

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

March 19, 1992  
Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Tanya Collier (Chair), Tom DeJardin  
(Vice Chair), Larry Bauer, Richard  
Devlin, Judy Wyers

Committee Members Absent: None

Other Councilors Present: Roger Buchanan, Ed Washington

Chair Collier called the regular meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the November 21, 1991  
Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved to approve the November  
21, 1991 Governmental Affairs Committee meeting.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Collier and DeJardin voted aye.  
Councilors Devlin and Wyers were absent. The vote  
was unanimous and the minutes were adopted.

3. Consideration of Task Force Reports on the Regionalization of  
Certain County Services

Dick Engstrom, Deputy Executive Officer, noted three Multnomah  
County representatives were in the audience: Hank Miggins,  
Executive Assistant to Commissioner McCoy, Paul Yarborough,  
Environmental Services Director, and Betsy Williams, Environmental  
Services Deputy Director. He summarized a handout, a copy of which  
is included in the record of this meeting.

Don Rocks, Executive Assistant, reported that in the areas of  
support services and administrative functions, no area of great  
savings was identified. He said emergency services may have some  
areas that would be beneficial to consolidate, dependent on the  
receipt of federal funding for the Metro program.

Hank Miggins, Executive Assistant to Commissioner Gladys McCoy,  
said Commissioner McCoy proposed to have Metro and Multnomah County  
conclude their studies and report areas of interest. He said the  
plan then called for a citizen convention after the May election to  
identify areas of interest from the citizen perspective. He said  
Metro and Multnomah County would then have the opportunity to  
adopt, reject, or place items on the November ballot.

Chair Collier asked if Commissioners Sharon Kelley or Gary Hansen  
agreed to Commissioner McCoy's proposal. Mr. Miggins said he did  
not know if they had discussed the plan.

Chair Collier expressed concerns about the delay Commissioner McCoy's plan would cause. She said both jurisdictions were in their budget process and waiting until November for voter approval of a plan would delay implementation until the next budget process and the feasibility of implementation might be lost.

Councilors Devlin, DeJardin, and Bauer shared Councilor Collier's concerns. Chair Collier asked that a positive letter requesting the plans for possible consolidation proceed outside of a citizens congress be sent to Commissioner McCoy. The Committee concurred that a letter should be drafted and signed by the Chair and the Presiding Officer.

2. Review of RFP for Financial Impact Study: Tri-Met/Metro Merger

Betsy Bergstein, Senior Management Analyst, distributed a memorandum dated March 18, 1992, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. She summarized the memorandum. She noted the Request for Proposal (RFP) called for a study to examine the financial impacts of a Tri-Met/Metro merger.

Ms. Bergstein said Tri-Met did not have full-funding. She said they had a "letter of intent" and a "letter of no prejudice". Councilor Devlin gave a summary of the route funding from 185th to Hillsboro and the I-205/Milwaukie route.

Chair Collier said the issue of an elected board versus an appointed board should be addressed. Councilor Devlin said it was an issue of accountability and the public needed a means for input.

Councilor Devlin asked if \$40,000 was adequate for the study. Ms. Bergstein said Chris Scherer, Finance Supervisor, indicated it was an adequate amount for a study of this type.

Chair Collier opened the meeting for public testimony.

Eric Carlson, City of Beaverton, testified, stating the study was premature. He said with the 2040 Program and the Charter Committee deliberations underway, the Tri-Met/Metro merger should wait. He said citizen input and local government participation was lacking in the study. He said it appeared as though the study was financially driven.

With no further citizens appearing to testify Chair Collier closed the public hearing.

Chair Collier stated the decision to conduct Tri-Met/Metro merger study included approval by the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT). Councilor Bauer said that the RFP was only

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a financial analysis, not including any implementation measures and was appropriate.

Chair Collier noted it was a "merger" study and no "take-over" was ever intended or indicated. She said the intent was to identify a way to deliver transit more effectively with cost savings.

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Collier adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Lee".

Susan Lee  
Committee Clerk

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