

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

April 27, 1993

Metro Regional Center
Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: George Van Bergen (Chair), Jon Kvistad (Vice Chair), Terry Moore, Richard Devlin, Mike Gates

Committee Members Absent: Rod Monroe

Other Councilors Present: Jim Gardner, Susan McLain, Judy Wyers

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

1. Consideration of Resolution No. 93-1798, For a Sole Source Contract with S.H. Putman Associates to Significantly Enhance the DRAM/EMPAL Land Use Forecasting Model for Use in the Portland Metropolitan Area and to Carry Out an Investigation of Model Response and Stability when Integrated with the Metro Transportation Model

Keith Lawton, Technical Manager, presented the staff report. He explained the resolution would authorize a sole source contract. He explained S.H. Putman Associates were the developers of the DRAM/EMPAL computer program. He explained utilization of the program for the Land Use Forecasting Model required the contract portions of the project. He stated that the FHWA was funding the proposed contract functions. He explained that the scope of work allowed for flexibility and would not exceed \$200,000.

Councilor Van Bergen questioned if the project would benefit Metro. Mr. Lawton responded that the result would be an improvement to the current model. He stated the information would be valuable and require little Metro involvement or effort on behalf of the staff.

Councilor Moore clarified that FHWA was providing \$283,000. Mr. Lawton explained the project would also benefit the Region 2040 Study. Councilor Moore expressed a desire that the projects include an integrated land use/transportation model. Mr. Lawton explained that the land use/transportation planning was beneficial to larger projects. He noted the policy question to be answered through the project would be to determine when it would be appropriate to include the land use modelling in planning.

In response to questions by Councilor Devlin, Mr. Lawton discussed scenarios for application of the land use/transportation modelling.

Motion: Councilor Gates moved to recommend Council adoption of the resolution, including amendment to indicate the cost of the contract and contractor location in the title of the resolution.

Vote: All those presented voted aye. Councilor Kvistad was absent. The vote was 4/0 and the motion passed.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 93-1799, For a Sole Source Contract with INRO Consultants to Assist with the Linking of EEME/2 Transportation Forecasting Software with DRAM/EMPAL and to Consult on Issues of Linked Model Response and Stability

Mr. Lawton explained that the resolution was similar to Resolution 93-1798.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to recommend Council adoption of the resolution, including amendment to indicate the cost of the contract and contractor location in the title of the resolution.

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

3. City of Portland CO, Reduction Strategy - Briefing

Sue Anderson, City of Portland Energy Office Director, distributed and summarized the City of Portland's Carbon Dioxide Reduction Strategy, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. She explained the history of the City of Portland Energy Office. She distributed information on the Portland Energy Office, a copy of which is included in the record of the meeting.

The Committee discussed the draft document.

5. Water Resources Briefing

Rosemary Furfey, Associate Management Analyst, discussed the history of the water resources program. She discussed the water resource areas of regional significance. She referred to the area-wide Water Quality Report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. She spoke to potential policy issues Metro might consider addressing. She discussed the programs in the water resource program.

Councilor McLain reported on activity from the Water Policy Advisory Committee. She spoke to the Regional Water Supply Plan report presented at the WPAC meeting. She discussed area participation in water issues. She expressed interest in Metro's continued participation in water resource issues.

Councilor Kvistad spoke to the Water Resources Planning becoming an important issue in the near future. He spoke to Metro establishing a proactive position in the water resources planning in the region.

Councilor Devlin spoke to the importance of water quality and water supply issues. He noted there was a significant difference between the two issues.

Councilor Moore stated she favored including water quality issues in the transportation projects because they contributed to non-point source pollution.

Chair Van Bergen expressed a desire to establishing policy. He favored updating the work plan.

4. Future Vision Work Plan - Work Session

In response to a question from Councilor Gates, John Fregonese, Regional Planning Supervisor, discussed the Region 2040 information scheduled for discussion at the MPAC/RPAC meeting. The Committee discussed integration of MPAC into the Region 2040 Study.

Mr. Fregonese briefly discussed the Draft Future Vision Work Plan, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Chair Van Bergen recessed the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Chair Van Bergen reconvened the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Motion: Councilor Kvistad moved to accept the work plan as drafted.

Councilor Moore expressed concerns about terminology included in the document. Mr. Fregonese agreed to respond Councilor Moore's concerns at a later date.

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

6. High Speed Rail

Councilor Gardner discussed proposed high speed rail projects. He showed a video summarizing the history and development of high speed rail. He noted local routes were being considered for development. He spoke to the proposed legislative actions for both Oregon and Washington States. He noted the Future Vision should recognize the technology and include the potential of high speed rail development.

Councilor Kvistad expressed enthusiasm for the potential of high speed rail.

7. Future JPACT Agenda Action Items - Briefing

Chair Van Bergen deferred item seven.

8. Beaverton/Portland Urban Service Boundary Mediation

Larry Shaw, Senior Counsel, summarized the process and discussions related to the Beaverton/Portland Urban Services Boundary Mediation. He reported that the City of Portland Planning Commission was not going to take action on the item.

Councilor Van Bergen expressed concerns about Mr. Shaw's active participation in the mediation process. Mr. Shaw discussed Metro as a participating party. He said he was representing Metro, not acting as a mediator. The Committee members discussed their individual understanding of the position of Metro in the negotiations. Mr. Shaw noted that he was acting as a grant administrator and as a representative of a potential party to the mediation.

9. Light Rail Station Protection Interim Ordinance - Briefing (Washington County Light Rail Station Interim Ordinance)

Mr. Shaw distributed and summarized a memorandum, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He noted that there were specific amendments proposed for adoption.

The Committee discussed alternative means to address the problem. The Committee discussed potential RTP amendments.

Councilor Moore strongly advocated moving forward with action. Chair Van Bergen disagreed. He stated the problem was not Metro's, rather Washington County's problem.

The Committee debated the merits of action and the relevancy to regional significance.

10. Councilor Comments

There were no Councilor Comments.

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Van Bergen adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Recorder

APPROVED
Date 6.22.93