

Minutes of the Metro Council Planning Committee  
July 21, 1994  
Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Jon Kvistad (Chair), Jim Gardner, Richard Devlin, Mike Gates, Susan McLain, Rod Monroe, Terry Moore, Ed Washington

Committee Members Absent: none

Other Councilors Present: Ruth McFarland

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

**1. Consideration of the July 7, 1994 Council Planning Committee Minutes**

Motion: Councilor Gates moved to approve the minutes as written.

Vote: Councilors Gates, Moore, Washington, Monroe, McLain, and Kvistad voted aye.

**Introduction of Resolutions and Ordinances**

Richard Brandman, Assistant Planning Director, and Terry Whistler, Senior Transportation Planner, presented Resolution No. 94-2015, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Motion: Councilor Monroe moved to introduce Resolution No. 94-2015.

Vote: Councilors Monroe, Moore, Washington, Gardner, Gates, McLain, and Kvistad voted aye.

Gail Ryder, Senior Council Analyst, introduced Resolution No. 94-2016, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

**2. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-2010, Entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement to Join the Regional Water Supply Planning Study**

Rosemary Furfey, Senior Regional Planner, presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. In response to Councilor Moore, Ms. Furfey stated Metro would be a voting member in the participant group but would not be on the executive board.

Councilors Moore, Washington, and McLain complimented staff for their efforts and spoke to the importance of participation in the water resources planning. In response to Councilor McFarland, Ms. Furfey stated Andy Cotugno, Planning Director agreed to be the Metro representative. Councilor McFarland questioned Mr. Cotugno's self appointment to the group. Councilor McLain noted the study group and Mr. Cotugno appeared before the Planning Committee. Councilor McLain stated Mr. Cotugno was directed to participate in the effort.

Motion: Councilor Gates moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 94-2010, including amending the resolution to reflect the voting membership of Metro.

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

**3. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-2009, Establishing Five Year Transportation Finance Strategy**

Mr. Brandman presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. The Committee discussed the components of the resolution. Councilor Moore noted a light rail line from Portland to

Vancouver would provide economic improvement to the region. Councilor Monroe noted the State of Washington was being asked to contribute one-third of the cost of the line. Members of the Committee speculated about future support of the program by the Oregon Legislature.

Chair Kvistad opened a public hearing. No citizens appeared to testify and Chair Kvistad closed the public hearing.

Motion: Councilor Gardner moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 94-2009.

Vote: Councilors Gardner, Devlin, Moore, Monroe, Gates, McLain, and Kvistad voted aye. Councilor Washington was absent. The vote was 7/0 and the motion passed.

**4. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-1965, Endorsing the Recommendations of the Northwest Subarea Transportation Study**

Mike Høglund, Transportation Planning Manager, presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Chair Kvistad opened a public hearing. No citizens appeared to testify and Chair Kvistad closed the public hearing.

Motion: Councilor Moore moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 94-1965.

Vote: Councilors Moore, Monroe, Gardner, Gates, McLain, and Kvistad voted aye. Councilors Devlin and Washington were absent. The vote was 6/0 and the motion passed.

**5. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-1966, Approving a Contract Amendment for Purchase of Computer Software for Use by Metro's Regional Land Information System**

Dick Bolen, Data Resource Center Manager, presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He noted the resolution was the continuation of a contract for Geographic Information System (GIS) software and would not have a budgetary impact. He noted additional users of the software in the region allowed for greater discounts on the products.

Motion: Councilor Gates moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 94-1966.

Vote: Councilors Gates, Moore, Washington, Devlin, Gardner, McLain, and Kvistad voted aye. Councilor Monroe was absent. The vote was 7/0 and the motion passed.

**6. South/North Tier I Study - Briefing**

Mr. Brandman presented the South/North Tier I Study, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He announced that a congressional effort to fund the project was moving forward. He noted Washington State was working on providing funds for appropriation to the project. He stated several south terminus options were being examined including, Oregon City, Clackamas Town Center, and Milwaukie. Five North terminus options were identified in Vancouver, Washington. He discussed alignment options included in the report.

The Committee discussed the study and project components.

**7. Burlington Northern Rails to Trails Feasibility Study - Briefing**

Mel Huie, Senior Regional Planner, presented an update on the Burlington Northern Rails to Trails Feasibility Study. A copy of his staff report is included in the record of this meeting.

**8. South Willamette River Bridge Crossing Study - Briefing**

Mr. Hogle presented the South Willamette River Bridge Crossing Study update. A copy of his staff report is included in the record of this meeting.

**9. "Draft" Metro Public Involvement Policy Procedures - Report**

Mr. Hogle presented the Draft Metro Public Involvement Policy Procedure, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He noted the proposal applied only to transportation planning projects and did not apply to Growth Management projects or other departments in the agency.

Councilor McLain commented on the plan. She stated the plan was extremely complicated. She advocated for simplification of the plan and a one page summary for public dissemination. She noted a minimum level of public involvement should be established in the plan. She said exceptions for Metro review should be identified. She stated some projects had overlapping responsibilities with local jurisdictions and Metro and they should be clarified.

Councilor Devlin stated the complexity of the document did not concern him. He suggested using a theoretical project as an example as a method to facilitate communication. He agreed that perhaps two versions needed to be established.

Councilor Moore stated the general public can deal with complexity. She stated simplifying the process might create additional problems with loopholes. She said Metro should be allowed to pursue a public involvement process for any portion of a project where public involvement might be questionable. She stated Federal regulations required public involvement and that message should be communicated to local jurisdictions.

Councilor Gardner noted the public will be interested in particular projects and the applicable plan for those projects. He called for stronger language related to minimum requirements.

Patricia Miller, 11165 NW Cornell Road, Portland, OR 97229, appeared to testify. She gave kudos to Mr. Hogle. She called for creation of an advocacy group for pedestrian and bicycle interests at Metro.

**10. 112th Linear Park**

Mr. Hogle stated Washington County prepared an amendment to their comprehensive plan from five lanes to three lanes. He stated he did not know if it included the linear park. He stated initial modeling did not indicate a problem with three lanes instead of five.

Ms. Miller appeared to testify. She requested that the project be examined for possible connections. She played a tape of a Washington County Commission meeting. She called for clarification of the Linear Park construction and project details.

The Committee discussed the issue. The consensus was to review the commitments made by Washington County and to forward those findings to Washington County.

**11. Region 2040 Comment**

Councilor McLain stated she received letters from Washington County farming interests. She noted the farm bureau organization was requesting a Region 2040 presentation.

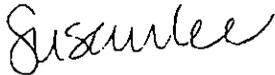
**12. Councilor Communications**

Ms. Ryder distributed a memorandum dated July 21, 1994 from Larry Shaw, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Councilor McLain noted she attended a watershed meeting at the Edgefield.

With no further business before the Committee, Vice Chair Gardner adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee  
Committee Recorder

**APPROVED**

**Date** 8-4-94