

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

December 18, 1991  
Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Absent: Larry Bauer

Chair Gardner called the regular meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. Concept Approval of Greenspaces Master Plan Outline

Mel Huie, Regional Planning Supervisor, reviewed the program work to date. He said the inventory maps were used in development of the program. He said the Department was working with Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas Counties to develop the regional system of Greenspaces. He said Clark County, Washington was also included in discussions.

David Ausherman, Associate Regional Planner, reviewed the use of the Regional Land Use Information System (RLIS) in the program work. He noted the soils information along with topography information would enable Metro to determine areas with priority for acquisition and development.

Mr. Huie said implementation would include a system of natural areas, trail, greenways and wildlife corridors. He said a regional bond would be requested for acquisition, development, and restoration of Greenspaces.

Chair Gardner noted the report was intended to inform the Committee on the progress of the program, not to make recommendations at this time. The Committee expressed concerns about the preliminary timeline Mr. Huie proposed. The Committee said adoption of the plan would need to take place in time to allow the bond process to be completed in a timely manner.

Councilor Devlin said the public needed to be educated so they would be supportive of a bond. Councilor McLain concurred.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved for Committee approval of the concept master plan for the Greenspaces program.

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

3. Five Year Financial Planning, Phase II: Five year Program Description for the Planning and Development Department

Rich Carson, Planning Director, distributed a handout, a copy of which is contained in the record of this meeting. He summarized the handout by program and highlighted changes projected through a five-year period.

Pat Lee, Regional Planning Supervisor, summarized the water resources program. He said future interest in water supply and quality, and wetland conservation and protection may merit consideration of additional FTEs over the next five years. He said management of the Greenspaces program might also merit increased staff. Mr. Carson said if Metro desires to address energy resources and air quality issues further, additional staff will be required.

Robert Liberty, Citizen, appeared to testify. He spoke to his concerns that there was not enough FTEs allocated to land use review. Mr. Carson said currently Metro's role in review was to review local comprehensive plans for compliance. Mr. Liberty urged the Committee to consider increasing the FTEs. He said a lack of ability to conduct implementation of the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives (RUGGOs) would occur if there was no enforcement of functional plans. He also said Metro should not be involved in Urban Reserves because the Land Conservation Development Commission could perform the function.

2. Five Year Financial Planning, Phase II: Five Year Program Description for the Planning and Development Department

Andy Cotugno, Transportation Director, summarized his agenda packet material.

Mr. Cotugno discussed with the Committee the future use of RLIS. He noted areas that had applied use of the system were benefiting from the products of RLIS. He said Washington County used the system for a variety of applications and the data was quality. Councilor Van Bergen noted the issue of government dues may need to be revisited to address funding concerns.

Councilor McLain asked if the programs had been prioritized. Mr. Cotugno said the programs often tied into State and Federally allocated grants and could not be prioritized.

Mr. Cotugno noted high speed rail/commuter rail was not included in his summary but may become a future program.

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4. Consideration of Resolution No. 91-1526, For the Purpose of  
Endorsing Comments and Recommendations Regarding ODOT's  
November, 1991 Draft Oregon Transportation Plan Policy Element

Mr. Cotugno reported that the Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPACT) had made a minor change to the Resolution. He said the change would suggest the Oregon Department of Transportation select the least destructive mode that would promote and maintain the livability of the area.

Motion: Councilor McLain moved Council adopt Resolution No. 91-1526A.

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

Councilor Devlin clarified that the intent of JPACT's motion was to maintain liveability including air quality and economic vitality.

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Gardner adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee  
Committee Clerk

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