

Minutes of the Metro Council Planning Committee  
March 3, 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 4:05 p.m.

**1. Consideration of the February 16, 1994 Planning Committee Minutes**

Motion: Councilor Monroe moved to approve the minutes.

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

**2. Introduction of Resolution 94-1922, Extending the Contracts for Consultant Services Associated with the Completion of Tier I Alternatives Analysis for the South/North Corridor**

Leon Skiles, Transportation Manager, presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He explained the resolution would extend the contracts for consultant services associated with the completion of Tier I alternatives analysis for the South/North Corridor Study. He explained the resolution was consistent with the intended approach of the study and the extension allowed for additional time to complete the contract work due to increase in project scope.

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

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

**3. Endorsement of ODOT Position on Congressional Authorization of the National Highway System**

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, presented the item. He explained that ODOT supplied comments to Congress on the development of a National Highway System (NHS). He discussed the issues contained in the Draft Oregon policy priorities for legislation prepared by ODOT, a copy of which are included in the record of this meeting. He explained the position was developed by a group of MPO Directors, Cities, Counties, AAA, and the trucking industry.

In response to Councilor Devlin, Mr. Cotugno explained the discussions related to design standards. He said the request called for elimination of funds set aside for specific uses.

In response to Councilor Gardner, Mr. Cotugno discussed the penalization for receipt of discretionary grants when a state transfers NHS funds.

Motion: Councilor Monroe moved to have the Planning Committee endorse the ODOT position.

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

**4. LCDC Deadline for Urban Reserves - Discussion**

John Fregonese, Growth Management Manager, explained the deadline for adopting urban reserves was April, 1994. He said that Region 2040 when completed, would provide policy direction for detailed urban reserves decisions. He said a request for extension on establishing the urban reserves would allow Metro to complete the work of Region 2040.

Motion: Councilor Gates moved to have the Planning Committee support extending the urban reserves.

In response to Councilor McLain, Mr. Fregonese explained the impact of this decision would relate to exception lands. He said development in the next year was not expected to significantly impact those exception lands. He explained the relationship of the urban reserves to RUGGOs, the Regional Framework Plan, Future Vision and the state-wide planning laws.

Councilor Moore suggested rewriting the first paragraph of the letter to indicate Metro initiated the urban reserves and was in the process of determining the need for urban reserve. Mr. Fregonese agreed and stated he would also include information about the decision concepts and the need to adopt urban reserves according to the Metro Charter.

Councilor Devlin noted the intent of the urban reserves was to designate for the foreseeable future the land that might be needed for development. He said if areas of expansion were needed the land was identified as being designated areas for that expansion. He discussed the history of discussion about areas near the Urban Growth Boundary.

Councilor McLain illustrated the importance of identifying the urban reserves through maintaining a balance between urban and agricultural activities. Mr. Fregonese commented that the majority of the work related to identifying the urban reserves would be accomplished through the 2040 project.

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

**5. Region 2040, Concept C - Briefing**

Mr. Fregonese discussed the work being done on the Region 2040 project. He discussed the components of Concept C as they related to the other concepts. The Committee discussed modeling assumptions and scenarios.

**6. Councilor Communications**

Councilor Devlin discussed issues related to the Region 2040 public involvement process. He stated a Stafford Basin task force had prepared a report they desired to present to the Planning Committee. He stated other groups were interested in similar opportunities. He expressed concerns about making those parties wait until May for public open houses. He asked for the Chair to allow an opportunity to present information to the Committee. Councilor Gates supported additional opportunities for public involvement. Councilor Gardner expressed an interest in allowing testimony earlier if there were no other opportunities for input. Councilor McLain stated interested parties should be welcome to come speak to the committee. Chair Kvistad asked members to address their concerns with Councilor Gardner as the liaison to the Region 2040 project. Councilor Moore requested copies of Planning related correspondence to be distributed to her. Councilor Devlin stated he would work with Councilor Gardner to try and arrange an opportunity for public input prior to release of a staff recommendation.

Councilor McLain discussed activity that occurred at a FOCUS steering committee. She said discussions about MPAC were forthcoming. She advocated Metro participation in FOCUS.

Councilor Moore expressed concerns about late notification from the Executive Officer on a workshop that had been planned.

With no further business before the committee, Chair Kvistad adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee  
Committee Recorder

**APPROVED**  
**Date** 4.7.94