

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

May 26, 1992
Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Absent: None

Chair Devlin called the regular meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the May 12, 1992 Transportation and Planning Committee

Motion: Councilor Buchanan moved to approve the May 12, 1992 Transportation and Planning Committee minutes.

Vote: Councilors Devlin, McLain, Bauer, and Buchanan voted aye. Councilor Washington was absent. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were adopted.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1610, Establishing the TPAC Transportation Demand Management Subcommittee

Mike Hoglund, Transportation Planning Supervisor, presented the staff report. Mr. Hoglund Resolution No. 92-1610 was necessary because of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Demand Management work group had requested a subcommittee on Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and a Demand Management study was proposed in the Metro budget.

Mr. Hoglund summarized the background of the TDM activities, the purpose, and participants of the TDM Subcommittee as outlined in the staff report.

Motion: Councilor McLain moved to recommend full Council adoption of Resolution No. 92-1610.

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

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1617, Adopting a Position on Highway Bridge Replacement Funds

Mr. Hoglund said Resolution No. 92-1617 would ask the State to recognize the importance of maintaining and replacing the Willamette River Bridges. He read the eight proposed actions of the resolution, as stated in the staff report, a copy of

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which is included in the record of this meeting. He said the general purpose of the Resolution was to elevate the priority of the Willamette River Bridges in the Federal Highway Bridge Replacement Program. He discussed the expense of the replacements as outlined in the staff report. He said ODOT previously ranked the bridges in the top five in terms of priority. He said due to a new ranking criteria, the new ODOT Six-Year Program will lower the priority of the bridges.

Councilor McLain noted the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) had discussed the issue. She said there was some resistance from the State of Oregon. She said the Willamette Bridges have additional population and a greater need for attention.

Councilor Bauer asked if the resolution was approved, whether it would reduce funding for other areas of the State. Mr. Hoglund said it would.

Motion: Councilor McLain moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 92-1617.

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

4. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1621, Releasing a Request for Proposals for Biological Monitoring in Smith and Bybee Lakes Management Area and Allowing Executive Officer to Execute the Contract

Jim Morgan, Senior Regional Planner, presented the staff report. He reviewed the acquisition history of the Smith and Bybee Lakes Management area. He said part of the acquisition agreement required Metro to monitor environmental changes occurring at the 2,000 acre site. He noted environmental changes over the next year, including closure of the landfill and control of the water levels, would require attention.

Mr. Morgan said a baseline assessment needed to occur prior to implementation of the proposed projects in the area.

Mr. Morgan noted the Smith and Bybee Lakes Management Committee approved the Request for Proposal (RFP). He noted an educational component was included. He said area junior high and high schools would utilize the area as an outdoor laboratory.

Mr. Morgan said a request to allow the Executive Officer to execute the contract was included because timing was imperative.

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Councilor Bauer asked if the item was budgeted. Mr. Morgan said it was budgeted as part of the Smith and Bybee Lakes Trust Fund account.

Motion: Councilor Bauer moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 92-1621.

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

5. Quarterly Reports - FY 1991-92 Third Quarter - Planning Department

Chair Devlin removed item 5 from the agenda.

6. Informational Briefing: Funding Priorities for the Greenspaces Bond Measure

Pat Lee, Regional Planning Supervisor, introduced Dean Bolen, President, Intercept Research Corporation. Mr. Bolen summarized a telephone survey indicating support of the Greenspaces bond measure, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Chair Devlin recessed the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Chair Devlin reconvened the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Lee distributed proposed program uses for the bond measure, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting.

The Committee discussed the proposed scenarios.

Chair Devlin said discussions at the Greenspaces Policy Advisory and Technical Advisory Committees included acquisition approaches. He said emphasis was made to purchase parcels from willing sellers whenever possible. The Committee discussed this policy issue and concurred that it was the most appropriate.

Douglas Bollam, Lake Oswego Citizen, appeared to testify. He expressed concerns about the use of eminent domain by Metro to acquire property. Chair Devlin advised him that Metro would prefer to work with willing sellers, but that there may be a circumstance where eminent domain would need to be used. Mr. Bollam said he supported the program. He said he had some concerns that some people are insensitive to the environment and would like the program to preserve land, including forested areas.

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Councilor Bauer asked how the program would be promoted. Chair Devlin noted there was money budgeted in Election Expenses to cover promotion of the program.

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Devlin adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Lee".

Susan Lee
Committee Clerk

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