

MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: September 13, 1979

GROUP: Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT)

PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE: Charles Williamson, Chairman, Betty Schedeen, Connie Kearney, Rose Besserman, Dick Carroll, Al Myers, Donald E. Clark, Larry Cole, Jim Fisher, Bob Bothman

Bill Ockert, Steve Siegel, Deanna Mueller-Crispin, John MacGregor, Wink Brooks, Bebe Rucker, Mary Fellows Wight, John Lang, James Giesecking, Gary Spanovich, Dick Bolen, Dick Arenz, Karen Thackston

1. FUNDING AUTHORIZATION OF THE PHASE II - I-5 NORTH PROJECT

James Giesecking explained the ODOT proposal and the Systems Planning report prepared by Metro. Staff analysis showed the ODOT proposal to be the most cost effective in meeting the project objectives.

Don Clark asked if water transit had been evaluated. Staff explained that Portland is doing a special study on feasibility and costs and that once this information is available, a decision of next steps in addressing this mode will be needed. Dick Carroll offered data prepared by the Washington State Ferry Commission.

Larry Cole moved and was seconded to accept the report on the I-5 North-Phase II project and forward to the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

2. AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE BANFIELD PROJECT

Betty Schedeen moved and was seconded to approve the funding authorization and forward to the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

3. AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING FOR THE POWELL II PROJECT

It was explained that Portland has indicated that if additional funds are required, they will request additional funds from the I-505 withdrawal.

Mayor Meyers asked about the amount of housing to be moved as part of the project. Bob Bothman responded that considerably fewer displacements are required than would have been required with the Mt. Hood freeway.

Betty Schedeen moved and was seconded to approve the funding on Powell II and forward to the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

4. FUNDING OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AIR QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM FOR THE MCLOUGHLIN BLVD AND SUNSET/HWY 217 INTERCHANGE PROJECTS

ODOT needs to collect air quality data this winter in order to not lose a year on these projects.

Bob Bothman submitted a memorandum to JPACT requesting funding authorization for preliminary engineering studies on the Sunset/Hwy 217 interchange. He requested that \$250,000 be borrowed from the Westside Transitway Reserve to be repaid from the I-505 withdrawal once it is approved. Preliminary engineering could begin in January or February. Bill Ockert responded that a systems planning report is normally required before a new project commences. He felt, however, that the report could be prepared before the preliminary engineering begins in January.

Don Clark moved and was seconded to approve the requested PE for McLoughlin and Sunset/Hwy 217 with the understanding that the Systems Planning Report would be done before major preliminary engineering studies commence on the Sunset/Hwy 217 project. Motion passed unanimously.

5. STATUS REPORT - REGIONAL PLAN

Gary Spanovich discussed the regional plan and the proposed elements for the plan. Staff will be reporting to JPACT as major steps are taken. Gary pointed out that energy issues would be a major consideration in the plan. He requested feedback from the committee.

6. STATUS REPORT - CORRIDORS

Bill Ockert explained the two-step schedule proposed by TPAC for the \$20 Million Regional Reserve. Larry Cole asked how long critical projects in the westside or southern corridors would be delayed. Staff stated the target date for decisions in those corridors is June, 1980, so the delay would be about four months.

Larry Cole moved and was seconded to approve the revised schedule and forward to the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Westside Corridor

Steve Siegel outlined some of the major problems such as schedules, deadlines and funds and discussed a proposed revised process to meet USDOT regulations. Metro staff will present the proposal to USDOT within the next few weeks. A proposed Policy Steering Committee made up of elected officials and implementing agencies would have policy and management responsibilities during the project. In November, JPACT will be asked to agree on promising alternatives and approve the work program.

Southern Corridor

Work on the Southern Corridor should be completed by June, 1980 according to Gary Spanovich. The work program has been reviewed by affected jurisdictions and implementing agencies.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Dick Carroll reminded the Committee that the Washington Legislature subcommittee would be holding a hearing on the Northern Corridor solution September 21, in Vancouver.

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