

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

November 25, 1991

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Chair Jim Gardner, Vice Chair
Richard Devlin, Susan McLain and
George Van Bergen

Committee Members Absent: Larry Bauer

Other Councilors Present: Sandi Hansen

Chair Gardner called the regular meeting (held on Monday because of holiday schedule) to order at 6:10 p.m.

1. Informational Presentation on Tri-Met Level Boarding Study

Jan Schaeffer, Tri-Met Westside Coordination Office, distributed materials (filed with the record of this meeting) on the MAX Access Study Team, MAX Access Study and meetings. Ms. Schaeffer gave a brief overview of the Tri-Met Level Boarding Study.

Ms. Schaeffer introduced John Schumann, LTK Engineering, who gave a slide show presentation on level boarding options, their history and European technology.

The Committee briefly discussed the study and funding considerations related to the American Disabilities Act and other federal legislation. Chair Gardner thanked Ms. Schaeffer and Mr. Schumann for their presentation.

2. Ordinance No. 91-421A, For the Purpose of Amending the Regional Waste Water Management Plan and Authorizing the Executive Officer to Submit It for Recertification (Public Hearing)

Pat Lee, Regional Planning Supervisor, gave staff's report. He explained Metro solicited input annually from all metropolitan sewer purveyors to see if they had changes to their treatment and/or collection plans that should be integrated into the Regional Wastewater Management Plan (208 Plan). He said the 208 Plan identified the responsibilities for sewage treatment and collection within the region and was reviewed by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) when distributing federal capital funds for improvements. He said this year's plan update involved only one minor change related to the City of Tigard's expansion of its city boundaries through annexation, thus taking over collection responsibilities in the new areas, and leading to a necessary map amendment.

Councilor McLain asked for an update on the Water Resources Policy Advisory Committee (WRPAC) meeting held November 21. Mr. Lee said the major item discussed was the Portland Water Bureau's report on their water demand, supply and conservation studies. He said the City of Portland would develop draft plans for each of those areas and hoped to synthesize those plans into a report to be available January 1992. He said those plans would help to identify long-term water storage options and conservation programs. He noted the City had to request voluntary citizen water conservation in October. He said a second item reviewed at the meeting were the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives (RUGGOS), particularly on how WRPAC would relay its decisions directly to the Regional Policy Advisory Committee (RPAC) rather than the Metro Council. He said the third item was a report by Rosemary Furfey, Associate Management Analyst, on her pending water quality report and said she had established a small working group to review four primary issues: 1) water quality limited streams; 2) wetlands management; 3) stormwater/surface water management strategies; and 4) groundwater management. He said Ms. Furfey would work with WRPAC representatives/designees to compile a report to the Council that would include policy recommendations with regard to Metro's future areas of involvement in water quality areas. He said dependent on the progress of the working group, the Council could review the report in January or February of 1992.

Mr. Lee noted also of interest at the November 21 WRPAC meeting, Metro staff distributed a research report compiled on the roles of various state agencies involved in water resources management. He said Metro staff were reviewing the roles of state agencies and how Metro's efforts complemented the work of state agencies involved in water policy.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to recommend the full Council adopt Ordinance No. 91-421A.

Councilor Van Bergen asked if the Regional Land Information System (RLIS) could give details on water phosphorous levels now and two years from now. Mr. Lee said RLIS did not evaluate phosphorous levels to-date, but noted since Metro imposed its phosphorous ban, the Unified Sewerage Agency had reported a 20-25 percent reduction in phosphorous effluent treated for discharge.

Chair Gardner opened the public hearing.

Katie Bretsch, City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, testified her office received no notice of this meeting and requested they receive adequate notice in the future. She asked if the City of Portland's comments were included in the ordinance.

Karla Forsythe, Council Analyst, regretted the lack of notice. Chair Gardner asked if the City of Portland had been allowed to comment on the ordinance at the appropriate opportunity. Mr. Lee said Metro staff requested revisions from all involved jurisdictions in either April or May of each year. He said the City of Portland was on the jurisdiction list and noted WRPAC considered the ordinance July 31 and that no changes were made to it since then except for the clarification of procedural language inserted by Ms. Forsythe which turned the ordinance into an "A" version.

Councilor McLain stated for the record as issues/procedures related to RUGGOS became more formalized, more groups should be notified.

Chair Gardner asked if any other citizens present wished to testify. No other persons appeared to testify and the public hearing was closed.

Vote: Councilors Devlin, McLain, Van Bergen and Gardner voted aye. Councilor Bauer was absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

3. Metropolitan Greenspaces: Draft Master Plan Outline

Mel Huie, Senior Regional Planner, gave staff's report. He explained the Greenspaces Master Plan would be Metro's guiding document to implement planning and actual projects. He said the draft plan would be issued in March and then receive extensive public review from March through August 1992. He said the Council would review the Master Plan in August or September. He said various committees were coordinating on the Master Plan and that approximately 200 people were involved in the process. He said state, federal and non-profit agencies were extensively involved in the process. He discussed the workshop schedule. He said Councilors and staff would brief city councils, planning commissions and parks advisory boards on the Master Plan.

Mr. Huie briefly discussed the history of Greenspaces and described the Plan's nine chapters. He said appendices included a list of all public meetings held as well as a report on Metro's natural areas inventory. He said the foundation for the planning process was based on three items: 1) Natural Areas Inventory Map; 2) local comprehensive plans; and 3) local parks and master plans. Mr. Huie noted that if citizens or groups wished to nominate areas of less than 10 acres, those would be considered also. He said the Greenspaces draft Master Plan was not considering more than 2 or 3 areas less than 10 acres at this time.

Councilor Devlin said roles and responsibilities were not originally identified in the work plan. He said they would not be considered until the draft Master Plan was completed. He said it should be asked if the Master Plan would impact Metro only or if it would become part of a larger functional plan. He said Metro would have to decide the Plan's ultimate intent in that area was.

Chair Gardner asked how the Master Plan would identify specific sites to be acquired via the proceeds raised under the acquisition and capital improvements section. Mr. Huie said the draft before the Committee had already been updated. He said staff would include after each chapter sections titled "Strategies and Recommendations for Implementation." He cited as an example that after Chapter 6, priorities for protection, enhancement or restoration would be listed. Mr. Huie said separate from the Master Plan there would also be a document stating how funds from the bond measure would be expended. The Committee and Mr. Huie discussed the draft Master Plan further.

Mr. Huie said the Committee would approve the draft Master Plan's outline December 18. He said the "Roles and Responsibilities Framework" document could be reviewed at that time also. Councilor McLain referred to the public input meetings starting in January. She asked if the documents before the Committee were the documents that would be used for those meetings. Mr. Huie said those documents and maps would be used. Councilor McLain expressed concern that the documents were not "user friendly." Mr. Lee said staff would utilize the format used for the National Park Service/Metro Greenspaces goal-setting workshops held in July. He said small groups would recommend components of the Master Plan.

Councilor Hansen asked how farmlands fit in the draft Master Plan. Mr. Huie said farmlands were not counted in staff's definition of natural areas to-date. He said that did not mean they could not fit in as a cultural resource. Mr. Lee said the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) was geared towards preserving resource lands outside the UGB. He said the National Park Service would provide assistance with a cultural resources review that could include aspects that would not otherwise be included in the draft Master Plan.

4. Transportation Department: Three Year Financial History for Development of Five Year Financial Plans

Andy Cotugno, Director of Transportation, distributed historical data on the last three fiscal years and gave staff's report on same.

5. Transportation Department: First Quarter Report for FY 1991-92

Mr. Cotugno gave staff's report on the Transportation Department's First Quarter Report for FY 1991-92.

6. Planning & Development Department: First Quarter Report for FY 1991-92

Rich Carson, Director of Planning & Development, gave staff's report on the Planning & Development Department's First Quarter Report for FY 1991-92.

All business having been attended to, Chair Gardner adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paulette Allen
Clerk of the Council