

MINUTES OF THE METRO PLANNING COMMITTEE

March 23, 1993
Council Chambers

Committee Members Present: George Van Bergen (Chair), Jon Kvistad, Richard Devlin, Mike Gates, Rod Monroe, Terry Moore

Committee Members Absent: none

Other Councilors Present: Roger Buchanan, Susan McLain

Chair Van Bergen called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Consideration of the July 14, August 25, and December 8, 1992 Transportation and Planning Committee Minutes; the January 26, and February 23, 1993 Planning Committee Minutes; and the February 23, 1993 Planning Committee Work Session Minutes

An amended copy was distributed by the recorder, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Motion: Councilor Gates moved for adoption of the amended version of the minutes.

Vote: Councilors Gates, Devlin, Monroe, Moore, and Van Bergen voted aye. Councilor Kvistad was absent. The vote was 5/0 and the motion passed.

6. Proposed Transfer of Multnomah County Regional Parks/Expo - Briefing

Councilor Devlin gave an overview of discussions with Multnomah County related to transferring services to Metro. He explained several functions were discussed as potential transfer functions. He said the Governmental Affairs Committee heard several reports in 1992. He noted negotiations were put on hold due to the Greenspaces Ballot Measure. He said a memorandum of understanding was being developed to transfer the Expo and park functions. He noted the transfer would be similar to the one with the City of Portland and the MERC facilities.

Councilor Devlin noted a policy issue related to cost was present. He said the District would assume the transfer only if it were revenue neutral. He said if the cost issue was not resolved the transfer would not occur. He noted the Budget deliberations would include consideration of the transfer.

Councilor Monroe clarified that both the Executive Officer and Multnomah County understand that the Council does not intend to transfer the functions unless the result was revenue neutral.

5. Consideration of Resolution No. 93-1781, Providing Commentary and Response to the Tri-Met Strategic Plan

Councilor Devlin noted a revised version of the resolution was distributed for consideration.

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, presented the staff report. He explained the Committee considered comments he prepared in response to the Tri-Met Strategic Plan. He noted in response to public comment, Tri-Met revised their Strategic Plan. He said the revised resolution commented on the revised Tri-Met Strategic Plan. He said the revised strategic plan was more consistent with the Region 2040 Study. He said the strategic plan was revised to a five-year period. He noted the strategic plan endorsed accelerating the transit levels in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Mr. Cotugno offered an amendment to Resolution No. 93-1781 resolve number four last sentence to read, "The goals are also consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan and should be pursued under an accelerated schedule." The Committee agreed to the amendment.

Councilor Kvistad offered an amendment to the third resolve, sentence two, to read, "The Council supports Tri-Met's advocacy, through the Region 2040 process, for increased densities specifically around transit corridors and the promotion of increased percentages of accommodations for new growth." The Committee agreed to the amendment.

Councilor Moore offered an amendment to the first whereas to read, "Metro has responsibility for development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) which contains adopted policies and projects for both auto and transit improvements for the region; changes to the RTP are and anticipated in the near future to meet the requirements of LCDC Rule 12 and the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990."

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to recommend Council adoption of the resolution including the amendments stated above.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 93-1769, Approving the FY 94 Unified Work Program

Mr. Cotugno presented the staff report. He noted the items included in the proposed budget were included in the Unified Work Program. He explained that if the adopted budget differs from the proposed budget then an amendment to the UWP would be necessary.

Councilor Moore asked if road construction projects were included in the UWP. Mr. Cotugno explained the UWP addressed planning projects.

Councilor Kvistad asked if President Clinton's Administration addressed ISTEA funding allocations. Mr. Cotugno explained the Clinton Administration was proposing a stimulus package. He noted if it passes, it would favorably impact funding.

Motion: Councilor Kvistad moved to recommend Council adoption of the resolution.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 93-1770, Certifying the Portland Metro Area is in Compliance with Federal Transportation Planning Requirements

Mr. Cotugno noted the resolution was a companion to the work program to meet federal requirements. He noted it was a housekeeping item. He noted Metro self certifies the work plan.

Motion: Councilor Monroe move to recommend Council adoption of the resolution.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Councilor Moore questioned what would happen if the Clean Air Act recommendations from the Governor's Task Force were not met. Mr. Cotugno noted the federal standard needed to be met in 1993. He said the consequences to failing would include withholding highway construction funds. He noted the federal government did not mandate adopting the Governors plan. He said a plan would need to be adopted to address the air quality problems.

4. Consideration of Resolution No. 93-1771, Endorsing the Region's Proposed National Highway System as Required Under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991

Mr. Cotugno presented the staff report. He explained the resolution identified routes for modernization under the ISTEA Funding. He noted the act allowed for alternative projects in urban areas if they were more cost effective.

He noted Congress needed to adopt the plan. He said the Metro portion would be forwarded to the State of Oregon for consideration and forwarding to Congress.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to recommend Council adoption of the resolution.

Councilor Devlin asked if a process for amending the plan without Congress reconsideration would be included. Mr. Cotugno noted it was presumed that a process would be identified.

Councilor Kvistad asked if the improvements were to existing roadways only. Mr. Cotugno said parallel roadways were allowed under the plan. Councilor Kvistad asked about the construction of the West Side light rail impacting the area. Mr. Cotugno said he would provide the information at a later date.

Councilor Moore expressed concern about the section of Murray Boulevard between Sunset Highway and Tualatin Valley Highway being designated a national defense highway. Mr. Cotugno said improvements to that portion of highway were due to the designation of the area as a major employment center.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

7. USGS Request for Grant Proposal, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program - Briefing

Mr. Cotugno noted the Oregon State Department of Geological Services encouraged Metro to apply for the USGS grant. He said the work Metro was doing in the area of earthquake mapping might qualify for the funding.

Gerry Uba, Senior Management Analyst, briefed the Committee on the USGS request for grant proposals. He noted funds were available last year and again this year. He said the grant was extended to include use of the money to develop planning tools for local government. He said the maximum was 122 projects up to \$8 million in disbursement. They said a proposal for the whole amount could be made. He said no local match was required.

Councilor McLain noted the only negative consequence was the staff time necessary to prepare the grant application. She felt earthquake planning was an important area for Metro participation.

Councilor Devlin favored the Planning Department pursuing the grant.

Councilor Gates supported pursuing the grants. Councilors Moore and Monroe concurred.

Chair Van Bergen did not favor pursuing the grant. He said the function should be a State function, not a Metro function.

8. Councilor Comments

Chair Van Bergen said major changes to resolutions or ordinances should be in writing. He requested Councilors present major changes in writing. The Committee discussed the issue.

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Van Bergen adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Recorder

APPROVED
Date 6.22.93