

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

December 8, 1992
Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Absent: Terry Moore

Chair Devlin called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Consideration of the May 26, September 22, November 10, and
November 18, 1992 Transportation and Planning Committee
Minutes

Chair Devlin noted Councilor Moore requested the November 10 and
November 18, 1992 Transportation and Planning Committee Minutes be
considered at a later date.

Motion: Councilor Buchanan moved to recommend adoption of
the minutes of the May 26 and September 22, 1992
Transportation and Planning Committee meetings.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was
unanimous and the minutes were adopted.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1720, Establishing the
Metropolitan Greenspaces Environmental Education Small Grants
Program Guidelines and Funding Criteria

Ellen Lanier-Phelps, Senior Regional Planner, presented the staff
report, a copy of which is provided in the record of this meeting.

Councilor McLain asked if an advisory committee would provide
oversight. Ms. Lanier-Phelps stated the grants were small and a
method for streamlining was desirable. Councilor McLain asked if
a plan for solicitation would be designed. Ms. Lanier-Phelps said
a plan existed to outreach several local groups.

Ms. Lanier-Phelps noted the contracts would be multi-year
contracts. She said the contracts would be awarded in March of
1993. She noted the grants were not specifically for schools. She
said an effort would be made to include educational institutions in
the project.

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

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

3. Update on GreenCity Data Project

Ms. Lanier Phelps updated the Committee on the GreenCity Data Project. She distributed and summarized a report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Ms. Lanier-Phelps noted no applicants for Beaverton area schools were received. Chair Devlin noted this did not indicate those schools were not involved in similar projects.

Councilor McLain spoke to concerns about educating the public about what designation in the Greenspaces Master Plan means. Chair Devlin noted the inventory identified land that met certain characteristics. He said it did not indicate the land would be preserved. Ms. Lanier-Phelps noted a disclaimer was previously printed on all maps and perhaps should be reinstated.

UNSCHEDULED ITEM - Discussion on Congestion Pricing

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, distributed information on Congestion Pricing, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He said congestion pricing might be required to meet Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) reductions. He noted the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) recommended the Western Bypass Study area be identified for a congestion pricing pilot study. He said the parking pricing alternative would be compared to congestion pricing.

Mr. Cotugno noted the only Metro experience with pricing was through parking. He said a pilot project was necessary to determine public reaction to congestion pricing. He noted the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) recommended a pilot project be utilized instead of incorporating congestion pricing into the Western Bypass Study.

Responding to Chair Devlin's questioning, Mr. Cotugno clarified the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) would present the alternatives. He said the DEIS would not select the preferred alternative.

Chair Devlin asked if what type of VMT reductions could be realized through congestion pricing. Mr. Cotugno said existing data examined local experience with parking pricing. He said no congestion parking studies had been conducted in the metropolitan area to date.

Councilor Gardner noted suburban areas experienced limited parking pricing. Mr. Cotugno noted the Beaverton area and the airport had parking pricing. He noted other metropolitan areas had sub-urban

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parking pricing. He said no data existed on congestion pricing. He said toll road data was available.

Councilor McLain expressed an interest in gathering the congestion pricing figures. She stated including it in the Western Bypass Study might not be the desirable way to gather the information.

Councilor Buchanan asked for clarification on the way to utilize congestion pricing. Mr. Cotugno stated congestion pricing would eliminate gas taxes and vehicle registration fees with collection of tolls. He noted technology existed to place transponders that register road usage by vehicle. He said fees would be collected based on usage. He said it could be infinitely developed. He said congestion areas would be accessed at a higher rate. He said users who place the most demands on the system pay the most and users who use it the least would pay the least. He said the variations on the utilization created a problem. He noted few tolls were applied on the west coast.

Mr. Cotugno favored a pilot project outside the Western Bypass Study.

The Committee discussed the privacy issue. The consensus was technology would not be used in a manner that would invade individual privacy.

Councilor McLain supported examining the possibility of congestion pricing. Councilor Gardner concurred. In response to Councilor Gardner's question, Mr. Cotugno noted including the congestion pricing study in the Western Bypass Study would create faulty information. He mentioned the various alternatives for applying the congestion pricing may create tainted data.

Councilor Washington did not express support or opposition to congestion pricing. He noted the issue would be very controversial.

Councilor McLain noted the possibilities that might come out of the study were numberable and possibly beneficial.

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Devlin adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Recorder