

Minutes of the Metro Council Planning Committee
June 16, 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: Ruth McFarland

Councilor Monroe called the regular meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

1. Consideration of the June 2, 1994 Planning Committee Minutes

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to approve the minutes.

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

Introduction of Resolutions and Ordinances

No new resolutions or ordinances were introduced.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-1964, Adopting the FY 1995 to Post-1998 Transportation Improvement Program and the FY 1995 Through 1997 Three-Year Approved Program

Mike Hoglund, Transportation Planning Manager, presented the resolution, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Terry Whistler, Senior Management Analyst, distributed and discussed a revised exhibit b, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He explained a written explanation of the changes were included in the first portion of the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. Mr. Whistler responded to questions by the Committee. Mr. Whistler explained an amendment would be necessary due to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) adjustments included in a handout, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Councilor Devlin asked if the Federal Government monitored each project. Mr. Whistler stated an increased examination of the TIP to ensure conformity with the Regional Transportation Plan was occurring. In response to Councilor Devlin, Mr. Hoglund discussed fiscal constraints of the TIP. Councilor Devlin noted a commitment from ODOT related to the I-5 Kruseway interchange project should be included. Mr. Whistler stated the funding was reflected on page 53 of the TIP.

Councilor Washington expressed amazement about the \$16.6 million dollar cost to repaint the Hawthorn Bridge.

In response to Councilor Moore, Mr. Whistler discussed the ramp meters and signage projects and the ATMS. Councilor Moore noted she objected to the use of funds for the freeway signage. She indicated the freeway signage was often ineffective.

In response to Councilor Moore, Mr. Hoglund discussed the US 26 truck climbing lane project. Councilor Moore desired to have an balance of funds applied to alternative mode projects. Mr. Hoglund stated a comment to indicate intent was appropriate. Councilor Moore agreed to bring an amendment forward at Council.

Chair Kvistad opened the public hearing.

Terry Parker, 1527 NE 65th Ave., Portland, OR 97213, appeared to testify. He stated the plan was a political document indicating how to spend money. He stated trails and recreational projects should be paid for from parks funds. He said a deficiency existed in the light rail plan because of routing of the trains through the City of Portland. He advocated for improved signally from the Marquam Bridge onto I-84 East bound.

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

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

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-1965, Endorsing the Recommendations of the Northwest Subarea Transportation Study

Mr. Hoglund noted JPACT had not yet reviewed the resolution and no action was requested.

6. Region 2040 Comments

Rosemont "EFU" Landholders

Marilyn Brock, Rosemont Property Owners Association, appeared to discuss the future use of EFU lands in the Rosemont area of the North Stafford triangle south of Lake Oswego. She distributed a written copy of her testimony, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Dr. Walter Kuhl, 445 S. Rosemont Rd., West Linn, OR 97068, disputed the survey results of the Farwest Neighbors Association. He noted the County did not discuss the zoning with the area landowners.

Larry Black, Lake Oswego resident, appeared to testify. He explained he can't find anyone to cut his hay. He discussed the history of zoning in the area. He stated the EFU zoning was not consistent with the area.

Olive Kuhl, 445 S. Rosemont Rd., West Linn, Or 97068, stated that she supported properly planned development that did not destroy the essential character of the area. She provided a written copy of her testimony, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Charles Hoff, 21557 SW 91st, Tualatin, read a petition from the property owners in the Stafford triangle, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He discussed the history of zoning in the region. He favored urban zoning for his property.

Jack Johnston, 3424 SW Hamilton Ct., Portland, OR 97201 appeared to testify in support of revised zoning in the Rosemont EFU area.

Richard Stevens, 18880 S. Whitton Lane, West Linn, OR 97068, appeared to testify. He invited Councilors to come and look at the area. He explained that the area was not really rural.

General Public

No other citizens appeared to testify.

4. Status of Regional LRT and Road Vote - Update

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, presented an update on the potential bond measure to fund light rail transit and road improvements. He stated road improvements would not be funded by a gas tax at this time. He stated amendments to ISTEA may make new funding available for LRT.

In response to Councilor Devlin, Mr. Cotugno explained if the measure passed, the bonds would not be issued until the South/North project proceeded.

Councilor Moore stated she did not want to use general obligation bonds to fund roads, stating gas tax should be used for roads. Mr. Cotugno noted polling was performed comparing a vehicle registration fee and property supported general obligation bonds, stating vehicle registration fees were strongly opposed.

Councilors McLain, Moore and Washington called for a Council workshop discussion on the issue.

UNSCHEDULED ITEM - Contract Designation

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to approve Council staff recommendations to the contract designation understanding that modifications may be made at the Council meeting.

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

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

5. Region 2040 - Presenting the Region 2040 Concept Report and building the Region 2040 Preferred Alternative

Councilor McLain called for immediate response to persons calling into the 2040 Hotline. John Fregonese, Growth Management Manager, stated he would cooperate with Council staff to ensure responses were made to those people.

Mr. Cotugno noted 10,000 survey responses, 1,000 faxes, and 200 phone messages were received in response to the tabloid. He stated a preferred alternative needed to begin to be developed. He said the first draft would be available at the July 9, 1994 workshop.

The Committee viewed the 2040 informational video.

7. Councilor Communications

Councilor Devlin spoke to the complex issue of the Stafford Basin residents. Chair Kvistad expressed his concern for the economic impact on the Stafford Basin residents.

Earl Grove, Forest Park Neighborhood Association, appeared to testify. He stated he opposed expansion of the UGB, but favored flexibility in the boundary without adding or subtracting land mass.

With no further business before the committee, Chair Kvistad adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Recorder

APPROVED
Date 11.17.94