

Minutes of the Metro Council Planning Committee
December 15, 1994
Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Richard Devlin, Susan McLain, Rod Monroe, Terry Moore, Mike Gates

Committee Members Absent: Jon Kvistad (Chair), Jim Gardner (Vice Chair), Ed Washington

Other Councilors Present: Judy Wyers

Councilor Devlin called the regular meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

1. Consideration of the November 3, and December 1, 1994 Council Planning Committee Minutes

Motion: Councilor Gates moved to approve the minutes.

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

Introduction of Resolutions and Ordinances

Resolution No. 94-2058, Allocating I-205 Busway Withdrawal Funds to South/North Preliminary Engineering and Airport Ground Access Study and Rescinding Tri-Met Obligation to Repay Previous I-205 Buslane Withdrawal Grant

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

2. Resolution No. 94-1989, For the Purpose of Determining the South/North Light Rail Transit Alternatives to Advance into the Tier II Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Further Study

Leon Skiles, Transportation Planning Manager, presented the staff report, focusing on decisions made at the JPACT meeting, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. In response to Councilor Monroe, Mr. Skiles noted the proposed PCC campus in SE Portland would be included in the evaluation of the Carruthers Bridge Crossing. Mr. Skiles noted the transit connections from the west side to Lake Oswego would be further examined. Mr. Cotugno noted the JPACT intent of the resolution was not to set regional priorities.

Councilor Devlin opened the public hearing.

George "Bing" Sheldon, Sera Architects, 123 NW Second Ave., Portland, 97209, appeared to testify. Distributed and summarized testimony supporting the selection of the Ross Island Bridge alignment, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting.

Jay Zidell, Zidell Resources, Inc., 3121 SW Moody St., Portland, 97201, appeared to testify. Called for the decision regarding the crossing to support the 2040 plan, urban growth boundary and high ridership. He noted the neighborhoods in the area supported thorough analysis of the options.

Roger Nev, Schnitzer, Inc., appeared to testify. He supported careful examination of the study areas. He spoke to the commitments of the Schnitzers. He discussed the North Macadam area as a development resource.

Gina Maloney, Corbett-Terwilliger/Lair Hill Board Member, 7031 SW Virginia Ave., Portland, OR 97219, appeared to testify. She indicated the neighborhood association had taken three actions related to light rail development. She noted the most recent action strongly supported the Ross Island Crossing. She indicated she personally supported the Sellwood crossing.

Jim Howell, AORTA, 3325 NE 45th Ave., Portland, OR 97213, appeared to testify. He distributed and summarized written testimony, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He noted he did not support the south terminus of Clackamas Town Center, suggesting Oregon City. He noted the downtown subway option had not been given adequate attention, stating the assumptions predicted an unfavorable outcome. He noted subway systems did not denigrate surface activity.

Stanley Lewis, Downtown Community Association, 111 SW Harrison, #2D, Portland, OR 97201, appeared to testify. He noted he was speaking on behalf of downtown residents south of Burnside. He expressed concerns about a surface alignment with regard to the transit mall. He called for additional citizen consideration and education with regards to a surface alignment, speculating the surface alignment would not be acceptable. In response to Councilor Moore, Mr. Lewis noted the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) had discussed other surface alignment options.

Daniel Maloney, SWG #2, 7031 SW Virginia, Portland, OR 97219, appeared to testify. He noted he also favored the Sellwood crossing. He said the discussions related to a mid Ross Island Crossing focused on concerns about aesthetics and conservation. He noted a suspension bridge was favored, much like St. Johns. He supported redevelopment of the industrial area to provide pedestrian access to the downtown.

Kerry Chipman, CTLH, SWG#2, LCHA, 5250 SW Landing, Portland, 97201, appeared to testify. He noted the community working group did not take a position on a crossing, but rather called for additional information with regards to proposed options. He suggested examination of the record to confirm his comments. He gave a historical background related to the discussions of the community groups. He noted meeting recommendations mentioned by Ms. Maloney did not comply to public meeting law and no Metro representatives were present.

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

Councilor McLain noted that financial support would be needed from the State Legislature and she called for those present to support the package in Salem. Councilor Devlin noted his community supported light rail and yet did not have direct light rail access as an illustration of regional significance.

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

3. Regional Transportation Plan Public Involvement Strategy

Gina Whitehill-Bazuik, Public Involvement Planning Supervisor, presented the Regional Transportation Plan Public Involvement Strategy. She distributed and summarized the summary, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. Councilor Gates suggested the use of video tapes as a public involvement tool.

Mike Hoglund, Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the RTP deadline schedule and the planning process. Councilor Moore expressed concerns about the composition of the CAC. Councilor McLain expressed concerns about establishing expectations and structure prior to commencing work. She called for continued updates related to the issue.

4. Regional Arterial Program Draft Request for Proposals

Mr. Cotugno presented the draft RFP for the Regional Arterial Program, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Motion: Councilor Gates moved to release the RFP.

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

5. Planning Department First Quarter Report - Update

Mr. Cotugno presented the Planning Department First Quarter Report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

6. Councilor Communications

None.

With no further business before the committee, Chair Kvistad adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Prepared by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Lee".

Susan Lee
Committee Recorder