

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A)	RESOLUTION NO. 93-1830
CITIZEN APPOINTMENT TO THE)	
TRANSPORTATION POLICY)	Introduced by
ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE (TPAC))	Councilor Mike Gates

WHEREAS, The Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) is organized to provide input on transportation planning, priorities and financing alternatives; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the Metro Council to appoint the six citizen members of the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee; and

WHEREAS, The six citizen members should represent a broad range of interests and geographic areas of the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, The recent resignation of Dapo Sabomehin has caused a vacancy on TPAC; Mr. Sabomehin was appointed in 1992 to serve as a citizen member for a term beginning April, 1992 and ending April 1994; and

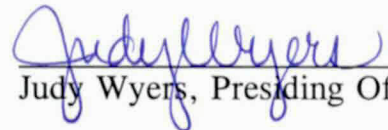
WHEREAS, The Council Planning Committee reviewed the remaining list of finalists considered in 1992; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Metro Council appoints Rex Burkholder to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Sabomehin as a citizen member to the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee for a term to begin immediately and ending in April, 1994; and

2. That all citizen members shall, with the approval of the Chairperson of the Council Planning Committee, appoint an alternate to serve in their absence; if a citizen member fails to appoint an alternate within 30 days, the Metro Council will make the appointment.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District this 9th day of September, 1993.



Judy Wyers, Presiding Officer

STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 93-1830, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A CITIZEN APPOINTMENT TO THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE (TPAC)

Date: July 20, 1990

Presented by: Councilor Mike Gates

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolution No. 93-1830 appoints Rex Burkholder to fill the unexpired vacancy of Dapo Sabomehin to the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC). The appointment is to begin immediately upon approval by the Metro Council and will end April 1994.

The resolution continues the current practice of allowing citizen members to appoint an alternate but provides instructions all citizen members to select an alternate, within 30 days of approval of this resolution. The Chairperson of the Council Planning Committee must approve all alternates. If a citizen member is unable to make such a selection, the Metro Council will appoint an alternate.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

During December 1991 and January 1992, notice of six TPAC citizen positions was circulated by press release to area newspapers and through mailings to Councilors, JPACT, TPAC, local governments, CPO groups, neighborhood organizations, Chambers of Commerce, corridor associations, and the League of Women Voters. A subcommittee of the Transportation and Planning (T&P) Committee reviewed 58 applications and selected 17 finalists based on the following criteria: 1) Handicapped; 2) Environmental Interests; 3) Transit/Rail Interests; 4) Bicycle/Pedestrian Interests; 5) Trucking Interest; and 6) Industry Interest. They also attempted to select finalists that represented a balanced geographic distribution. The T&P Committee then interviewed 14 of the finalists and selected six citizen members.

During the July 13, 1993 meeting of the Council Planning Committee, a subcommittee was appointed to review the list of remaining finalists from the 1992 selection process. This committee included: Councilor Mike Gates, Chair; Councilor Richard Devlin; and Councilor Terry Moore. The subcommittee met July 20 and recommended Rex Burkholder for the appointment. Mr. Burkholder, a consultant on transportation and non-profit management, resides in inner NE Portland and participates in the following activities:

- Chair, Oregon Bicycle Advisory Committee,
- Member, Portland Area Bicycle Coalition
- Member, Technical Advisory Committee for 1000 Friends LUTRAQ Study
- Board Member, Irvington Community Association



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To: Planning Committee
From: Gail Ryder, Senior Council Analyst
Date: August 17, 1993
Re: Resolution 93-1830 - TPAC Appointment

There were two issues that should be brought to your attention as you consider this resolution.

TPAC Alternates: In the January 1992 resolution making the last appointments to the Transportation Policy Alternates Committee, each appointee was allowed to select an alternate. This was done to allow a close working relationship between the appointee and the alternate so that information exchange is optimum. Three of the original six appointees have selected an alternate. The vacancy being filled was for a member who did not select an alternate.

During subcommittee discussions there were two questions discussed regarding alternates:

1. Should alternates be appointed by the Metro Council so that vacancies of this type that occur between recruitment periods could be filled more expeditiously?
2. What happens if an appointee fails to appoint an alternate? Should other alternates be allowed to fill in during such absences? in the case of a vacancy?

The original draft resolution suggested Metro appoint three alternates, each assigned to two specific appointees. The resolution also ranked the alternates for appointment in the case of vacancy. The subcommittee, however, felt that each appointee should be allowed to appoint their own alternate and that Metro should only appoint if they fail to do so.

Minority Representation: When the vacancy on TPAC was brought to the attention of Council staff, the department also communicated a concern about minority representation on TPAC. The lack of minority participation had been brought to the department's attention by federal representatives during interaction on grants.

Since the length of the appointment is so short, the subcommittee chose to select from remaining finalists rather than reopen the process to a costly new recruitment for a single member. But it was pointed out that the original TPAC application allowed no opportunity for applicants to share information regarding minority status.

Staff Recommendation: The Planning Department should be directed to modify the application form for the next TPAC recruitment, so that such information regarding minority status may be voluntarily submitted by applicants.

Finally, after having difficulty locating the original TPAC applications to make this appointment, it is apparent that there is no central location where original citizen applications to Metro advisory committees are stored. Rather, they are spread throughout the agency in the personal files of various staff persons. I discussed the problem with Judy Shioishi, Office of Citizen Involvement, and she joins me in the following recommendation regarding TPAC applications. You may wish to consider an agency-wide policy for all citizen appointments.

Staff Recommendation: Following completion of the next cycle of citizen appointment to TPAC, the application forms should be filed in the Metro Office of Citizen Involvement so that unsuccessful applicants may be redirected to other committees needing citizen volunteers.

c: Judy Shioishi

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 93-1830, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A CITIZEN APPOINTMENT TO THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE (TPAC)

Date: August 24, 1993

Presented By: Councilor Gates

Committee Recommendation: At the August 24 meeting, the Planning Committee voted unanimously to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 93-1830. Voting in favor: Councilors Van Bergen, Gates, Kvistad, Monroe, and Moore. Absent: Councilor Devlin

Committee Issues/Discussion: Councilor Mike Gates presented the staff report. He explained that Rex Burkholder had been selected by a subcommittee of the Planning Committee to fill the current vacancy of Dapo Sabomehin on TPAC. The subcommittee included Councilors Gates as Chair, Moore and Devlin. The subcommittee met and reviewed the remaining finalists from the January 1992 selection process before selecting Mr. Burkholder.

Committee discussion centered on the portion of the resolution addressing citizen member alternates. The resolution clarifies the selection process of alternates by allowing citizen members to select their own alternate within 30 days, with the approval of the Chair of the Council Planning Committee. The Chair requested staff to correspond with TPAC to inform them of requirement in the resolution.