

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE  
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

January 22, 1991

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Jim Gardner (Chair), Richard Devlin  
(Vice Chair), Lawrence Bauer, Susan  
McLain, George Van Bergen,

Committee Members Absent: None

Chair Gardner called the regular meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

1. Resolution No. 91-1380, Approving Use of Portland Region  
Federal-Aid Urban System Funds in Partial Support of the  
Oregon Roads Finance Study Update.

Andy Cotugno, Director of Transportation, reported the purpose of Resolution No. 91-1380 was to approve allocation of federal funding for a state study on state-wide transportation needs. He indicated the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) had agreed to share in the expense of the study.

Motion: Councilor Van Bergen moved to recommend full Council adopt Resolution No. 91-1380.

Mr. Cotugno said the report would assess a needs analysis that would be uniform for city, county and state. He said the last comprehensive study was five years ago.

The Committee briefly discussed funding issues at the State level.

Vote: Councilors Van Bergen, McLain, Bauer, Devlin and Gardner voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

2. Resolution No. 91-1379, Endorsing a Position on the Surface  
Transportation Act Update of 1991.

Mr. Cotugno reported that the Federal Surface Transportation Act had been revised. He said Resolution No. 91-1379 would support the State of Oregon's position on the Act. He said one area could be made clearer and that was the distribution of funds between urban and rural areas.

Councilor Devlin noted the state's position differed from the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) position. He said also that there had been an allocation of \$15,000 for the lobbying of this issue and there had been no consortium to date to utilize the funds available.

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Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to recommend full Council adoption of Resolution No. 91-1379.

Vote: Councilors Devlin, McLain, Van Bergen, Devlin and Gardner voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

3. Resolution No. 91-1378, Endorsing Westside Corridor Project Implementation Measures.

Mr. Cotugno reported the resolution would endorse House Bill 2128 and 2296 and approve the intergovernmental agreement on the decision-making process.

Motion: Councilor Bauer moved to recommend full Council adoption of Resolution No. 91-1378.

Councilor Devlin discussed possible concerns on how adoption of this resolution could be perceived. He noted also Metro should be prepared for some opposition as a result of the resolution. Mr. Cotugno noted that the Westside Light Rail Project had met all requirements and was the result of past decisions. He noted that if approval was not made soon, funding levels would lower.

Councilor Van Bergen emphasized the importance of the unique qualities of the resolution. He noted this action did not represent "super siting" and the decision set no precedent.

Vote: Councilor Bauer, McLain, Van Bergen, Devlin and Gardner voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

4. Resolution No. 91-1388, Endorsing Principles Associated with DEQ's Comprehensive Emissions Fee Proposal.

Chair Gardner announced the Committee would not consider Resolution No. 91-1388 at this meeting but would review staff's reports.

Chair Gardner also noted the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation and the Bi-State Policy Advisory Committee were considering the issues.

Mr. Cotugno reported the resolution was related to legislation presented by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). He said the legislation presented had a charge with regard to polluters. He said the resolution would actively move from the regulatory attitude to a pro-active stance. He explained that Metro was involved in studies on the issue. He said that industry polluters would pay \$25 per ton in excess of legal air quality

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levels. He said the concept had been extended to agricultural (field burning) and wood stove burning, etc. He said concern had turned to automobile emissions. He indicated that revenues raised from fees would return to the program to develop preventative and clean-up measures. He said the way to assess these funds had not been defined, but said in Portland they were considering charging employers of over 100 persons that did not pay for parking, or, \$15 per employee.

Mr. Cotugno noted that the resolution did define approval in the BE IT RESOLVED Section of the resolution.

Councilor Van Bergen stated Joint Political Advisory Committee on Transportation noted issues of concern at their last meeting. He said the \$15 levied on employers would not be fair to areas without bus service. He indicated this could have an effect on where new businesses would locate. He said JPACT noted Clark County should be involved and terminology should not read Portland, but rather, the metropolitan area. He indicated he was in favor of deferring the issue to allow for further consideration of the issues.

Councilor Devlin stated his concerns centered on equity. He indicated employers with parking could benefit and those without might not. He noted the use of fee revenue was not defined. He said Metro needed to take a position because the issue was already before the legislature.

The Committee discussed the issues further. It was the consensus of the Committee to return Resolution No. 91-1388 to the Bi-State Political Advisory Committee and JPACT for their review.

5. Resolution No. 91-1368, Defining the Metropolitan Service District's Role in Emergency Management.

Don Rocks, Executive Assistant, explained Resolution No. 91-1368 was the result of a budget note which directed the Executive Officer to report on earthquake preparedness in the metropolitan area and make recommendations on an emergency plan. He indicated approval of the resolution required funding to implement the plan and the Executive Officer had listed funding under her departments budget proposal for FY 1991-92.

Mr. Rocks gave staff's report (a copy of which is filed with this meeting record). He elaborated on integration with the Regional Land Information System (RLIS). He indicated Metro should seriously consider the issue on a facility-by-facility level. He stated the resolution would emphasize participation rather than implementation.

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Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to discuss Resolution No. 91-1368 after budget items for FY 1991-92 passed.

Vote: Councilors Devlin, Bauer, Gardner, McLain and Van Bergen voted aye. The motion was unanimous and passed.

Chair Gardner adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Committee Clerk

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