

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING)	RESOLUTION NO. 92-1696
THE ACCEPTANCE OF A TRANSFERRED)	
POSITION FROM THE OREGON OFFICE)	Introduced by Executive
OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO)	Officer Rena Cusma
METRO AND DIRECTING PREPARATION)	
OF BUDGET AMENDMENT)	

WHEREAS, Metro has acknowledged the importance of reducing earthquake hazards in the metropolitan area and has programmatically joined with the state Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) to include soils stability data as an overlay to the Regional Land Information System (RLIS); and

WHEREAS, There are additional aspects of region preparedness involving the mitigation of earthquake hazard and related regional planning matters which are not being performed because budget cuts required during the FY 1992-93 budget process eliminated an earthquake program position; and

WHEREAS, The State Of Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has been required by the Governor to reduce staff and has identified a position that fulfills the state commitment to the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) which also benefits the metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, The position is funded entirely through the FEMA Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program and acceptance of the position and its occupant do not require Metro funds or a commitment to maintain the position in the absence of FEMA funds; and

WHEREAS, The state OEM has obtained the approval of FEMA in transferring the subject position to Metro which provides the

opportunity for the agency to utilize a considerable amount of his time to fulfill objectives of Metro's earthquake program as well as meet commitments to FEMA and OEM; and

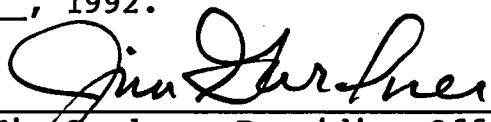
WHEREAS, The transferred position can be appropriately housed and supervised by the Metro Planning Department; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the position transfer be authorized under an intergovernmental agreement between Metro and the OEM.

2. That a budget amendment ordinance be prepared for Council approval reflecting the line item position to be transferred and the source of revenue received to fund the position as of October 26, 1992.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District this 22nd day of October, 1992.



Jim Gardner, Presiding Officer

TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 92-1696, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A TRANSFERRED POSITION FROM THE OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO METRO AND DIRECTING PREPARATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT

Date: October 15, 1992

Presented by: Councilor McLain

Committee Recommendation: At the October 13 meeting, the Transportation and Planning Committee voted unanimously to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 92-1696. Voting in favor: Councilors Devlin, McLain, Buchanan, Moore, and Washington.

Committee Issues/Discussion: Don Rocks, Executive Assistant, Executive Office, presented the staff report. He explained the background of the position proposed for transfer to Metro and the reasons why he believed it to be in the agency's best interest. Metro's role in regional emergency planning has increased in recent years in the area of major disaster planning (e.g. earthquakes). The agency has worked closely with the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Committee (OSSPAC) and the Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Myra Thompson Lee, OEM Director, approached Metro with the proposal of transferring one employee from the State of Oregon to Metro.

The position is presently funded at the Oregon Office of Emergency Management through a Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) grant, which would accompany the position if transferred to Metro. Salary and fringe benefits would be included but expenses for space, equipment, materials and supplies, estimated at \$18,000, are not. These additional funds are available within the Planning Funds for this fiscal year due to under-staffing. In addition, the individual holding the position would like his accrued vacation to accompany him. This resolution calls for transfer of the position and preparation of a budget amendment.

The official transfer would be completed through a contract in the form of an intergovernmental agreement. Within the agreement it states that Metro is not obligated to continue the position if funding from FEMA ceases. The position will be placed within the Planning Department. A workplan will need to be developed which includes the portions of time devoted to the State of Oregon and Metro.

In response to questions, Mr. Rocks explained that if FEMA funding ceases, the job will be eliminated as a Metro position. This is merely a way to allow the State of Oregon to officially eliminate a position, even though the position has no state funding. FEMA, as an agency, has been gaining in support recently. Mr. Rocks felt that funding would be more likely to increase, rather than

decrease.

Mr. Rocks clarified two errors in the staff report: 1) The grant amount from FEMA totals \$700,000 rather than \$800,000; and 2) the starting date is November 1 rather than October 26, 1992.

STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 92-1696: FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A TRANSFERRED POSITION FROM THE OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO METRO AND DIRECTING PREPARATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT

Date: October 6, 1992

Presented By: Don Rocks

BACKGROUND

Several months ago Myra Thompson Lee, Administrator, Oregon Emergency Management, approached the Executive Office to determine interest in accepting a position transferred from her staff to Metro. The position was described as one she was required to remove from her budget under guidelines prepared by the Office of the Governor.

Ms. Thompson observed that the position was charged with performing certain tasks that fulfilled the state's obligation to the FEMA Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program in exchange for full federal funding. The program has statewide application and much of the work relates directly to the reduction of earthquake hazards in the metropolitan area.

In addition to fulfilling the state program requirements which justify FEMA funding of the position, there remains a block of time which can be directed by Metro to specific regional earthquake planning needs.

The position will be housed in the Planning Department. Metro's commitment to regional earthquake planning needs at present include application for some 3 million dollars for the DOGAMI/METRO regional soils mapping project which will identify unstable soils and related earthquake hazards as an overlay to RLIS. The whole amount will be roughly split between the two agencies and the first 800 thousand dollars has been authorized.

Planning, at present, has also assigned a portion of one planner's time to Metro's earthquake program. That planner (Gerry Uba) has been meeting with the OEM and regional emergency managers to assist in enunciating and implementing the common elements of a regional emergency plan. The addition of the transferred position would expedite this work and strengthen relationships with the state planning apparatus and with emergency managers throughout the region.

The position is directly linked to the FEMA Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program and there is no obligation that it continue should those funds not be forthcoming. The state shall be responsible for annually applying for those funds. Should restrictions placed upon the OEM budget be lifted in future, the state would take back the position.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Council is asked to approve Resolution 1696 and to authorize that a budget amendment ordinance be prepared.