

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

April 1, 1992

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Richard Devlin (Chair), Susan McLain (Vice Chair), Larry Bauer, Roger Buchanan, Ed Washington

Committee Members Absent: None

Chair Devlin called the special meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

1. Work Session to Discuss FY 1992-93 Proposed Budget

Staff Present: Andy Cotugno, Transportation Director; and Ethan Seltzer, Regional Planning Supervisor.

The Committee held a work session to discuss the FY 1992-93 Proposed Budget.

The Committee and staff expressed concern about the level of funding for the Region 2040 study. The Committee discussed the staffing of the Regional Citizen Involvement Coordinating Committee (RCICC). The Committee discussed the feasibility of receiving the economic development grant. Mr. Cotugno discussed what the results of a vehicle registration tax might be for the Transportation Department. Councilors McLain and Bauer expressed concerns about the elimination of the housing program.

2. Recommendations to the Budget Committee

No specific recommendations were made at this meeting.

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1598, For the Purpose of Finalizing the Westside Light Rail Transit Funding Program

Mr. Cotugno presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He noted Resolution No. 92-1598A was distributed and contained minor changes. He said resolution would finalize the seventy five percent funding of the Westside Light Rail project with the federal government.

Chair Devlin said he supported the resolution, noting it was a complicated funding package.

Councilor Bauer asked if there was assurance from other parties for their share of the funding. Mr. Cotugno said no assurance from the federal government has been received. He said items three, four and five on the first page of his staff report were secured. He said items six, seven, and eight of the first page of his staff report were likely to be received, but not yet confirmed.

Councilor Washington asked if the project could fall apart. Mr. Cotugno said no, but it could be reduced. Councilor Washington asked which funds were specifically at risk. Mr. Cotugno said items seven, eight, nine, and ten on the first page of his staff report were at the greatest risk. He said item eight was likely to be received. He said item nine included use of "low floor cars" on the project and increased handicap accessibility and the federal government was interested in this part of the project, thus a reasonable chance existed for funding of this portion. He said item ten was the least likely to be funded.

Motion: Councilor McLain moved to recommend full Council adoption of Resolution No. 92-1598A.

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

Chair Devlin excused himself from the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Vice Chair McLain continued the meeting.

4. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1602, For the Purpose of Making Citizen Appointments to the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

Motion: Councilor Bauer moved to recommend full Council adoption of Resolution No. 92-1602.

Councilor McLain asked if the terms would be staggered. Mr. Cotugno said the individuals representing the trucking industry and accessibility issues would serve a three year term. He said this decision was based on the difficulty to fill those interest groups.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, McLain, and Devlin voted aye. Councilors Buchanan and Devlin were absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Unscheduled agenda item: Tri-Met Merger Study

Betsy Bergstein, Senior Management Analyst, reported that the General Manager of Tri-Met requested Metro to delay the Tri-Met Merger Study until the full funding issue had been resolved.

Councilor Bauer asked if the Executive Officer had commented on the issue. Ms. Bergstein said the Executive Officer was out of the office on business, but she would discuss the matter with the Executive Officer upon her return. Councilor Bauer said if proceeding with the study would affect the Westside Light Rail project then he supported using caution about proceeding with the Tri-Met Merger Study.

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Bruce Warner, Washington County, testified, expressing his concerns about proceeding with the Tri-Met Merger Study. He said he recommended the Committee wait until the full funding agreement was received.

Councilor McLain asked that an update on the Request for Proposal (RFP) to Portland State University related to housing be provided to the Council.

With no further information before the Committee, Vice Chair McLain adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Clerk

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