

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

November 18, 1992
Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Absent: none

Other Councilors Present: none

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

1. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1711, Suspending
Negotiations with Tri-Met Regarding Development of a Joint
Work Program to Study Potential of a Transfer of Tri-Met to
Metro and Expressing Intent of the Council Regarding Future
Study of the Issue

Chair Devlin summarized the need for the resolution. He said the resolution was to follow through on the intent of the Council at the last retreat. He noted the resolution suspends the negotiations with Tri-Met. He said Metro and Tri-Met agreed to disagree. He said the process established in Resolution 90-1361 would be reinstated. He noted that process allowed the Council to proceed with a study when they determine a necessity. He said any study would follow the Charter provisions. He stated that in December the Council will consider when to proceed with a work plan.

Chair Devlin noted the resolution discussed the past history of discussions with Tri-Met. He said the issue of a merger was discussed many times.

Councilor McLain clarified that the resolution would keep the option open for future merger discussions. She asked if studies would be conducted jointly. Chair Devlin said while issues of timing and budget were agreed upon in discussions with Tri-Met; agreement was not made on who would decide a merger would occur. He noted the Charter would require the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) be included in the merger discussions. He said Tri-Met was not required to be included in the discussions.

Councilor Moore asked if it was necessary to suspend the negotiations. Chair Devlin said the negotiations had stagnated and further negotiations would not be worthwhile.

Councilor McLain asked if a work plan was in place. Chair Devlin said no work plan was adopted.

Councilor Moore asked if the resolution would be interpreted as the initial step in a take-over. Councilor Devlin said no. He said the resolution would return the Council to their position as of December 1990. Councilor Moore requested that the record reflect the intent of the resolution was not to initiate a take-over. Chair Devlin said a work program and plan may be decided at a later date.

Councilor Washington noted a take-over was not intended. He said the issue was that of a merger. He noted Metro had the authority to merge Tri-Met into Metro. Chair Devlin noted the Charter allowed for the Council to merge without an emergency clause. He noted a 90 day effective period would be allowed and the issue could be forwarded to the voters in that ninety day period.

The Committee noted a correction to page two, September 1971 should read September 1991.

Motion: Councilor Buchanan moved to recommend full Council adoption of the resolution.

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

2. Five Year Planning Process, Phase II - Planning Department

Chair Devlin noted the Finance Department delayed the requirement for discussion of the item until December. He deferred the item to the first meeting in December.

3. First Quarter Report - Planning Department

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, distributed and summarized the Planning Department First Quarter Report. He discussed the overview section of the report.

Councilor McLain discussed the need for an exchange of information regarding population forecasts between Metro and local jurisdictions.

Councilor Washington asked about the leaf compost system. Pat Lee, Regional Planning Supervisor, said a composted by-product of leaf litter was placed in a drain to filter pollutants out of the water. He noted the project was experimental in nature and was being explored in a demonstration grant.

Mr. Cotugno summarized the Transportation Department First Quarter Report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

The Committee discussed light rail funding. Mr. Cotugno explained the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process.

Chair Devlin recessed the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Chair Devlin reconvened the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

4. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1712, Designating the Regional Growth Concepts to be Evaluated in Phase II of the Region 2040 Project

Chair Devlin noted this item was a work session to discuss the resolution.

Staff distributed an engrossed copy of 92-1712, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

The Committee held a work session to discuss the resolution. Staff present: Mr. Cotugno; Mark Turpel, Senior Regional Planner; Ken Gervais, Senior Management Analyst; Ellen Lanier-Phelps, Senior Regional Planner.

Mr. Cotugno discussed the staff recommendations discussed in the engrossed copy of 92-1712. He noted the options were not permanent and the Council may change or add options.

Chair Devlin opened the public hearing.

Jim Howell, 3325 NE 45th, Portland, appeared to testify. Mr. Howell spoke to concept "B" of the draft resolution. He noted concept "B" was contained in the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). He wanted the concept to be strengthened by stating the intent was to maintain or reduce the UGB. He wanted a reduction to be an option that might be examined. Chair Devlin noted that by removing land from the UGB the value of the land might be reduced.

Mr. Howell spoke to the sixth whereas. He said he did not agree with setting a minimum standard. He said Exhibit "A", Concept "C" should remove item three. He said the highway system element was not included in concept "B" and should not be included in only one concept.

Mr. Cotugno noted the issues discussed by Mr. Howell were appropriate amendments for the Committee to discuss. Chair Devlin said the issue of reducing the UGB would be taken back to JPACT and the Regional Policy Advisory Committee (RPAC).

Mr. Cotugno noted the intent of the sixth whereas, was to allow for other standards to be added for consideration. He said the

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freeway/highway approach should be included in both options "B" and "C".

No other citizens appeared to testify. Chair Devlin closed the public hearing.

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Devlin adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Lee".

Susan Lee
Committee Recorder

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