

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

November 10, 1992
Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Richard Devlin (Chair), Susan McLain
(Vice Chair), Terry Moore, Ed
Washington

Committee Members Absent: Roger Buchanan

Other Councilors Present: none

Chair Devlin called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the August 11, 1992
Transportation and Planning Committee

Motion: Councilor Washington moved to recommend approval of
the minutes as written.

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

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1704, Authorizing an
exemption to Metro Code Chapter 2.04.41(c), Competitive
Bidding Procedures, and Authorizing a Sole-Source Contract
with Oregon Graduate Institute of Science and Technology for
Coordination of the Second Year of Metropolitan Greenspaces
Education Program, The Green City Data Project

Pat Lee, Regional Planning Supervisor, presented the staff report. He said the project utilized students in Saturday Academy to complete field inventory work for the Greenspaces program. He discussed the activities of the project last year. He noted this year's project utilized \$20,000 in funds that would be matched by Saturday Academy.

Councilor Moore asked the duration of the contract. Mr. Lee noted the project would continue through June of 1993. Councilor Moore asked if Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District (THPRD) was active. Mr. Lee said they were not in this project. Councilor Moore asked if outreach was done. Mr. Lee said it was not. Councilor Moore offered her assistance in outreach efforts.

Councilor Washington asked how the students and schools were chosen for the projects. Mr. Lee said Saturday Academy participants identified projects they were interested in. Councilor Washington requested schools in North/Northeast Portland be contacted to be included in the project.

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Motion: Councilor Moore moved to recommend full Council adoption of the resolution including the termination date of the contract.

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

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1705, Authorizing an Exemption to Metro Code Chapter 2.04.041(c) - Competitive Bidding Procedures, and Authorizing a Sole-Source Contract with the Urban Streams Council of the Wetlands Conservancy to provide Technical Assistance to Metro on the Greenspaces Restoration and Enhancement Grants Program

Mel Huie, Senior Regional Planner, presented the staff report. He said restoration of natural areas was a priority of the Greenspaces program.

He noted technical assistance would be provided ongoing. He said the Urban Streams Council was particularly qualified to complete the contract. He noted public outreach would be forthcoming.

Chair Devlin noted a lack of projects were conducted in North/Northeast Portland. He said a specific request was made for the contractor to target the area.

Councilor Moore noted the timeliness of the project with the Albina Plan. She said the slough area would be a good project for enhancement. She requested a time be identified in this contract as well. Mr. Huie noted it was a multi-year contract.

In response to a question from Councilor Moore, Mr. Huie discussed the eradication of reed canary grass and blackberries through chemical methods. He noted Metro did not favor chemical eradication, but might not have the ability to prevent the use of chemicals. He said excavation and burning methods were being discussed.

Councilor Washington expressed strong interest in the Greenspaces Program. He noted the sloughs needed restoration and enhancement and should be targeted for future projects. He requested a tour and continued updates.

Councilor McLain asked if promotion efforts were identified in the project. Mr. Huie said each project included media events and technical support was provided to encourage promotion of the projects.

Motion: Councilor McLain moved to recommend full Council adoption of the resolution and to include a contract completion date.

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

4. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1695, Adopting the Recreation Master Plan for Smith and Bybee Lakes Management Area

Jim Morgan, Senior Regional Planner, presented the staff report. He highlighted the changes to the plan brought about by the last meeting of the Committee.

Mr. Morgan noted page 24 identified public access of the St. John's Landfill might occur as early as 1996 via a perimeter trail. He noted the material to be used in construction of all primary and secondary trails was identified as "hard surface material."

Councilor McLain questioned the difference between primary and secondary trails. Mr. Morgan noted the material might differ but would remain a hard surface. Councilor Moore noted special trails not accessible to ADA standards might still exist.

Councilor Moore noted page 24, last sentence in second to last paragraph should except special trails from hard surface material requirements. The intent was to allow only certain special trails in very environmentally sensitive areas to be constructed with a non-hard surface material.

Mr. Morgan discussed the remaining changes in trail surfaces. He noted all references to crushed rock would be changes to hard surface materials. He noted a change in the width of the Smith Lake Spur Trail and Smith Channel Spur Trail from three feet to five feet were included.

Councilor Moore questioned the use of asphalt for an entrance road. Mr. Morgan said asphalt was used in determining cost figures. He said the fire department did not identify a requirement. He said the intent was not to require an asphalt road, but to meet regulations. He said his preference was not to use asphalt. He said the issue would be resolved in the permit process. He indicated he would change the language from asphalt to hard surface.

Motion: Councilor Washington moved to recommend full Council adoption of the resolution with amendments discussed at Committee.

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

Chair Devlin recessed the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Chair Devlin reconvened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

5. Status Report - Recommendations of Governor's Task Force on Motor Vehicle Emission Reductions

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, presented the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on motor vehicle emission reductions. He noted House Bill 2175 required the task force recommendations. He said Metro was involved because Metro has responsibility for adopting the operation of the transportation system. He noted Metro has been involved in air quality for fifteen years. He noted the Metro area has not met attainment in the areas of carbon monoxide and ozone.

Mr. Cotugno discussed the history of air quality in the region. He said industry was a major pollution contributor in the past; while auto emissions were major contributors to pollution today. He noted industry requirements were required to be most effective regardless of cost. He said industry polluters were required to meet rigorous pollution standards. In response to a question from Councilor Moore, Mr. Cotugno said examples of industry polluters include print shops, dry cleaners, and high tech firms such as Intel and Tektronics. He explained ozone results from solvents and carbon dioxide results from combustion.

Mr. Cotugno discussed the composition of the task force. He referred to page five of his memorandum and summarized table one, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He explained table two on page six as a contingency plan.

Mr. Cotugno explained the State Legislature would have to require enactment of the recommendations.

Councilor Moore discussed the use of parking fees. Mr. Cotugno said parking was a hotly debated issue at the task force meetings. Councilor Moore favored the use of parking regulations.

Jim Howell, 3325 NE 45th, appeared to testify. He discussed the use of a gas tax. He noted a constitutional restriction was attached to the gas tax. He said an amendment would be necessary. He stated other activity would occur if a vehicle registration tax was imposed. He said people might register their vehicle outside the district or disconnect their odometer.

Councilor Moore asked staff to investigate the use of planting trees as an additional means to offset hydrocarbons.

Councilor Washington questioned who would represent Metro at the Legislature. Mr. Cotugno stated he would attend hearings. He said during the session, the lobbyist would represent Metro's position.

The Committee discussed the vehicle emission tax. Mr. Cotugno noted the recommendation to use an emission tax was made without the understanding that it would be constitutionally restricted to highway maintenance and construction. He stated if the tax were implemented, a constitutional amendment would be sought.

6. Status Report - Transportation Funding Programs

Mr. Cotugno discussed the transportation funding programs. He said the Oregon Transportation Plan and the Roads Finance Study was discussing financing for a multi-modal state-wide system of transportation.

Mr. Cotugno summarized the regional Transportation Funding material included in the record of this meeting.

Mr. Howell again expressed his interest in utilizing the gas tax to fund transportation programs.

The Committee discussed rail transit alternatives.

7. Work Session - Region 2040

The Committee held a work session to discuss the Region 2040 Study. Staff Present: Andy Cotugno, Ken Gervais, Mary Webber, and Mark Turpel.

Mr. Turpel distributed a handout, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Ken McFarling, 7417 SE 20th Ave., appeared to testify. He discussed the reliance of the automobile as it related to lack of viable alternatives. He discussed environmental expenses created by the automobile. He spoke to the space required for transportation and sought better utilization of existing space. He said a great deal of emphasis was placed on the expense of alternative transportation. He noted automobiles do not pay for the roads.

Fred Nussbaum, 2614 NE 43, appeared to testify with Mr. Howell to testify. Mr. Nussbaum summarized a handout of his testimony, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He

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discussed the alternatives presented for consideration in the Region 2040 Study.

Mr. Howell stated an alternative D should be development that assumes reduction in the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), increased transit, and most importantly, cessation of highway construction combined with a downsizing of the existing systems.

Ray Polani, 6110 SE Ankeny, appeared to testify. He supported the alternative presented by Mr. Nussbaum and Mr. Howell. He discussed a study entitled Winning Back the Cities. He quoted research by the authors of the study. He discussed errors in the assumptions of the Region 2040 Study.

Councilor McLain noted the consensus was to increase multi-modal options for transportation. She noted funding was not available to implement all of the ideas.

Mr. Cotugno discussed the proposed schedule. The Committee scheduled discussion of the Region 2040 Study at the December 14, 1992 meeting of the Transportation and Planning Committee.

8. Quarterly Report - Planning Department, First Quarter Report

Chair Devlin deferred discussion of item eight to a future meeting of the Committee.

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Devlin adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Clerk

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