

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

June 9, 1992
Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Absent: Lawrence Bauer

Other Councilors Present: Jim Gardner

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

1. Overview of Tri-Met Strategic Plan

Tom Walsh, Tri-Met General Manager, presented Tri-Met's Strategic Plan. He summarized the document included in the record of this meeting. He said the document was a draft and Tri-Met would be requesting public comment.

The Committee discussed the contents of the plan. Mr. Walsh noted two major issues were not addressed in the plan; the possible Tri-Met merger and personnel issues.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1625, Endorsing City of Portland and Tri-Met Applications for FHWA/FTA Urban Mobility Grant Funds

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, presented the staff report. He said Metro as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was responsible for approving the forwarding of the application for Urban Mobility Grant Funds to the Federal Highway Administration.

Motion: Susan McLain moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 92-1625.

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

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1626, Establishing the Region's Priority Transportation Enhancement Program Projects

Mr. Cotugno presented the staff report. He said this was the first project under the flexible funding category created by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). He said the transportation enhancement funds were specifically made available for bike bath projects, historic preservation projects, scenic easements, wetlands preservation, and a variety of other environmental mitigation type of projects.

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He said Metro had no experience in evaluating these types of projects. He said Metro had no experience in soliciting for these types of projects with the exception of bike paths.

He said in March Metro adopted and submitted to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) comments on the Six-Year program. He said the comments asked ODOT to consider three things relative to funding flexibility. He said they asked: 1) if ODOT planned to spend transportation enhancement funds, Metro be allowed to submit proposals; 2) if ODOT planned to spend Air Quality funds, that Metro be permitted to submit proposals; and 3) if ODOT programmed the major categorize of funds including the National Highway System and Surface Transportation Program for new highway projects that the projects be "flagged" for possible substitution.

Mr. Cotugno said the list of projects for Enhancement Funds was the first in response to these requests. He said a parallel process was used for Air Quality funds and would be before the Committee in July. He said he did not expect many projects to be "flagged".

Mr. Cotugno said ODOT indicated they do not plan to spend all of the Enhancement Fund money until they set up a state-wide process. He said Metro recommended that they spend two years of funding until the process was established.

Mr. Cotugno said the staff report explained the ranking process utilized by Metro. He said two lists were included in the resolution. He said the first list would be used if a two year plan was allowed and another list in the event all moneys are allocated.

Councilor McLain asked about the points assigned to the projects. Mr. Cotugno said when projects qualified for more than one category of funding, then bonus points were allocated.

Councilor Devlin said if ODOT withholds funds until the state-wide process was adopted then Metro will have to re-examine this issue. Mr. Cotugno said it was probable that they would release two years of funding.

Motion: Councilor McLain moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 92-1626.

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

4. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1618, Modifying Contract with EcoNorthwest (Region 2040)

Mr. Cotugno presented the staff report. He said Resolution No. 92-1618 would amend the contract with EcoNorthwest to include \$60,000 in funds received from Portland General Electric (PGE) for the Region 2040 Study. He said the department was in the process of soliciting corporate funds. He said PGE donated \$40,000 of in-kinds services and \$20,000 in cash contributions. He said the contract was increased from \$280,000 to \$300,000 to reflect the cash contribution.

Mr. Cotugno said future amendments may be forthcoming. He said the department hoped additional contributions will be made by various corporations.

Councilor McLain expressed a concern about adding alternatives. She said she would prefer to see four complete alternatives and not six incomplete alternatives. Mr. Cotugno clarified that a minimum of four alternatives would be presented. He said they hope to add more as funding permits.

Mr. Cotugno noted that an amended version was distributed, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He said the amendment changed the wording in the be it resolved item two to read as follows:

That the Metro Council hereby authorizes the Transportation and Planning Committee to amend the total amount for this contract to incorporate additional revenue [~~non-exercise tax~~] sources [~~of funding~~] as long as the department has sufficient expenditure authority, or to refer such amendments to the full Council for its consideration should the Committee fail to reach agreement.

Motion: Councilor Washington moved to recommend full Council adopt Resolution No. 92-1618.

Motion to Amend: Councilor McLain moved to amend Resolution No. 92-1618 as recommended by staff and stated above.

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

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

5. Quarterly Reports - FY 91-92 -Third Quarter - Planning Department

Mr. Cotugno presented the Third Quarter Reports for the Planning Department, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Councilor McLain expressed concerns about the elimination of the Housing Program.

Mr. Cotugno noted that the Economic Development Program received a \$30,000 grant for the current fiscal year and would reapply next year for additional funding.

6. Contract List Designations for FY 1992-93 Budget

Chair Devlin reviewed the Metro policy for contract designation. He said "A" contracts would be reviewed by Committee, while "B" contracts would not be reviewed.

Mr. Cotugno reviewed the contract list and proposed designations. The Committee held discussion about the contracts.

Motion: Councilor McLain moved to forward the FY 1992-93 contract designation recommendations to the Finance Committee for inclusion in the FY 1992-93 Budget.

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

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Devlin adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Clerk