown a great deal of interest in being involved with Metro on development. Councilor McLain suggested that they look at agriculture issues before the alternative analysis was done. She felt Metro had not done a good job in the past. There wasn't much land to give in the Washington County area. There needed to be some give. Councilor Park said he thought the alternative analysis could move ahead because it was just an inventory. He thought the agricultural community needed to be involved in this analysis. Councilor Burkholder said there were some assumptions in Ms. Neill's document that needed to be discussed. Councilor McLain said the alternative analysis was a study of the land for industrial potential. On that basis you could be doing a study. She said the timing and the integration of this work was important. Ms. Neill agreed with Councilor McLain. She felt that there was some work that could go forward. She thought that the economic development group might have something to Metro by this fall. Councilor Newman said it was hard for him to sign off on this plan without knowing what the outcome was. Council President Bragdon summarized what Ms. Neill was requesting. Mary Weber, Planning Department, talked about an 18-month plan to find the industrial lands. They wanted to know how important that 18 month plan was to the Council. If Council suggested a two-year plan, then they could give Council a sense of what they could accomplish in the timeline. Councilor McLain said their request needed guidance from Council on timing. She didn't think timing was as important as the end product. Council President Bragdon said his question was what were the timing elements that fed into this to make it achievable. Ms. Neill said she had outlined a general approach to the work program. They needed to flesh out the details. If they were going to engage the agriculture community, they needed to know this. This would take some time. The economic task force could provide some information but nothing for Council to review until this fall.

Council President Bragdon agreed that the technical work of the alternatives analysis could proceed. Construct findings from an agriculture task force. Councilor McLain suggested bringing the alternative analysis methodology back to Council for review. Council President Bragdon suggested a multi-level process. Ms. Weber asked about the economic task force. Council President Bragdon made suggestions of individuals who were already engaged, members of Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC). Ms. Weber clarified that she was thinking about the economic development piece. Councilor Park said Joe Cartwright was familiar with the agriculture clusters. How did we engage LCDC in that issue? We needed some guidance. What

were we allowed to adjust in the Urban Growth Report at this stage? On the alternatives analysis piece, did we have to look a mile beyond the boundary we just moved? Mr. Benner said there was no requirement to study a mile, or three. What you wanted to do was to study enough. Ms. Neill said industry had different locational needs than housing. Providing details to Council would be helpful. Council President Bragdon said they were on the right track on the work plan. He suggested having a resolution drafted that included the work plan. He said there needed to be steps where Council weighed in on policy. Councilor McLain said the Water Consortium Group was waiting for new numbers. Would there be an update? Ms. Neill said the Transportation Modeling Department in conjunction with Mr. Yee was providing some updated information. Council President Bragdon said the agriculture task force should be required. The amendment of the UGB should be on optional list. Ms. Weber said they needed a specific timeline direction. Ms. Weber said they could have that to the Council by the end of February. Councilor McLain suggested a first review, send it to MPAC and Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) and then return it to Council. Councilor Hosticka asked about the budget issue, was it implicit in this? Ms. Neill said it was pretty bare bones.

5. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Newman said he had toured the Oregon City Blue Heron Paper Company. It allowed him to see how our decisions got implemented. He had met with the Centers Team. They fleshed out roles of the Council, the advisory committee and the Centers Team. Ms. Weber facilitated that retreat.

Councilor McLain said she had been to a Tualatin Basin committee. They focused on Goal 5 issues. She asked for input on the agriculture task force membership.

Council President Bragdon said he would be going to OHSU this Friday. They would be showing off what their plans were for development.

Councilor Park said JPACT would meet this Thursday in the Council chamber. He said he wouldn't be at Council on Thursday. Councilor McLain asked about the Jackson School Interchange. Councilor Park said it would go through the MPAC route. Council President Bragdon talked about the need for an LDCD rule in place before OTC will approve it.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2003

ITEM #	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOC. NUMBER
1	PROPOSED BILLS	2/10/03	TO: METRO COUNCIL FROM: DAN COOPER, METRO ATTORNEY RE: LIST OF PROPOSED OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY REGULAR SESSION BILLS	021103CI-01
3	POWER POINT PRESENTATION	2/11/03	TO: METRO COUNCIL FROM: RICHARD BRANDMAN, PLANNING DEPT RE: POWER POINT PRESENTATION ON SOUTH CORRIDOR PROJECT UPDATE	021103CI-02
3	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS	DECEMBER 2002	TO: METRO COUNCIL FROM: RICHARD BRANDMAN, PLANNING DEPT. RE: SOUTH CORRIDOR PROJECT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND MAILER	021103CI-03
4	MEMO	2/11/03	TO: COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRAGDON FROM: LYDIA NEILL, PLANNING DEPARTMENT RE: TASK 3 – PERIODIC REVIEW WORK PROGRAM	021103CI-04