

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

October 10, 1989

Committee Members Present: Jim Gardner (Chair), Tanya Collier (V. Chair), Larry Bauer and Richard Devlin

Committee Members Absent: Tom DeJardin

Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

1. Minutes of August 15 and September 5, 1989

Motion: Councilor Collier moved for approval of the minutes.

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

2. Resolution No. 89-1160, For the Purpose of Supporting Designation of the Lower Columbia River as an Estuary of National Significance Pursuant to Section 320 of the Clean Water Act

Patrick Lee, Regional Planning Supervisor, distributed Resolution No. 89-1160A, For the Purpose of Supporting the Nomination of the Columbia River Into the National Estuary Program. He said he did not endorse any specific program. He said the Metro Council must adopt the resolution by November 1, the deadline for Oregon and Washington to jointly consider the lower Columbia River as a candidate for the National Estuary Program under the Federal Environmental Protection Agency. He said the lower Columbia River could be one of four candidates selected this year for funding. He said the Council should express an opinion on the nomination and said Governor Neil Goldschmidt would consider local governmental input. He distributed the "National Estuary Program Timeline." He said if the Committee recommended the resolution at this meeting, the Council could consider the resolution October 21 well before the November 1 deadline.

Mr. Lee discussed nomination issues. He said the nomination would provide federal funding for water sampling and could improve coordination with other local governments. He said the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) held a panel discussion to solicit various jurisdictional opinions. He said necessary projects to be performed would provide jobs. He noted Allen Willis, Port of Portland, opposed the National Estuary designation because he preferred not to deal with an additional regional layer. He said one person testified it would be cheaper to practice preventative methods at the present time than future clean-up.

Chair Gardner opened the public hearing.

Gil Mallery, Executive Director, Intergovernmental Resource Center (IRC), Vancouver, said the issues were difficult to sort out because they had come together extremely fast. He said the work was perceived as the project of the Oregon and Washington governors and noted the original September 1 deadline had been extended to November 1. He said

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businesses by the river should be involved and said there was concern there would not be sufficient local involvement. He said the Washington Department of Energy's (DOE) involvement had come late in the process. He said there were few specifics to demonstrate how the local program would be handled administratively. He noted IRC had 31 members and that one member had expressed reservations about what the plan would involve. He said IRC would draft a resolution in support of the nomination, conditional upon the Bi-State Policy Advisory Committee (chaired jointly by IRC and Metro), being designated by the two governors as the "management conference." He said IRC member support would depend on the assurance that local involvement took place through the Bi-State Committee.

Rich Carson, Director of Planning & Development, said Metro's resolution was unconditional. The Committee and staff discussed the resolutions and their intent further. Mr. Mallery agreed with Mr. Carson's comments and said it would be more productive to discuss local involvement logistics after the nomination package was approved. The Committee and staff discussed possible Estuary Committee membership. Councilor Bauer expressed his support for the National Estuary designation.

No other persons appeared to testify and Chair Gardner closed the public hearing.

Motion: Councilor Bauer moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 89-1160A.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Collier, Devlin and Gardner voted aye. Councilor DeJardin was absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

3. Resolution No. 89-1088A, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Resolution No. 86-649 and IRC Resolution No. 86-05-03 to Continue the Bi-State Policy Advisory Committee and Expand Membership

Jessica Marlitt, Council Analyst, said there were seven issues to consider in the next year agreed upon by the Bi-State Committee and those issues included tourism, land-use planning, air quality, economic development joint objectives, hazardous household waste disposal coordination, telecommunications, parks/recreation, and potential development of the Columbia River Greenway. She noted the resolution expanded membership by two members and included language to provide historical perspective. Councilor Bauer said the resolution proposed a total of ten members on the Bi-State Committee.

Councilor Devlin discussed his concerns about Bi-State membership selection and how legislative representatives were selected for Oregon and Washington. He asked if East Clark County cities would be represented and/or the unincorporated population thereof. Mr. Mallery said both would probably be represented. Ms. Marlitt said those issues had been discussed at the last Bi-State meeting. Councilor Bauer said

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the next step after adoption of the resolution would be discussion of membership procedures and bylaws.

Chair Gardner noted Councilor Devlin's concerns and noted also the resolution did not specify how city representatives of East Clark County and East Multnomah County would be selected. Councilor Bauer said those jurisdictions previously had selected their own and likely would in the future.

Motion: Councilor Bauer moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 89-1088A.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Collier, Devlin and Gardner voted aye. Councilor DeJardin was absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

4. Resolution No. 89-1108, For the Purpose of Adopting the Southeast Corridor Study Findings, Recommendations and Southeast Corridor Transportation Improvement Plan

Andy Cotugno, Director of Transportation, explained the resolution would adopt the findings, recommendations and Southeast Corridor Transportation Improvement Plan contained in the Southeast Corridor Study document, and direct staff to incorporate appropriate portions into the ordinance to update the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). He said projects related to regional traffic problems or improvement projects on McLoughlin Boulevard would be considered for funding from the remaining McLoughlin Corridor reserve. Mr. Cotugno said TPAC recommended adoption of the resolution at their June 30, 1989, meeting with one nay vote by the Port of Portland. He said TPAC expressed concern the study was primarily focused on local traffic problems and inappropriate for adoption at the regional level for incorporation into the RTP. The group reached consensus the plan should be reflected in the RTP because of the relationship to McLoughlin Boulevard improvements. Mr. Cotugno noted the Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered the resolution in July but staff requested the full Council defer consideration to allow development of funding recommendations. He noted regional funding for the Southeast Corridor improvement plan was approved by the full Council via adoption of Resolution No. 89-1115 which allocated the McLoughlin Corridor reserve. He said earlier objections by the City of Milwaukie had been resolved and the Milwaukie City Council had passed a resolution supporting Southeast Corridor Study recommendations.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 89-1108.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Devlin and Gardner voted aye. Councilors Collier and DeJardin were absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

5. Resolution No. 89-1134, For the Purpose of Establishing the Region's Priority Highway Project Improvements for Inclusion in the 1991-1996 ODOT Six-Year Highway Program

Mr. Cotugno noted the resolution was introduced in draft form at the Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting September 12. He said at that meeting staff requested and received Committee endorsement of a letter to the State which outlined regional policy concerns and identified issues for consideration as the State completed policies for the Six-Year Highway Program. He said ODOT's Six-Year Highway Program for 1991-1996 was a major source of funding for state highway system improvements within the region. He said the resolution established the region priorities for State highway improvements. He said the funding priorities determined were critical to implementation of the region's 10-year transportation program, Metro's RTP, adopted by the Council via Ordinance No. 89-292.

Motion: Councilor Collier moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 89-1134.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Collier, Devlin and Gardner voted aye. Councilor DeJardin was absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

6. Overview of Transportation 2000 Action Plan

Mr. Cotugno and the Committee discussed the overview of the Transportation 2000 Action Plan briefly.

Motion to Correct the Minutes: Councilor Bauer moved to amend the August 15, 1989, minutes on page 1 with new language: "Metro should advance Mr. Harrison's reasons for regionalization for consideration as part of Metro's evolving water management policy" to replace previous language on page 1: "He said the Metro Council should advance Mr. Harrison's reasons for regionalization further and create a Metro Water Board."

Vote on Motion to Correct the Minutes: Councilors Bauer, Collier, Devlin and Gardner voted aye. Councilor DeJardin was absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion to correct the minutes passed.

Chair Gardner adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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