

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

February 11, 1992
Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Richard Devlin (Chair), Susan McLain
(Vice Chair), and Roger Buchanan

Committee Members Absent: Larry Bauer and Jim Gardner

Chair Devlin called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. Presentation on forthcoming contracts for Land Use and
Environmental Planning Divisions

Pat Lee, Regional Planning Supervisor, summarized the staff report included in the agenda, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He noted there would be a reallocation of funds to extend the satellite imagery project for natural areas. Councilor McLain asked if this would create a budget amendment. Mr. Lee said it would be a line item transfer, not a budget amendment.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1563, For the Purpose of
Confirming Appointments to the Metropolitan Greenspaces Policy
Advisory Committee

Mr. Lee explained Resolution No. 92-1563 would replace citizen members on the Metropolitan Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC). He said Susan Lamb was recommended for appointment as a citizen representative and Edward Meece was recommended as an alternate.

Councilor Devlin noted there are two citizen positions with voting privileges. Mr. Lee said Dorothea Lensch was previously confirmed as the other citizen representative. He also explained that the alternates are allowed to participate without voting privileges.

Motion: Councilor Buchanan moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 92-1563.

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

5. Discussion of Westside Light Rail Accessibility Study

Andy Cotugno, Transportation Director, explained the Westside Light Rail project had final approval as designed. He said a need to re-access the handicapped accessibility existed because of the new changes associated with the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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Bob Pike, member of Tri-Met's Level Boarding Advisory Committee, testified about the various methods of handicap accessibility relating to rail. He said level boarding should be available for all people. He said the lifts currently used were not appropriate and the Eastside route was not in compliance with ADA requirements. He said "full-high platforms" were not viable. He said "mini-high platforms" were difficult to access. He said "low-high cars" were popular in Europe and were more efficient. He said the low-high cars were also popular with seniors with accessibility difficulties and parents using strollers. He said the Eastside track might require some modification to reduce technical functioning risks.

John Schumann, Senior Engineer with LTK Engineering Services, discussed the technical aspects of the various options, as outlined in the meeting agenda, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

The Committee discussed the options and favored a "friendlier" and standardized system. The Committee also discussed cost and safety factors. Mr. Schumann said the speed of the cars was comparable or superior to the existing cars and had a more comfortable ride.

3. Region 2040 Study Update - Final Scope of Work

Mark Turpel, Senior Regional Planner, distributed and summarized a handout, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He explained that Metro was funding one-half of the study, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) was funding one-quarter of the study, and Tri-Met was funding one-quarter of the study.

Councilor McLain referred to the blue handout explaining phase I of the study, stating it was not public friendly.

Chair Devlin asked about the study including three scenarios versus six scenarios and the implications of either option. Ethan Seltzer, Regional Planning Supervisor, said more alternatives were desirable. He explained the base model needed to be realistic, honest, and complete.

The Committee discussed the annual Growth Conference.

Chair Devlin recessed the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Chair Devlin reconvened the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

4. Housing Work Program Update

Mary Weber, Senior Regional Planner, distributed a revised timeline, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. She said an affordable housing cost analysis was underway. She said the next housing forum would be titled, "What is Fairshare?"

and it would be televised. Ms. Weber said the housing database was an ongoing project.

Ms. Weber noted there were "gaps" in the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategies (CHAS) reports. She said a \$25,000 contract to Portland State University (PSU), Center for Urban Studies, comparing the CHAS to jobs and housing, and establishing a method to examine housing demand was underway.

Councilor McLain asked what measures were used to define affordable housing. Ms. Weber said the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) standards were used.

Chair Devlin expressed some concerns about PSU being able to complete the project within the time-line. He also discussed system development fees as an impediment to housing.

6. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1559, For the Purpose of Endorsing Tri-Met Applications for Funding Under 1) Section 20, Human Resources Program, and 2) Section 16(B)(2)/Cigarette Tax, Special Transportation Discretionary Program

Mr. Cotugno summarized his staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Motion: Councilor McLain moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 92-1559.

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

7. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1561, For the Purpose of Providing the Assessment of Dues to Local Governments for FY 1992-93

Mr. Cotugno noted Resolution No. 92-1561 had no recommendation from the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC), the Regional Policy Advisory Committee (RPAC), or the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT).

Mr. Cotugno distributed a handout, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. The Committee discussed projects and their respective priorities and funding needs.

Chair Devlin noted this would be the final year Metro would be able to levy dues unless the State Legislature granted continuing authority.

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Chair Devlin deferred Resolution NO. 92-1561 to the next regular meeting of the Transportation and Planning Committee to allow for TPAC, RPAC, and JPACT consideration and recommendation.

8. Five Year Financial Plan - Transportation Planning Fund

Mr. Cotugno summarized the Transportation Planning Fund Five-Year Financial Plan, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

9. Discussion on TPAC Citizen Selection

Mr. Cotugno distributed and summarized a handout of TPAC applicants, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He noted six positions were available. He said two applicants, Vanderslice and Howell, were alternates and two applicants, O'Reilly and Oldham, were members. He said the new appointments should serve staggered terms to avoid having six vacancies arise at the same time.

Chair Devlin said he would form a sub-committee to attempt to narrow the applicants to twelve persons to interview.

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Devlin adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Clerk

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