

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL INFORMAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 15, 2003
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Susan McLain (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Regular Meeting at 2:04 p.m.

1. SALEM LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney reported that Councilor Park had had a meeting concerning the Transportation Task Force in Salem. Councilor Park spoke to the meeting. Representative Brown seemed supportive of the concept. He talked about bridge funding. We needed to make sure of the amount of funding. He noted the engagement of the private sector. Richard Brandman, Planning Department, thought the bill would be happening soon. We needed to review it as soon as we got it. Mr. Cooper talked about the Revenue Sharing Task Force. SB 467, Industrial Land Bill, aimed primarily at state agencies, was moving forward, and had had a hearing. He spoke to the concerns of this bill. The bill seemed to be on track and moving forward. It would not change Urban Growth Boundary policy. SB 772, Public Private Partnership for ODOT on transportation projects, was likely to move to the Senate floor. Representative Dingfelder introduced HB 3616 having to do with conservation and habitat protection. HB 2909, was a bill raising the population limit for periodic review. He reported that MPAC had talked about this at their last meeting. He noted other possible bills that might address this issue. Councilor Burkholder asked if that would require Metro to do additional work? Mr. Cooper responded that it would not require Metro to do any more. He then spoke to what would be required of Metro. Councilor Burkholder said he saw it as a benefit to the cities but was concerned about additional responsibilities given to Metro. The bill would allow Metro to do periodic review every seven years instead of every five years. Council President Bragdon expressed concern about local costs. Councilor Park asked about opposition to saving public money. Dick Benner, Senior Assistant Attorney, talked about the issue of saving money. Councilor Park asked Mr. Benner what it would cost the state to facilitate the periodic review. Mr. Benner explained compliance issues and the costs to local jurisdictions.

2. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 17, 2003.

Council President Bragdon reviewed the upcoming agenda with the Council (a copy of which is found in the meeting record). Councilor Burkholder asked about the Sponsorship and Naming ordinance. He suggested a better definition of "significant". He expressed concern about the naming issue. Mark Williams, COO, responded that there was nothing in this ordinance that required the Council to name the facilities. It would allow sponsorship and marketing to be extended Metro-wide. Proposals would be brought back to Council for consideration. They would like to explore the opportunities for marketing. Councilor Park asked about the consent agenda. Council President Bragdon said he thought if there was discussion on an item, it should not be on the consent agenda.

3. SOUTH CORRIDOR BRIEFING

Richard Brandman, Planning Department, presented a South Corridor Project Update (a copy of which is found in the meeting record). He briefed the Council on the major issues. There was a resolution on the Council agenda this week that would consider adopting the locally preferred alternative. All of the local governments and agencies had agreed to the alternative. ODOT would be sending a letter. He reviewed the Policy Committee membership, the history of the South Corridor, the SDEIS overview, the public involvement process, and the Locally Preferred Alternative recommendation – a two-phased project. He detailed the two phases as well as future phases. He then spoke to outstanding issues, which included noise issues, park and ride decisions, station design, process for acquisition of property, design of fences and landscaping, traffic mitigation, security, the crossing of Springwater Corridor trail and floodplain issues.

Councilors asked about max alignment and connectivity. Ross Roberts, Planning Department, noted future alignment possibilities. Portland Business Alliance and Portland State University were encouraging the mall. Councilor Burkholder asked about the number of stops in the downtown sector. Land Use Final Order will come before Council this year. Metro was the only one who could make decisions about the stations. He noted that there had been no one suggesting additional stations in the downtown area. Councilor Hosticka suggested making sure people knew about the downtown mall area and the funding issues. Both the City of Portland and Portland State had stepped up to the plate and offered assistance. Councilors talked about problems in the downtown area including speed and capacity. Councilor Burkholder suggested putting these issues in a policy statement. Mr. Brandman said this recommendation would be sufficient to run trains for a period of time. Beyond this, they didn't know but the long-term prospective plan conversation should begin soon. Councilor Newman noted that this was a regional issue. Mr. Brandman asked if they would recommend addressing these issues in the transmittal letter. Council President Bragdon suggested that these concerns be stated in the transmittal letter. Councilor Monroe asked about the Clackamas terminus. Mr. Brandman talked about the two options. The recommended option was to keep it on the alignment heading south (on the east side) as opposed to the west side alignment. Councilor Monroe talked about the I-205 alignment including the Gateway redevelopment project and other potential redevelopment projects, the station placement and the Sunrise Corridor issue. Councilor Burkholder expressed concern about ODOT's participation. He thought that ODOT should be a financial participant as well. Mr. Brandman spoke to issues specific to the Milwaukie area and to the Carruthers Bridge. Councilor Newman suggested showing a bus connection to Oregon City. He talked about connectivity to Oregon City with one of the local lines.

Mr. Brandman then talked about what was next to come. He then talked about the streetcar alignment proposal and connectivity to the east side. Councilors also discussed potentials for a Lake Oswego streetcar line. Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, clarified the next formal approval steps: Land Use Final Order, Final Environmental Impact Statement (state and federal approval actions). Mr. Brandman talked of what had to be done next in the short term and the long term. Councilor Newman suggested a power point presentation at Council this Thursday as part of our communication tools. Councilor Burkholder suggested covering the overall vision in the power point presentation. Mr. Brandman said on May 14th and 15th Metro would be hosting a light rail conference.

4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

There were none.

5. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

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Councilor Newman talked about meeting with the Oregonian editorial staff about the South Corridor. Councilor Burkholder talked about the Bi-State Coordinating Committee meeting. He talked about the I-5 corridor and land use decisions between the various governments in cross-river coordination. Councilor Park asked about the MTIP public hearing tonight.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2003

ITEM #	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOC. NUMBER
2	COUNCIL AGENDA	4/17/03	METRO COUNCIL AGENDA FOR APRIL 17 TH COUNCIL MEETING	041503CI-01
3	POWER POINT PRESENTA- TION	4/15/03	TO: METRO COUNCIL FROM: RICHARD BRANDMAN, PLANNING DEPARTMENT RE: SOUTH CORRIDOR PROJECT UPDATE	041503CI-02