

Minutes of the Metro Council Planning Committee  
April 7, 1994  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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 Councilors Present: Judy Wyers

Chair Kvistad called the regular meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**1. Consideration of the March 17, 1994 Planning Committee Minutes**

Motion: Councilor Gates moved to approve the minutes.

Vote: Councilors Moore, Monroe, Gardner, Gates, and Kvistad voted aye. The vote was 5/0 and the motion passed.

**2. Introduction of Resolutions and Ordinances**

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, reported that a resolution endorsing transportation planning grants would be forthcoming. He then discussed the process that would be used to approve adoption of the resolution. Councilor Moore expressed concerns about public involvement during the process.

Motion: Councilor Monroe moved to introduce the resolution..

Vote: Councilors Moore, Monroe, Gardner, Gates, and Kvistad voted aye. The vote was 5/0 and the motion passed.

**3. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-1937, Amending the FY 1994 Metro Transportation Improvement Program to Allocate Funds to Support the Extension of Westside Light Rail to the City of Hillsboro**

Mr. Cotugno presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He explained the resolution would place funds in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to support the extension of Westside Light Rail to Hillsboro. He discussed the various funds included in the package and listed in exhibit A of the resolution, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

In response to Councilor Moore, Mr. Cotugno explained the potential deferrals and hold backs on the Westside Light Rail project to 185th Avenue. He explained that if funds were left over, those deferred and hold back items would be completed.

Councilor Kvistad noted his community was concerned about the hold backs.

Motion: Councilor Gates moved to introduce the resolution.

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

**4. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-1947, Authorizing a Contract with Spangle Associates for the Development of Model Land Use and Development of Regulation for Mitigating Seismic Risks in the Portland Metropolitan Area**

Gerry Uba, Senior Management Analyst, presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He explained that grant application was made and awarded. A contractor (Spangle Associates) participated in the development of the grant application and the resolution would approve the multi-year contract for the completion of the scope of work. He also requested authorization to apply for a similar grant.

In response to Councilor Gardner, Mr. Cotugno noted the budgetary information needed to be added to the 1994-95 budget.

Councilor Kvistad asked if there was a process to evaluate the cost to prepare a grant proposal. Mr. Cotugno stated there was not a process to evaluate the costs associated with grant proposal writing.

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

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

##### **5. High Speed Rail - Briefing**

Gil Mallory, Washington Department of Transportation Representative, distributed information related to high speed rail development, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting. He showed a video highlighting high speed rail development in the Pacific Northwest.

In response to Councilor Gates, Mr. Mallory discussed improvement at rail stations to improve mode transfers. Councilor Monroe expressed interest in improving the commute time to become competitive with auto and air commuters. Mr. Mallory discussed the funding obstacles in improving speed. He stated funding provided, commuting times could be reduced to less than three hours between Seattle and Washington. Councilor Moore asked where the Oregon funding would be realized. Mr. Mallory stated Oregon Lottery funds were allowed. He stated Washington had legislation to allow for expenditure of state funding prior to the authorization of federal matching funds. He stated he anticipated Oregon to follow suit. In response to Councilor Moore, Mr. Mallory explained that the Talgo train had been modified to make one car accessible. He discussed the amenities of the train.

Motion: Councilor Gates and Monroe moved to introduce a resolution to support the high speed rail transit.

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

##### **6. TPAC Finalist Selection - Interviews**

Chair Kvistad discussed the process for selection.

Gail Ryder, Senior Council Analyst, explained that three citizen positions were vacant.

Each applicant was asked four questions: tell us about yourself; tell us why you are interested in being appointed to this position; what specific background do you bring that will be of benefit to this committee; and briefly describe your philosophy regarding the direction transportation should be taking for this region.

Jeffrey Cogan, 934 SE 29th Ave., Portland, OR 97214 discussed his background as an attorney and his current endeavor as a bakery owner. He discussed his interest in the concept of regional government and growth. He highlighted his background as an attorney. He emphasized his interest in reducing vehicle miles traveled and increasing alternative modes. He spoke to land use planning as a method to shape development and transportation needs. In response to Councilor Gardner, Mr. Cogan discussed development of light rail in Miami, Florida.

John Porter, 12070 SW Fischer Rd., #J105, Tigard, OR 97224 stated he was Chief Financial Officer, AAA Oregon. He stated he was a long term resident of the region and was a certified public accountant (CPA). He spoke to his interest related to alternative modes of transportation. He expressed a desire to improve relations between AAA and planning efforts. He explained his knowledge in legislation governing transportation issues. He discussed his financial background as beneficial to the committee. He stated multi-modal transportation needed to be provided in the region. He said due to limited funding sources, mechanisms needed to be in place to ensure fair allocation of dollars between modes. In response

to Councilor Gates, Mr. Porter clarified that his interest was personal, but that by working for AAA he had an added opportunity to provide insight. In response to Councilor Monroe, Mr. Porter explained that he became an employee of AAA July 1, 1993.

David Bragdon, 3539 SE Yamhill, Portland, OR 97214, explained his background was in freight transportation. He discussed the link between efficient transportation and economy. He stated his freight background would be beneficial to the committee. He spoke to the importance of multi-modal transportation methods. He said with the increase in population this would be increasingly important. In response to Councilor Gardner, Mr. Bragdon discussed his internship with the Federal Railroad Administration. He stated he was there during a time of significant financial problems in railroad freight transportation.

Gordon Hunter, 5260 NE 74th Ave., Portland, OR 97218-3706 discussed his background. He stated he was a long term resident of the region. He stated he was interested in being reappointed because he was familiar with the group and could be more effective. He spoke to alternative transportation modes and the relationship to land use planning. He discussed providing "real choices" to people with regards to alternative transportation.

Ellen Vanderslice, 2951 NW Raleigh St., Portland, OR 97210-1975, said she was training to become an architect. She said she had been a TPAC alternate since 1990. She discussed her extensive civic activities. She stated she had a pedestrian point of view. She spoke to her interest in multi-modal alternatives. She said individual choices would affect the transportation system and emphasized increasing those choices. In response to Councilor Gates, she said the Region 2040 process was a successful model. She attributed regional inventory of transportation alternatives as a success of the committee. She expressed an interest in planning for future transportation alternatives. She asked that if a decision came down between herself and Molly O'Reilly, that Ms. O'Reilly be appointed. She stated Ms. O'Reilly was the most effective citizen appointee.

Rex Burkholder, 1912 NE 11th Ave., Portland, OR 97212 discussed his interest in bicycle transportation. He expressed an interest in continuing his work on the Committee. He stated it took some time to understand the organizational structure related to effective participation on the committee. He said the bicycle perspective might not otherwise be represented. He discussed his experience and education in conflict resolution and consensus building. He said he had a desire to continue the livability in the region. He stated transportation had significant impact on the quality of life in the region, now and in the future. In response to Councilor Gates, Mr. Burkholder stated the committee was changing from a fast paced effort to expanded, thoughtful debate of vital issues. In response to Councilor Gardner, Mr. Burkholder discussed the relationships between TPAC, JPACT, the Planning Committee, and the Metro Council.

Rex Gilley, 6405 SE 30th Ave., Portland, OR 97202 discussed his background as a consultant. He noted he was a long term resident of the region. He discussed his background in transportation and safety. He spoke to the importance of Transportation Rule 12. He discussed interest in improving public transportation related to projected growth in the region. He explained the economics of decisions needed careful analysis to provide a balance. In response to Councilor Gates, Mr. Gilley discussed his understanding of TPAC within the transportation funding structure. In response to Councilor Moore, Mr. Gilley stated he received an unsolicited application in the mail. He said after some research, he became interested.

Molly O'Reilly, 1414 NW 53rd Ave., Portland, OR 97210 discussed her occupational and transportation related background. She discussed the importance of upcoming decisions to be made by TPAC. She expressed a desire to continue her participation in the group. She stated she felt more confident as a result of her participation. She stated the development of bicycle and pedestrian plans were a success of the committee.

## **7. Discussion and Final Selection**

Councilor Gates expressed concerns that most of the candidates were from Multnomah County. He stated the quality of the applicants was high.

Councilor McLain discussed her criteria for voting. She noted she reviewed the existing members and the applicant professional and educational backgrounds.

Councilor Moore stated the Washington County representative was doing a good job. She stated the candidates were well qualified.

Councilor Washington stated each candidate had talents that would be useful. He said the regional balance was achieved by the existing members.

Councilor Devlin spoke to his experience with the process of appointing TPAC applicants. He spoke to the importance of citizen involvement. He expressed a desire to appointing citizens without specific occupational experience in transportation.

Councilor Monroe recommended that each candidate needed to receive at least five votes (a majority of the committee). The Committee concurred.

Councilor Gardner expressed concerns about a majority of Multnomah County applicants. He stated the freight industry was already represented by at least one member.

Chair Kvistad noted the applicants were excellent. He stated he would like to see a wider range of participants. He stated he had no intent of biasing the process. He expressed an interest in having "citizen" participants.

Ms. Ryder noted an effort was made to increase geographical representation as well as other equal opportunity factors.

The Committee cast ballots for appointment of the applicants.

Chair Kvistad recessed the meeting at 6:40 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

**8. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-1950, Appointing Citizen Members to the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC)**

Ms. Ryder announced the votes were: Bragdon, 5; Burkholder, 6; Gilley, 2; Hunter, 3; Porter, 1; and O'Reilly, 7. Councilor Devlin voted for Burkholder, Hunter, and O'Reilly; Councilor Gardner voted for Bragdon, Burkholder, and O'Reilly; Councilor Gates voted for Burkholder, Gilley, and O'Reilly; Councilor Kvistad voted for Bragdon, Gilley, and Porter; Councilor McLain voted for Bragdon, Burkholder, and O'Reilly; Councilor Monroe voted for Bragdon, Hunter, and O'Reilly; Councilor Moore voted for Bragdon, Burkholder, and O'Reilly; and Councilor Washington voted for Burkholder, Hunter, and O'Reilly. The appointees were: Mr. Bragdon, Mr. Burkholder, and Ms. O'Reilly.

Motion: Councilor Gates moved to file the resolution with the Clerk of the Council and recommend Council adoption of the resolution.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was 7/0 and the motion passed.

**9. Councilor Communications**

No communications were heard.

With no further business before the committee, Chair Kvistad adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee  
Committee Recorder

**APPROVED**  
Date 5-5-94