

Minutes of the Metro Council Planning Committee
January 20, 1994
Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

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

Committee Members Absent: none

Other Members Present: Judy Wyers

Chair Kvistad called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Consideration of the January 6, 1994 Planning Committee minutes

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

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

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-1884, Certifying that Tri-Met's Joint Complementary Paratransit Plan Update for 1994 Conforms to Metro's Regional Transportation Plan

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, introduced Park Woodworth, Tri-Met representative. Mr. Woodworth presented the resolution, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He noted the plan achieves mandates set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

In response to Councilor Moore, Mr. Woodworth discussed concerns of the Citizens for Accessible Transit (CAT). He stated the definition concerns expressed by CAT would be addressed. He discussed the marketing portion of the plan.

Chair Kvistad opened the public hearing. With no citizens appearing to testify, Chair Kvistad closed the public hearing.

Motion: Councilor Gates moved to recommend Council approval of the Resolution.

Councilor Moore requested that the concerns of the CAT be included in the resolution. The committee discussed the best method to achieve Councilor Moore's request. Mr. Woodworth noted the concerns were included in the plan. The consensus of the committee was to include the concerns in a cover letter that would be transmitted to the federal government.

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

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-1890, Recommending to the Oregon Transportation Commission a Package of Program Reductions and Additions for Incorporation in the 1995 through 1998 State Transportation Improvement Program

Councilors McLain and Monroe excused themselves to attend to other meetings.

Mr. Cotugno presented the action and discussion of the January 13, 1994 JPACT meeting. He focused his discussion on the historical events of and amendments made to the resolution.

Bruce Warner, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) representative reiterated the activity of the JPACT meeting as presented by Mr. Cotugno.

Chair Kvistad opened the public hearing.

Joe Blowers, Canyon Lane Neighborhood Association, 2050 SW 78th, Portland, OR 97225, appeared to testify. He expressed concerns about bike paths and sound walls being eliminated adjacent to Highway 26. He stated the bike path was an essential connection for access to the Westside Light Rail.

G.B. Arrington, Tri-Met representative appeared to respond to questions by Councilor Devlin. He stated Metro would purchase buses that met current requirements. He discussed Tri-Met's strategic plan.

Phil Adamsak, 2075 SW 78th Ave., Portland, OR 97225 appeared to testify. Mr. Adamsak discussed his concerns about noise in his neighborhood.

Peter Fry, Central Eastside Industrial Council, 733 SW 2nd Ave., Portland, OR 97204, appeared to testify. He expressed concerns about the Central Eastside neighborhood and the I-5 Water Avenue ramp. He opposed the decision to eliminate the ramp by the City of Portland Council.

Pamela Reamer-Williams, Oregon Trucking Assns., Oregon Journeyman's Association, and Industrial Transit Association, 5940 N. Basin, Portland, OR 97217, appeared to testify. She expressed her concerns about the I-5 Water Avenue ramp. She opposed the decision to eliminate the ramp by the City of Portland Council.

Cathy Salbraith, 2128 SE 35th Place, Portland, OR 97214, appeared to testify. She opposed the decision to eliminate the I-5 Water Avenue ramp by the City of Portland. Ms. Salbraith stated the City of Portland had commented that they don't make a decision, but rather a recommendation. Steve Dotterer, City of Portland representative, appeared to discuss comments made by Ms. Salbraith.

John Rosenberger, Washington County, appeared to testify. He stated the proposal cut many plans. He noted that alternative transit funding was available.

Mary Tobias, Tualatin Valley Economic Commission, appeared to testify. She discussed the statewide importance of many projects. She stated she endorsed the resolution.

With no further citizens appearing to testify, Chair Kvistad closed the public hearing.

Mr. Cotugno responded to questions from the committee members.

Councilor Gardner addressed Mr. Warner with regards to the \$50 million in preservation funds for Highway 26 projects. He asked if any remaining balance could be dedicated to noise wall mitigation and bike path connections to the Sunset Light Rail Station. Mr. Warner stated that was not the intent of JPACT. If the Committee desired this action, the resolution would need to be sent back to JPACT.

Councilor Moore discussed the noise wall mitigation and bike path from Camelot Court West to the Sunset Light Rail Station. Mr. Warner explained that noise walls were not constructed as stand alone projects. He said no obligation to mitigate existing facilities existed. He stated that substantial local involvement, usually a 50% local match, might warrant ODOT contributions. Councilor Moore advocated including the noise wall mitigation and the bike path from Camelot Court West to the Sunset Light Rail Station as part of the Westside Corridor Project. Mr. Warner explained that the improvements to local facilities including sound walls and bike lanes and were proposed for construction in 1999. He stated this was a two year delay from the original construction schedule.

Motion: Councilor Gates moved to recommend Council adoption of the Resolution.

Councilor Devlin discussed his proposed amendment, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He stated that in lieu of the amendment, he would accept a letter indicating the intent that would be forwarded to ODOT. Councilor Moore requested noting that preservation funds would be allocated following a public involvement process. Staff agreed to prepare the letters.

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

Councilor Devlin distributed and discussed a letter proposed for transmission to the City of Portland regarding the I-5 Water Avenue ramp, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to recommend forwarding the letter to the Council for discussion without a recommendation..

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

4. **Future Vision Commission - Briefing**

Len Freiser, Chair of the Future Vision Commission, updated the committee on the activity of the Future Vision Commission. He spoke to the importance of children in any Future Vision plan. The committee discussed the Future Vision Commission activity with Mr. Freiser.

5. **Northwest Subarea Study - Briefing**

Chair Kvistad deferred discussion of this item.

6. **Councilor Communications**

Mr. Cotugno discussed a memorandum dated January 20, 1994 discussing DLCD grants, a copy of which is provided in the record of this meeting. The committee discussed the grants. The consensus of the committee was to proceed with grant application.

With no further business before the committee, Chair Kvistad adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Recorder

APPROVED
Date 2-16-94