

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

March 23, 1992
Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: George Van Bergen (Chair), Richard Devlin, Jim Gardner, Judy Wyers

Committee Members Absent: Sandi Hansen (Vice Chair)

Other Councilors Present: Larry Bauer, Ed Washington

Chair Van Bergen called the regular meeting to order at 5:30.

1. PLANNING FUND

A. Planning Department Revenue Estimates

Andy Cotugno, Transportation Director, noted the 1992-93 budget proposed to integrate the Transportation Department and the Planning and Development Department. He said the Federal Highway Planning Fund was nearly doubled as a result of the Surface Transportation Act. He said government dues were assumed at \$.43. He said the Data Resource Center anticipated twice the sales revenue. He said the Earthquake Planning and Economic Development programs were contingent upon receipt of other funding sources.

Councilor Van Bergen asked about the Regional Land Use Information Systems (RLIS) Storefront. Mr. Cotugno said sales were good and the budgeted revenues for 1992-93 were doubled.

B. Transportation Division

- = Light Rail Transit Program
- = Transportation Planning

Richard Brandman, Transportation Planning Manager, summarized the program overviews, as outlined in the proposed budget notebook, book 2 of 3, pages 1 through 37.

Councilor Wyers asked as a result of the integration of the two departments, what funds now paid planning efforts. Mr. Cotugno explained that five to ten percent of the project costs were for planning and that most projects required a twenty percent local match. He said the local match was paid by government dues, Tri-Met, and/or the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Councilor Bauer asked if personal services provided by any of the jurisdictions could be applied to the local match. Mr. Cotugno said an expenditure of personal services could only be applied after the start of the project.

Councilor Gardner asked if the 2040 program would be more efficient as a result of the departmental consolidation. Mr. Cotugno said there was no specific monetary savings. He said Metro would be seeking contributors to the project to enhance it further.

The Committee discussed stationary planning.

Councilor Van Bergen asked if the Westside Light Rail still included the underground Zoo stop. Mr. Cotugno said it did.

- B. Transportation Division
 - o Systems Division
 - Data Resource Center
 - Travel Forecasting

Mr. Cotugno summarized the program overviews, as outlined in the proposed budget notebook, book 2 of 3, pages 38 through 48 (Travel Forecasting).

Dick Bolen, Regional Planning Supervisor, summarized the program overviews, as outlined in the proposed budget notebook, book 2 of 3, pages 49 through 64 (Data Resource Center). He said there were two elements in the Data Resource Center: development and maintenance, and service providing.

Mr. Bolen provided a handout listing RLIS Storefront activity, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. The Committee discussed the handout.

- C. Growth Management Division
 - o Environmental Planning Section
 - Metropolitan Greenspaces (Metropolitan Greenspaces Fund)

Ellen Lanier-Phelps, Senior Regional Planner, summarized the Greenspaces Program.

Councilor Gardner asked what the uses of the grant fund were. Mr. Cotugno said the grant funded one position and the remainder was used for on-ground habitat orientated projects.

Councilor Devlin said Oregon Ecosystems may award a grant to Metro of \$250,000 to \$300,000.

- o Environmental Planning Section
 - Water Resources Planning

Rosemary Furfey, Associate Management Analyst, summarized the water resources planning program. Mr. Cotugno noted the program was funded primarily by excise tax, but Metro would like to receive grants to improve regional watersheds.

2. SMITH & BYBEE LAKES TRUST FUND

- A. Planning Department's Smith & Bybee Lakes Program

Ms. Furfey summarized the Smith and Bybee Lakes Trust Fund. She said the workplan included property acquisitions and flushing the lakes with Columbia River water.

Councilor Van Bergen noted the lakes could not be returned to a pristine condition. Ms. Furfey said the intent of the program was to balance recreational use with the preservation of the wildlife habitat.

o Environmental Planning Section
- Emergency Management

Mr. Cotugno said Metro was involved in a pilot program for earthquake management. He said the pilot program included assessment of potential damage in a limited area. He said the project would hold three forums for public officials, emergency response personnel, and local jurisdiction planners. He said the pilot program was low-risk and might enable Metro to secure a large grant. He said staff was very optimistic that Metro would receive a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA). He said the proposed budget included three full-time employees (FTE) for the program, contingent on the receipt of a grant.

Councilors Van Bergen and Wyers expressed concerns about FEMA.

o Land Use Section
- Land Use Administration
- Land Use
- Economic Development

Ethan Seltzer, Regional Planning Supervisor, summarized the Land Use Administration and Land Use programs. He said the programs focussed on the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives (RUGGO's) and their implementation. He said the efforts included Region 2040, urban reserves, urban growth boundary, and urban infill and development.

Mr. Seltzer said the Urban Economic Planning program was contingent on receiving a grant from the Northwest Area Foundation (part of the Hill railroad family trust). He said the program would examine the urban/rural economic relationship. He said the Foundation was interested in the proposed work and staff was optimistic about receiving the grant.

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Van Bergen adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Clerk