

MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: April 8, 1982

GROUP/SUBJECT: Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT)

PERSONS ATTENDING: Members: Charlie Williamson, Ed Ferguson, Robert Schumacher, Jim Fisher, Lloyd Anderson, Bob Bothman, Larry Cole, Corky Kirkpatrick, Marge Kafoury, Robin Lindquist, Vern Veysey, John Frewing, and Al Myers

Guests: Larry Rice, Frank Angelo, and Marty Nizlek, Washington County; Rick Walker, Cities of Multnomah County; David Peach, WSDOT; John Price, FHWA; Steve Dotterer and Vic Rhodes, City of Portland; Sarah Salazar, Port of Portland; Paul Bay, Tri-Met; and Winston Kurth, Clackamas County

Staff: Rick Gustafson, Andy Cotugno, Keith Lawton, Karen Thackston, Peg Henwood, Bill Pettis, and Lois Kaplan, Secretary

MEDIA: None

SUMMARY:

1. ENDORSING THE USE OF SECTION 3 FUNDS FOR SELECTED TRANSIT PROJECTS IN EXCHANGE FOR INTERSTATE TRANSFER FUNDS

Approval of the Resolution would authorize the transfer of Interstate Transfer funds from several regionwide transit projects to the Banfield in exchange for Section 3 funds that were previously committed to the Banfield. Andy Cotugno stated that it is the Federal Administration's policy to complete the Banfield with Interstate Transfer funds, and this Resolution would allow for its completion using such funds.

Andy pointed out, with regard to clause #5 of the Resolution, that it should correctly read "other transit projects" rather than the Banfield Transitway.

A letter was introduced by Mayor Myers from Robert Sturges, Mayor of the City of Troutdale, expressing concern over clause 12 which indicates a \$2 million allocation to Washington County beyond the normal allocation. The question was raised over whether or not Washington County has a transit plan in place for utilization of such funds. Andy explained that, since a major portion of the funding for the Banfield was taken from the Westside Corridor Reserve, this clause provided commitment to projects in Washington County. While a transit plan has not been adopted,

Larry Rice stated that Washington County projects have been identified in the Westside Corridor analysis. Andy indicated that the Westside Corridor project is concluding and, while the preferred alternative is not selected yet, the direction of major transit expansion and the capital facilities to accomplish that end are drawing to a conclusion. He pointed out that there are a number of highway projects in Washington County at the right-of-way acquisition stage. Mayor Myers wanted to express the concern and apprehension of some of the jurisdictions within the Cities of East Multnomah County, but indicated he would be supportive of the Resolution in the spirit of a regional cooperative effort.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of the Resolution endorsing the use of Section 3 funds for selected transit projects in exchange for Interstate Transfer funds. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

2. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Andy reported that a public information meeting on the Regional Transportation Plan had been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, and that notices will be mailed to the jurisdictions. In addition, copies of the document have been mailed and several meetings set up with the jurisdictions' Planning Commissions and Councils. He encouraged JPACT members to attend the hearing.

3. STATE GAS TAX

Lloyd Anderson raised the question of whether JPACT or Metro should take a position regarding the State gas tax measure on the May ballot. The question of whether it could be considered as a source of funding for the various transportation projects under consideration was discussed. He felt that a Resolution should be drafted for use politically.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded to recommend endorsement of the May 18 ballot measure for the gas tax and that an appropriate resolution supporting the measure be drafted for circulation, approval, and submission to the Metro Council. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

REPORT WRITTEN BY: Lois Kaplan

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