

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

March 24, 1992

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Richard Devlin (Chair), Susan McLain
(Vice Chair), Lawrence Bauer, Roger
Buchanan, Jim Gardner

Committee Members Absent: None

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

1. Review of the Draft Bylaws for the Regional Citizen
Involvement Coordinating Committee (RCICC)

Betsy Bergstein, Senior Management Analyst, informed the Committee that the Regional Citizen Involvement Coordinating Committee (RCICC) had been working since October, 1991 to draft bylaws. She said the group was formed to meet Goal One, Objective One of the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives (RUGGO).

Mr. Bergstein introduced Jacqueline Thomas, Gail Cerveney, Peggy Lynch and Angel Olsen, who were working on the draft bylaws.

The Committee held a work session to discuss the bylaws. The focus of the bylaws drafting group was to establish a process for citizen participation in RUGGO, not policy. The Committee also discussed staffing of the RCICC and member selection.

Molly O'Reilly, 1414 NW 53rd, Portland, testified, noting the City of Portland was active in the group, not just Multnomah County. Councilor Bauer asked if the City of Beaverton was active, as well as Washington County. Ms. Lynch answered, Beaverton, Lake Oswego, Gresham, and other larger cities were active in the group.

2. Transportation Policy Advisory Committee - Finalist Interviews

Chair Devlin said fifty-eight applications were received to fill the six Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) citizen vacancies. He said a sub-committee of the Transportation and Planning Committee, consisting of Roger Buchanan, Andy Cotugno (Transportation Director), and himself narrowed the list of applicants to be interviewed to seventeen persons. He noted applicants for interviews included the following five interest areas: handicapped interest; environmental concerns; transit/rail concerns; bike and pedestrian concerns; trucking representation; and industry representation. He said geographical balance was also desirable.

Chair Devlin then indicated the interviews would proceed and asked applicants to limit their testimony to approximately three minutes.

Councilor Buchanan asked each applicant to indicate the extent of their use of public transportation in their testimony.

Rex Burkholder distributed a handout explaining the nature of his bicycle interest group, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He said he was an advisory member to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) on bicycle issues. His primary method of transportation was a bicycle.

Michael Robinson said he was active in city planning and was an attorney. He said he was interested in proper land use. He said he also had a specific interest in rail transportation. He noted he had the time to commit to the Committee and the interest. He indicated he was a former transit user, but it is not practical at this time, due to day-care complications.

Ron Correnti, said he had twenty years of management experience in the parcel business, specifically engineering. He said he was a thirteen year resident of the area. He indicated he participated in the Title 16 project, rewriting the parking code for the City of Portland. He said he had transit, safety, and environmental interests as they relate to transportation. He indicated his family members used transit daily, but he was not able to due to the location of his employment.

Jim Howell said he was a Northeast Portland resident and was interested in transit alternatives to highway building. He said he was an architect/planner and was employed eight years with Tri-Met and five years as the owner of a bus company. He said he was an active citizen committee participant. He indicated he did not use transit because he worked out of his home, but his spouse used it.

Karen Krone said she was a Northeast Portland resident. She said she was on the City Club Parking Committee. She said she lived in Orange County, California for five years and hoped Portland would avoid the transportation problems experienced in California. She said she was interested in reducing vehicle miles travelled. She indicated she was a light rail user.

Gordon Hunter said he held a Master Degree in Political Science. He said he was interested in maintaining liveability of the region and felt transportation had a major impact. He encouraged reduction of traffic and cited Seattle as an example of congestion. He said he supported mass and alternative transit and wanted to participate in solving transportation problems in the region. He indicated he used the park and ride system.

Bill Miller said he served on many transportation committees. He said he was on the Tri-Met Americans with Disabilities Act Advisory

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Committee. He said he used the Tri-Met system four hours daily. He said his interest was in promoting accessible transportation.

Greg Oldham said he was a four year TPAC member. He said he served on the former City Club Committee on Transportation. He said he was interested in continuing transportation and land use planning. He said he was a private attorney and was not associated with any conflicting body. He said he supported transit and trucking. He said the bus system was not accessible to his home, but used it in the downtown area.

Molly O'Reilly said she served two years on the TPAC Committee and attended the Committee for a year prior to her appointment. She said her interest in transportation was inspired with the proposal of the Mt. Hood Highway project that was ultimately aborted. She said she was a very active member of TPAC, attending nearly every meeting including meetings of the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT). She said she was the president of Sensible Transportation Options for People (STOP). She gave her prior employment history. She indicated she rode a bicycle, used park and ride, max and car-pooled.

Chair Devlin recessed the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Chair Devlin reconvened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Richard Buono said he was a real estate developer, primarily industrial property. He said he supported public transportation and was a former transit user. He said he had an interest in economic development and business as it relates to transportation.

Dapo Sabomehin said he served on Metro's Budget Advisory Committee for two years. He said he had familiarity with Metro. He said he held a Ph.D. in Political Science and formerly worked for the City of Portland Human Relations Commission. He said he operated a youth program in North/Northeast Portland and worked with Tri-Met to provide transportation for the program participants. He indicated he and his family used transit daily.

Ellen Vanderslice said she was an alternate TPAC member to Molly O'Reilly for sixteen months. She said the transportation plan was at a critical juncture. She said she was an architect apprentice. She said she was interested in the impact of transportation on urban form. She said she was a co-founder of the Willamette Pedestrian Coalition. She said she walks to work and uses transit for other purposes.

Frank Ward said he was a former transit user in California. He said he would like to see more light rail in Portland. He said his firm was associated with the I-84, I-5 and downtown transit mall construction.

Sterling Williams said he was a Portland resident since 1986. He said he hasn't driven since 1985 and was interested in accessibility.

Applicants Libbi Albright, Michael Meredith, and Gary Miner did not appear to testify.

Chair Devlin asked the Committee to cast their ballots.

Chair Devlin recessed the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Chair Devlin reconvened the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

3. Work Session to Consider TPAC Finalists

The Committee voted to forward the following applicants to the full Council for approval of their appointment to TPAC: Sterling Williams, Ronald Correnti, Gordon Hunter, Molly O'Reilly, Michael Robinson, and Dapo Sabomehin. A summary of the voting record of the Committee Members is attached to these minutes and a copy is included in the record of this meeting.

4. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1575, For the Purpose of Approving FY 1993 Unified Work Program

Mr. Cotugno said this Resolution was before the Committee at the last regular meeting of the Committee. He said three issues were discussed, 1) when and how to initiate the I-5/I-205/Milwaukee Corridor study, 2) the spending of the I-205 buslane funds, and 3) the Unified Work Program (UWP) itself. He noted a summary of the Council and staff actions related to the I-5/I-205/Milwaukee issue had been prepared and distributed to the Councilors, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Motion: Councilor McLain moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 92-1575.

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

5. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1595, For the Purpose of Supporting Nomination of the Columbia River into the National Estuary Program

Chair Devlin noted the issue of nominating the Columbia River into the National Estuary Program (NEP) was considered by the Governor Goldsmidt, of Oregon and Governor Gardner of Washington two years ago. He said they did not support the nomination at that time. He said a new opportunity existed to accept three more areas into the federal program at this time.

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Rosemary Furfey, Associate Management Analyst, presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. She said the NEP was a broader program than the existing Bi-State Program funded jointly by Oregon and Washington. She said the NEP would provide \$350,000 to \$1 million in funding. She noted the program was not a regulatory program.

Councilor Bauer noted he recalled support of the nomination two years ago at the Bi-State Committee meeting. Ms. Furfey noted the Port of Portland opposed the election.

Motion: Councilor Bauer moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 92-1595.

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

Chair Devlin adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Clerk

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