

Minutes of the Metro Planning Committee
October 18, 1994
Oregon Institute of Technology Conference Center
7726 SE Harmony Rd., Milwaukie

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

Committee Members Absent: Ed Washington

Other Councilors Present: George Van Bergen

Metro Staff Present: John Fregonese, Urban Growth Manager; Sherry Oeser, Senior Public Involvement Specialist; William Pendarvis, MCCI member; Gail Ryder, Senior Council Analyst; Ken Gervais, Senior Management Analyst; Mark Turpel, Senior Regional Planner; Rick Bullock, Metro Security Officer

Approximately 60 members of the public were present.

Chair Kvistad called the special meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Welcome and Orientation

Chair Kvistad introduced Councilors and staff present. He thanked everyone for attending and explained the process for the meeting. He welcomed everyone to testify and to respond the informal survey, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Region 2040 Recommended Alternative - Briefing

Mr. Fregonese presented an overview of the Region 2040 Study to date. He presented a slide show of the proposal as presented to the Council for consideration. He discussed the history of the land use transportation connection and the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives.

Councilor Monroe spoke to his experience in urban planning. He explained the proposal called for mixed use planning to allow people live, work, and shop in the same area.

Public Hearing

Consideration of Ordinance No. 94-578, Amending the Regional Urban Goals and Objectives (RUGGO) to Reflect the 1992 Metro Charter and Include Preferred 2040 Urban Form

Consideration of Resolution No. 94-2040, Adopting a Region 2040 Recommended Alternative

Chair Kvistad opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Brian Grover, 3615 SE Hager Ln, Oakgrove, 97267, thanked the Committee for coming.

Jim Howell, 3325 NE 45th Ave., Portland, 97213, appeared to testify. He stated the plan was not imaginative. He stated the plan was similar to planning efforts over the last decade. He spoke to Toronto, Canada, as a model for high density planning. He called for building a viable public transit system. He noted the concept added 700 miles of highway and 25 miles of light rail. He stated this development was not transit oriented. He compared the plan with a 1955 City of Portland plan with large increases in the highway system. He stated adding to the urban growth boundary was unnecessary. He said using shopping centers as area of growth was ludicrous. He noted people did not use transit at the Clackamas Town Center area. He suggested building up existing cities such as Oregon City instead of town centers. He noted the plan did not meet state VMT per capita.

Mr. Fregonese explained the actual reduction in VMT was approximately eleven percent. He noted Transportation Demand Management Programs would accomplish the remaining VMT reduction.

Ray Polani, Citizens for Better Transit, 6110 SE Ankeny St., Portland, 97215, appeared to testify. He explained he was a 41 year resident of the area. He stated he had lived in the Milwaukie area. He called attention to the problems of Los Angeles, CA and Seattle, WA. He noted those communities attempted to solve transportation problems by building roads. He said the Metro area should not build roads. He called attention to the urban reserves, noting Portland had smaller lot sizes while surrounding areas had larger lots. He suggested reducing lot sizes. He did not agree with providing urban reserves. He did not agree with the increase in roads and parking. He referred to page 13 of the newsletter regarding light rail ridership. He disagreed with the methods used. He suggested increase in transit. He discussed his reparation concept, holding drivers responsible to the damage caused. He suggested using the road funds for transit. He referred to the City of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, as a model for reduced roadway reliance and increased transit.

Doug Allen, 2247 SE 51st Ave., Portland, 97215, appeared to testify. He favored increased transit and transit service. He noted ridership increased with increased service. He offered to design a system transit system that would achieve the VMT for \$30,000. He stated he was confident that the transportation system could be designed to meet the VMT reduction requirement. He stated the model must be developed as an alternative. In response to Councilor Gates, Mr. Allen suggested developing transit not in competition with vehicular transit that provides a speed incentive. He referred to San Diego, CA, as a model. He suggested the use of a commuter rail service

Martha Boettcher, 9009 SE Causey Ave., Portland, 97266-8504, appeared to testify. She discussed the problems associated with high density neighborhoods. She noted high density neighborhoods did not conform to recycling. She noted papers were the only recycling services provided. Councilor McLain noted the Solid Waste Committee was working on the multi-family recycling efforts. Councilor McLain stated she would forward additional information to Ms. Boettcher.

Mary Kyle McCurdy, 1000 Friends of Oregon, 534 SW 3rd Ave., Portland, 97204, appeared to testify. She distributed and summarized a handout, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. The handout defined principles to guide regional growth management. She complimented Metro for the efforts to date. She stated the current number of regional centers were too high. She suggested no more than four regional centers including Vancouver, WA. She noted the cost to achieve the desired outcome was great. She discussed the efforts necessary to accomplish the goals of the concept.

Janet Balmer, 12100 SE 158th Ave., Portland, 97236, appeared to testify. She questioned the expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary. She expressed concerns about infrastructure including sewers and gas pipelines. Her concerns were focused around safety and future suggested changes. Councilor McLain encouraged Ms. Balmer to reiterate her concerns to her water district.

Kathi Moore, Clackamas Women's Services, PO Box 22547, Milwaukie, 97269, appeared to testify. She stated a forum would be held October 27, 1994 at the Portland Building, including Metro candidates to discuss affordable housing issues.

Olive Kuhl, Rosemont Property Owners Association in N. Stafford, 445 S. Rosemont Rd., West Linn, 97068, appeared to testify. She expressed concerns about the plan in reference to State Goals 11 and 14.

Nancy Thornton, Oak Lodge RFFPD Boardmember, 14114 SE Eldenberry Ln., Milwaukie, 97267, appeared to testify. She asked if Metro was considering funding mechanisms and economic incentives for providing for the

growth in the region. Mr. Fregonese noted the infrastructure option was difficult to discuss with the number of options presented. He explained the feasibility would be discussed after a direction was selected.

Mary Davis, Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association, 8225 SE 63rd Ave., Portland, 97206, appeared to testify. She requested additional information related to the future of existing streets within the Southeast area. She questioned how future corridors were identified. Mr. Fregonese explained corridors were developed in discussions with the City of Portland and Tri-Met. She expressed concerns about Belmont and Hawthorne Streets. Mr. Fregonese explained those streets were considered Main Streets, explaining the unique qualities of the areas. Ms. Davis expressed concerns about traffic. Councilor Moore suggested she contact Metro Staff, Tom Kloster.

Erica Calkins, 15301 S. Loder Rd., Oregon City, 97045, appeared to testify. She asked how historical preservation fit into the Region 2040 Study. She stated the significance and importance of preserving historical and architectural structures. She called for maintaining the areas as Greenspaces, noting the older farm homes had unique living history features. Mr. Fregonese explained the historical preservation would be addressed at the local level. He stated those issues would be worked out prior to the use of urban reserves. He discussed methods to preserve the area, particularly through open space dedication. Councilor McLain suggested Ms. Calkins contact the Future Vision Commission to discuss her concerns as they relate to cultural preservation.

Judie Hammerstad, Clackamas County Commissioner, appeared to testify. She noted Clackamas County had submitted several amendment requests to the study. She expressed concern about developing a capital improvement plan. She favored community development. She called for citizen involvement in the urban reserve designated areas. She favored increased transit corridors in Oregon City. She noted Clackamas County was already behind due to recent rapid growth. Councilor Van Bergen noted the Planners had deferred the development of new employment in Clackamas County. He noted there was limited industrial areas in Clackamas County. Commissioner Hammerstad agreed that there needed to be a jobs/housing mix in the plan. She stated Clackamas County needed increased industrial land to provide adequate jobs. The audience applauded Commissioner Hammerstad. Councilor Devlin noted efforts were being made to increase industrial areas in Clackamas County.

Barbara Smith, Happy Valley City Council, 9465 SE Ridge Crest Ct., Happy Valley, 97236, appeared to testify. She called for involvement of the surrounding communities, specifically Damascus. Chair Kvistad discussed the public involvement effort. Councilor Gates noted meetings had been held with officials in all the areas. He noted concerns related to infrastructure had been expressed.

Deem DeSoto, North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce, 7740 SE Harmony Rd., Milwaukie, 97015, appeared to testify. He thanked the Committee for coming the community. He noted he was from Fresno, CA and stated the planning efforts were to be applauded. He spoke to the audience noting the Council was elected and represented their interests. He stated he represented the business community. He spoke to the area not as a bedroom community, but as part of the living room. He called for additional development of industrial and business parks in the area. He called for preservation of agricultural lands in the region. He offered the assistance of his organization.

Eve Grace, 6435 NE Pacific St., Portland, 97213, appeared to testify. She supported increase in mass transit opportunities. She called for additional service hours and improved transfer opportunities. She called for increased service on weekends and holidays. She noted the downtown transit mall was sometimes a safety concern. She supported reduced lot sizes, affordable housing, and zoning enforcement. Chair Kvistad noted her transit concerns were shared by many. Councilor Gates noted the application for drivers licenses by 16 year olds was an indicator of how well transit worked. Councilor Gardner noted the meeting location of this meeting did was not serviced after 6:30 p.m. Councilor McLain complimented the speaker on her comments. Councilor Moore noted that increased transit would be costly.

Sam Radow, 16711 SE Hwy 212, Clackamas, appeared to testify. He discussed the congestion in the area. He noted farming was no longer viable in today's economy. He called for input by the members of the Damascus area.

Bob Alder stood from the audience. He called for another method for people to get to Mt. Hood, noting the congestion was particularly bad during the ski season.

Jim Cannici, Fire Chief Oaklodge, PO Box 68707, Oak Grove, 97267, appeared to testify. He supported the inclusion of the Oaklodge area from Oakfield Ridge to the Willamette River, a community of 30,000 people should be designated a town center area. Mr. Fregonese stated he also favored the area as a town center.

Chair Kvistad closed the public hearing and adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



Susan Lee
Committee Recorder

APPROVED
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