



Executive Officer Report

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January 10, 1985

1985 Legislature

Glenn Otto's Regional Governance Task Force has introduced all of our proposed legislation. The dues bill and the bill uncoupling a zoo tax base from additional Metro responsibilities were introduced with no changes.

However, the excise tax authority and the cigarette tax bill were introduced with amendments. Our authority to expend excise tax revenues is limited to "general administrative costs". If this definition includes planning for potential new services, we have no problem. We will need to watch this closely.

The cigarette tax revenues were modified and now consist of 2¢ for elderly and handicapped transportation, 1¢ for regional councils and metro service districts, 1¢ for cities and 1¢ for counties.

Metropolitan legislative agenda. Representatives of Portland, the three Counties, Metro, the Port and Tri-Met have been meeting to determine a common position on major financing issues facing the 1985 Legislature. These issues include: (a) sales tax, (b) cigarette tax, (c) lottery, (d) general fund for adult corrections, (e) taxing authority for Metro for convention, trade and spectator facilities and (f) gas tax. Staff prepared a draft position paper which was reviewed at a meeting of Mayor Clark, County Executive Buchanan, Tri-Met Board Chairman Drummond, Port Executive Anderson, Clackamas County Chairman Schumacher, Washington County Commissioner Rogers and Metro Executive Officer Gustafson. This meeting resulted in some final changes, now being prepared, that will come before Council in a resolution by mid-February.

Milwaukie LRT

A meeting has been set up with the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce on February 20 to discuss the results of the Milwaukie LRT study.

Southern Pacific
Railroad Abandonment

Technical work is continuing to determine the ownership of parcels being abandoned.

Adult Corrections

The Regional Adult Corrections Task Force completed its three month effort in December. It recommended a regional legislative action plan to assign responsibility for A and B felons to the State Corrections Division. It also recommended that IRC staff a continuing Task Force on adult corrections. Those recommendations will come before the Council for action on January 24.

Convention, Trade
and Spectator
Facilities

An Ad Hoc Task Force, initiated by Mayor Clark and County Executive Buchanan, completed its three-month effort in December. It recommended that a regional approach to planning, financing and managing these facilities be examined. The final report and resolution of support will be before the Council at tonight's meeting.

Intergovernmental
Resource Committee

The process for having local governments appoint their representative to the Committee is underway. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 24. Topics of discussion include the IRC work program/budget and the dues legislation.

Regional Landfill
Site

On December 18, the Ordinance passed excluding Wildwood from future consideration. Buchanan's veto of the Ordinance was over-ridden by the Commission on December 27. Notice of intent to appeal this Ordinance has been filed with LUBA by General Counsel subject to Council ratification.

Commissioner Blumenauer introduced an Ordinance to set up a task force to evaluate the landfill siting process, establish criteria, and offer alternative sites and disposal methods which will be reviewed by the Commission next week.

St. Johns Landfill

The results of our semi-annual inspection were good and suggested areas of improvements have been implemented. The report is available in Solid Waste if you are interested.

Washington Transfer
and Recycling Center

Potential sites have been narrowed to nine. Bullier & Bullier, as Metro's real estate agent, will begin negotiations for option agreements. The RFP for design services will be completed in the next few weeks.

A preliminary loan application to the DEQ for a loan for the entire cost of this project -- \$5,200,000 -- will be filed this week. Filing of the application does not commit Metro to spend funds; this can be done only when the Council votes to proceed with the project. The loan would be financed through a bond sale, possibly State pollution control bonds which was the basis of our three previous loans. However, an alternative method may be required.

Clackamas Transfer
& Recycling Center

On January 8, CTRC received a Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding achievements during 1984 from the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce. CTRC recycled over 1,700 tons of materials during this past year.

Methane Gas

Public solicitation of interested industrial methane users was completed in late November. Metro received seven responses and negotiations are underway with two private firms and Northwest Natural Gas. Evaluation of development options should be complete in late January or early February.

Waste Reduction

Response to our Christmas Tree promotion initiated by Public Affairs was impressive. The first 200 people who brought their tree to either Grimm's Fuel or McFarland's Bark to be recycled were provided with a free seedling, courtesy of the U. S. Forest Service. Over 190 calls were received the day after the campaign began and the seedling supply ran out in three days.

The Environmental Quality Commission adopted rules governing the implementation of Oregon's new Recycling Opportunity Act, on December 14, 1984. Agreement was reached by the affected parties on the rules which:

Identified the region's wastesheds as Clackamas, Washington, Multnomah Counties and the City of Portland.

Defined recyclables to be collected as newspaper, ferrous scrap metal, non-ferrous scrap metal, used motor oil, corrugated cardboard and kraft paper, container glass, aluminum, high grade office paper and tin cans.

Clarified a city or county's ability to limit who may collect recyclables in their franchise area.

Developed standards for alternative methods of providing opportunities for recycling.

Placed primary emphasis on providing the opportunity to recycle to residential generators rather than commercial and industrial sources.

Required a recycling progress report be completed by the waste sheds on or before July 1, 1986.

Alaskan Tundra
Exhibit

This project should be completed March 1 with the opening scheduled for mid-March. With regard to the legal issues. . .Krypton, an unpaid subcontractor, filed a claim against Metro for unjust enrichment as part of a larger complaint against the bond companies and others. The Circuit Court dismissed this claim against Metro but allowed plaintiff to replead another claim based on some unidentified problem with the bonds. The Council will be advised when the amended complaint is filed.

In the suit filed by Metro against the bond companies, the bond companies are expected to file a response shortly.

African Bush Exhibit

Four firms have been interviewed for the design of Phase I of this exhibit. A recommendation will be presented at the February 14 Council meeting.

West Bear Remodel

Thirteen contracting firms have submitted documents indicating an interest in bidding this proposal. A Committee is reviewing the qualifications of the firms to establish a list of qualified bidders. A recommendation for the award of the construction contract should be before the Council on February 28.

Office Move

The lease is still being negotiated. It is our intent to bring a final agreement to you September 24.

Departures

Dan LaGrande and Herman Brame are leaving Metro for other positions. Dan will be the new Community Relations Director at Providence Hospital and Herman will be a grant analyst for the City of Portland, working for a former Metro employee, Sue Klobertanz.

New Employees

December 1984
Brenda Wilson, temporary Office Assistant, Solid Waste

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February 14, 1985

1985 Legislature

Last week all three bills affecting Metro's future finances were reported out of the House Intergovernmental Affairs Committee and scheduled for House action. However the ex-cise tax authority bill, HB 2275, was sent back to Committee at the request of the Democratic caucus. This bill will require some special attention, including meetings with Councilors and metropolitan Legislators.

HB 2036, uncoupling a zoo tax base from additional Metro responsibilities, passed the House unanimously on February 13.

The dues bill, HB 2037, is scheduled for a vote by the House tomorrow, February 15. It was amended in Committee to sunset the Port of Portland and Tri-Met dues in 1989, and to include the emergency clause so that it can go into effect immediately after the Governor signs it.

Metropolitan legislative agenda. A resolution to endorse a metropolitan position on major financing issues facing the 1985 Legislature is before the Council tonight. Other participating jurisdictions will be seeking adoption of this agenda over the next two weeks. Mayor Clark, Lloyd Anderson, Dennis Buchanan and I briefed representatives of the House and Senate on these issues and the meeting went well.

Adult Corrections

Resolutions supporting the recommendations of the Regional Adult Corrections Task Force have been adopted by all the participating jurisdictions.

Convention, Trade and Spectator Facilities

These same jurisdictions have adopted resolutions supporting a regional approach to the planning and financing of these facilities.

Intergovernmental Resource Committee

All Committee appointments have been made and the first meeting occurred February 1. Two more meetings are scheduled to discuss the work program and dues legislation. Very good interest was shown at the first meeting.

Development Services

There is some interest in changes in the UGB to increase land available for industrial uses. To respond to this, we are in the process of updating our industrial land inventory.

Land Use Workshops

The last of three land use training workshops sponsored by IRC will be held February 19 in Beaverton.

The Milwaukie LRT

Public review of the results of the Milwaukie LRT study continue. Notice has been sent to all the affected neighborhood groups on information that is available, and a meeting has been set up with the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce on February 20.

Transit Blue
Ribbon Committee

Tri-Met is facing substantial loss of revenue and cuts in service and has formed a committee to examine future transit needs in the region. Councilor Myers has been appointed Chair of this committee and it will take four to six months to complete the study.

Regional Landfill
Site

On January 22, the Multnomah County Commission created a Task Force to recommend improvements to the landfill siting process and alternative solid waste management procedures. Councilors Gardner and Cooper will represent Metro on this Task Force, which will include County Commissioners, Wildwood opponents, and a North Portland representative.

Landfill Siting Forum

Dan Durig participated in a League of Women Voters forum on landfill siting on February 12 and I addressed the League the following morning. The League is doing a study on this issue.

Washington Transfer
& Recycling Center

Potential sites have been narrowed to three. One is located at 158th & Cornell/Sunset and the other two are in the area of 158th & Jenkins/Merlo Roads and are referred to as the PGE and Industrial Park sites. Bullier & Bullier is continuing negotiations for option agreements. The staff is holding meetings with neighborhoods groups and CPOs in the area.

Clackamas Transfer
& Recycling Center

Black & Veatch has signed a settlement for all known claims for approximately \$15,000.

Clackamas Transfer &
Recycling Center
(continued)

As you know the CTRC Annual Report is available; please contact Solid Waste if you need additional copies or information. The report will be reviewed with the Oregon City Planning Commission.

Methane Gas

Negotiations are still underway with Bio-Gas Technology, a private subsidiary of Northwest Natural Gas Company, and private industrial firms. A presentation will be made to the Council on specific development opportunities the latter part of this month or early March.

Waste Reduction

Dennis Mulvihill is serving on a Plastic Recycling Task Force which will recommend a plastic recycling bill to the Legislature.

Metro will be hosting the monthly Association of Oregon Recyclers (AOR) on March 12.

Willamette Week

An article on solid waste disposal was published in this newspaper today and a copy is in your boxes.

Alaskan Tundra

The opening for the Alaskan Tundra Exhibit is scheduled for March 14 from 4-6:30 p.m. The Council meeting on that date will be held at the Zoo Education Center at 6:30 p.m. which will give time for Councilors to participate in the opening ceremony and the dedication of the Hardy sculpture at 5:30.

Africa Bush Exhibit

A recommendation for a design firm for Phase I of this Exhibit will be presented to the Council by the first meeting in March.

West Bear Remodel

A committee selected six of the most qualified contracting firms for further negotiations. A recommendation for a contract award should go to Council in March.

Zoo Gift Shop

Because of space limitations, the gift shop has reached a plateau in increasing revenues. Plans are underway to expand the space. Projected increased revenues will more than pay for the remodeling in less than four years. A remodel contract should be before the Council in March.

Zoo Public Relations

Oregon Magazine has selected Jane Hartline for best public relations for "her enthusiastic promotion of lions and tigers and bears, from Zoograss to ZooDoo to Packy's birthday party, is downright contagious, oh my."

Office Move

The lease is finally ready for Council consideration. If approved, we would take possession of the IBM Building on May 1. There are many details which will need to be worked out including leasing of our current space, subleasing space at our new location, building improvements, etc.

NARC

Earlier this month I attended the Annual Federal Briefing in Washington, D. C., along with Councilors Kirkpatrick and Waker. Corky has been appointed a member of the Metropolitan Development and Intergovernmental Affairs Policy Committee, and Dick is a member of the Transportation Committee. The first formal meeting of the Metro Caucus generated a great deal of interest with over 80 participants. The Caucus affords an opportunity to work with the larger metropolitan councils around the country and participate in information-sharing.

The news from Washington is of serious budget cutting, including zeroing out of revenue-sharing and general fund mass transit support, both of which will have serious impacts on this metropolitan area.

Public Affairs Director

Following a series of interviews I conducted, five candidates have been interviewed by a Selection Committee consisting of Councilor Kirkpatrick, Don Barney and myself. The Committee has narrowed the finalists who will be interviewed next week to three. I hope to bring a final selection to you for confirmation at the March 14 meeting.

New Employees

January 1985

Public Affairs

Annette Stomps, Receptionist
(formerly Solid Waste Gatehouse Attendant)
Carol Mulligan, Secretary
(formerly temporary secretary)

F&A

Ed Stuhr, Grants/Contracts Specialist
(formerly Solid Waste Analyst)

IRC

Patricia Leighton, Analyst (Data Services)

ZOO

Gene Leo, Director
Mary Holland, Receptionist
Gary Oslund, Master Mechanic



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1985 Legislature

The dues bill, HB 2037, passed the House March 12 with a vote of 40-18 (Phillips and Burton were absent). This bill, along with the zoo uncoupling bill, HB 2036, have been assigned to Senator Otto's Government Operations and Elections Committee.

The excise tax authority bill, HB 2275, remains in the House Intergovernmental Affairs Committee with no action scheduled.

Metropolitan legislative agenda. Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties have approved resolutions supporting a metropolitan position on legislative financial issues. A regionally coordinated testimony was presented to the Joint Trade and Economic Development Committee on the lottery; a regional corrections proposal, which has the support of the Corrections Division, is in legislative council draft and will be introduced in the Senate by Glenn Otto; a 2¢ gas tax bill, amended to phase penny increases, was passed by the House Transportation Committee and is now in the Revenue Committee; and all local governments will be treated consistently in deliberations on the sales tax.

Regional Convention, Trade, and Spectator Facilities

The first meeting of the Task Force, chaired by Bob Ridgley, will be held on March 18. Specific study committees are being formed

Intergovernmental Resource Committee

The Committee completed its deliberations and recommended a 51¢ dues level to the Council.

UGB Cases

A full report on all pending cases will be prepared for the Council at the March 28 meeting. In the future, status reports will be provided on a regular basis. In the meantime, Case No. 83-1 (DeShirilia/McCarthy) will be on the March 28 agenda, and Case No. 84-2 (PGE) will be scheduled shortly for hearing.

Telecommunications	The <u>Telecommunications Forum</u> is completing its report which will be presented to Council later this month.
Air Quality	<u>Forecasts of 1987 hydrocarbon emissions</u> were prepared for DEQ as part of a re-assessment of the growth cushion. Emissions from transportation sources will be reduced by 25 to 30 percent over the next four years.
Federal Transportation Funds	The TIP subcommittee has finalized its FY '85 (e)(4) <u>highway construction program recommendation</u> . TPAC, JPACT and Council action are programmed for next month.
S.W. Corridor Study	The <u>Policy Committee</u> met on February 28 and approved the list of issues to be addressed and options to be studied. More information was requested on the citizen involvement program.
Regional Landfill Site	The <u>Multnomah County Task Force</u> is currently reviewing the landfill siting process.
Washington Transfer & Recycling Center	Staff conducted a <u>public meeting on March 5</u> , presenting information on the siting process and soliciting input from the public on the two sites selected by the Advisory Group for further studies (located in the area of 158th & Jenkins/Merlo Roads). Council action is scheduled March 14 on a design contract with Swan Wooster.
Clackamas Transfer & Recycling Center	The CTCRC Annual Report was presented to the <u>Oregon City Planning Commission on Feb. 26th</u> . The Commission is generally pleased with the operation of the facility although some landscape and litter problems were discussed. They recognized Metro's progress in siting the transfer station in Washington County, but also stressed that the time set by the Commission in opening this second facility has not been met.
St. Johns Landfill	<u>Councilor Gary Hansen and I</u> were members of a panel on landfills at the <u>North Portland Citizens Committee conference on "Neighborhood Goal Setting"</u> on March 9. Gary and I discussed Metro's role in siting and closure of landfills and current plans for St. Johns. Former Metro Councilor Mike Burton moderated the session on economic development of the neighborhood.

Methane Gas	On March 28 options for development of this project will be presented to the Council.
Waste Reduction	<p>An agreement was signed between Clackamas County and Metro providing for <u>six composting workshops</u> (3 in Clackamas, 3 in Portland) and for distribution of <u>recycling curriculum guides</u> to Clackamas County through in-service training workshops.</p> <p>As part of the development of the <u>Implementation Plan for SB 405</u>, educational and marketing materials are being distributed over the next four months statewide to the wasteshed areas and affected interests.</p>
Alaska Tundra Exhibit	The official opening of this exhibit extends through March 17; events for the public are scheduled over the weekend - March 16 & 17.
Africa Bush Exhibit	Design of this project has commenced and is anticipated to be completed in December 1985.
Elephant Museum	A <u>fund-raising campaign</u> was kicked off at a dinner hosted by the Earle Chiles Foundation. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Holden presented the Zoo a donation of \$100,000 for the Museum in memory of his mother Lilah Callen Holden. An additional \$300,000 is needed to complete the 7,000 foot structure.
More on Elephants	<p><u>Packy's 23rd birthday</u> is Sunday, April 14, and a celebration is scheduled to begin at Noon with a special cake served at 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Those Saturday Market <u>elephant ears</u> are coming to the Zoo. Look for the vending cart selling them.</p>
Office Move	With the approval of the lease, an RFP was issued for a <u>space planner</u> . Proposals have been received and a committee which includes Councilor Kafoury and myself will conduct interviews before making a final selection. In the meantime, each department has been requested to identify special needs to be considered by the space planner.
Oregon COG Directors	Discussion at the <u>Oregon COG Directors meeting on February 15</u> included a review of NARC's Federal briefing, a legislative update on the cigarette tax and lottery, and compensation and benefit plans.

Legal Issues

1000 Friends v. LCDC, Metro. This case is the appeal of LCDC's acknowledgement of Metro's Urban Growth Boundary. It is rumored, once again, that the Circuit Court decision may be rendered in the next few weeks. If the decision is adverse, then LCDC must reopen the acknowledgment process for the boundary.

Krypton v. Metro. Krypton, a subcontractor on the Alaska Tundra project, is suing for payment on the contractor's bond or for payment from Metro if the bond is defective. Metro has filed a motion to dismiss. Because other parties are also suing and being sued, the case is moving slowly through the motion phase.

Alaska Tundra. Metro's suit to recover the costs of this project from the bond is proceeding slowly, as well, because it has been consolidated for pretrial purposes with the Krypton case.

Metro v. Multnomah County. This is Metro's suit to remove the Wildwood exclusion from Multnomah County's landfill ordinance. Metro's brief is due next week, and the case should be decided in May.

Public Affairs

I am very pleased with the selection of Vickie L. Rocker as our new Director. Upon confirmation, she is prepared to start on April 1.

New Employees

February 1985

Zoo

Michael Illig, Senior Keeper of Paddocks

Solid Waste

Wayne Rifer, promoted to Analyst II from Program Coordinator

Patrick Miner, promoted to Program Coordinator from Program Assistant (Recycling Information Center)

Marilyn Derksen, Gatehouse/Landfill Attendant

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April 11, 1985

1985 Legislature

There has been no change in the status of our future funding bills. The dues bill, HB 2037, and the Zoo uncoupling bill, HB 2036, have not been acted upon by the Senate Government Operations & Elections Committee.

Councilors Waker and Myers, Carl Halvorson, Roger Martin and I met with Governor Atiyeh to discuss Metro and our legislative financial package. The Governor is not very supportive of regional government and we left the meeting uncertain of whether or not he will veto our dues bill.

Tuesday evening, April 2, the House Intergovernmental Affairs Committee conducted a hearing in Portland on four bills relating to Metro--two bills relating to the Executive Officer position (HB 2038 and HB 2427), one allowing Metro to create commissions (HB 2558), and one relating to the appointment of Tri-Met Board members (HB 2572). Councilors Bonner and Kirkpatrick testified, along with several others. Because of the financing issues before the Legislature, it is unlikely action will be taken by the Committee on structure issues during this Session, except possibly the bill regarding the appointment of Tri-Met Board members.

On April 10, I met with Senators Simmons and Hanlon to discuss our dues bill and general Metro issues. Additional meetings with Senators are scheduled next week. I also testified on SB 662 at the landfill siting hearing.

Regional Convention,
Trade, and Spectator
Facilities

The next meeting of the Task Force, scheduled April 24, will focus on setting the work program and membership of the three key study committees.

Intergovernmental
Resource Committee

Councilors Kirkpatrick and Waker and I met with the Washington County Board of Commissioners to review the IRC program and dues level. They were pleased to receive an update and discuss the current status.

I intend to meet with other jurisdictions in the coming months and will notify Councilors of these meetings.

Southern Pacific
Railroad Abandonment

A case is being made, as a result of the work by volunteer Ernie Munch, Friends of Willamette Greenway, that SP would benefit by donating the abandoned right-of-way in the Macadam Corridor rather than selling it. Support for this approach is being obtained from public officials.

Travel Forecasts

Forecasts for the year 2005 will be available this month.

Air Quality

The Downtown Parking Advisory Committee will be meeting to discuss the current parking lid in downtown Portland. The lid continues to be supported by planners and environmentalists and opposed by downtown developers.

Federal Budget Workshop

On March 29 the IRC sponsored a workshop on the impacts of the proposed FY 86 Federal Budget on the Portland metropolitan area. Staff from our Congressional Delegation presented budget information and answered questions. I encourage you to read the summary prepared for this meeting and distributed by IRC. The elimination of general revenue-sharing and community development funds will substantially impact this region.

Regional Landfill Site

Our appeal has been filed with LUBA and a hearing is scheduled May 2. On April 9, our staff presented information to the Multnomah County Task Force on the solid waste system, waste reduction and alternative technologies. On April 17, we will testify on landfills and transfer stations.

St. Johns Landfill

Volumes at St. Johns are at an all time high as a result of the continued flow of waste from Clark County (4000 tons per month) and a rate increase at KFD and Woodburn. Increased flows are not only filling St. Johns faster than projected but we are experiencing some traffic backups (approximately 20-min. waits during peak hours) on Columbia Blvd. Traffic problems should be minimized with installation of our new computer system which is expected to be installed in July.

Clackamas Transfer
& Recycling Center

The rate increases at KFD and Woodburn Landfill are also creating problems at CTCR. Volumes for the first two weeks in April are over the limit. The staff has met with

Washington Transfer
& Recycling Center

several haulers from Washington County to try to divert waste voluntarily. If the voluntary diversion is not sufficient, action on rates or flow control may be necessary.

Following a year of informational meetings in the Beaverton and Washington County area and Advisory Group meetings, a well publicized public meeting was held March 5 to discuss sites currently under consideration.

Businesses in the Sunset Corridor area and the Beaverton Chamber have raised objections to the sites selected for further study and their compatibility with hi-tech industry. We have had conversations and correspondence with those expressing concern to let them know that the process is still open. We anticipate receiving other site proposals as we meet with interested parties and the Advisory Group. Meetings are scheduled on April 11 with Nike, April 15 with Beaverton City Council, and April 16 with the Washington County Board.

Waste Reduction

Dan Durig and Dennis Mulvihill spoke to the Portland Association of Sanitary Service Operators (PASSO) at their monthly meeting. Dan explained the Solid Waste Management Plan and Dennis discussed Metro's recycling goals and industry participation.

Wayne Rifer attended a San Francisco conference on composting and recycling. Wayne received a good introduction to some policy issues which the Council will need to consider. The recycling programs of the Bay Area have much to learn from.

Alaska Tundra Exhibit

A total of 15,000 turned out on the sunny weekend of March 16 & 17 to visit this wonderful new exhibit.

Africa Bush Exhibit

The architect for this project along with Gene Leo and Steve McCusker are traveling to the East Coast to visit similar exhibits and gain some firsthand insights on designing this exhibit at our Zoo.

Friends of the Zoo

The Friends Board and the Zoo are beginning a strategic planning process for future Zoo development activities. This joint effort includes Councilors Kafoury and Kirkpatrick and should result in a more productive partnership working on behalf of the Zoo.

Zoo Traffic

Interest has again surfaced in a westbound entrance to the Sunset Highway. Directors of OMSI, Western Forestry Center and the Zoo have sent a letter to ODOT urging that this matter be given serious consideration due to the traffic jams which result from visitors leaving these facilities. Andy Cotugno will assist in preparing a formal project application for inclusion in ODOT's 6-year program.

More Zoo news. .

Several Humboldt penguin chicks have hatched and two young female zebras have arrived but will be in quarantine for 90 days.

Parks Study

A parks study proposal, resulting from the meetings of the technical study group, is being reviewed with elected officials.

Office Move

A flurry of activity has begun on our move. Staff are busy measuring their work space, desks, etc. to assist our space planners, Fletcher, Finch, Farr and Ayotte... Judy Munro has been hired as our Support Services Supervisor and will oversee the entire move. Agreed upon building repairs have begun...45 parking spaces have been rented...Negotiations are in progress with a potential 9000 sq. ft. tenant for the fourth floor. Metro will occupy the 2nd and 3rd floors.

FY 1985-86 Budget

Five Budget Review Committee meetings have been held to date including the orientation session and a public hearing. Two additional meetings are scheduled with a committee recommendation to be considered by the full Council on April 25.

Oregon COG Meeting

The Oregon Directors met at Metro on April 9 to discuss the cigarette tax and use of the lottery funds. Dick Hartman, Executive Director of NARC, discussed the impact of Federal Budget cutbacks and the role of COGs and NARC at the local level.

New Employees

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IRC

Neil McFarlane, transferred to
Development Services Analyst 3
(formerly Transportation Analyst 3)

Solid Waste

Dennis Yeomans, Gatehouse Attendant
Harold Richards, Gatehouse Attendant

F&A

Judy Munro, Support Services Supervisor



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May 9, 1985

1985 Legislature

Now that the Legislature has concluded work on the sales tax issue (bill is awaiting the Governor's approval), there has been a great deal of activity on bills of interest to Metro. This report will bring you up-to-date on major legislation of interest to us.

HB 2275 - Excise Tax. IGA Committee Hearing is scheduled Tuesday, May 14 at 1:30 and it appears it will be acted on by the House. Roger Martin and Phil Fell are doing a vote count. Members of the House appear to be more comfortable with the bill; an amendment requiring us to seek a tax base by 1989 has played a key part in this turnaround of attitude.

HB 2037 - Dues; HB 2036 - Zoo Uncoupling. Action scheduled by the Senate Government Operations Committee on May 10 has been postponed until all Senate bills have been acted on first by the Committee. Governor Atiyeh has responded to letters of support for Metro, indicating he will support our dues bill.

HB 2276 - Cigarette tax. No action is anticipated on this bill because Federal revenue is not forthcoming.

SB 662 - Landfill siting. One hearing has been held by Senate Operations; the chair has directed interested parties to meet weekly to explore alternatives for agreement. Several amendments have been proposed regarding the role of local participants and the EQC. Senator Otto has declared this bill a legislative priority so we can expect some action.

HB 2308 - State Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. Passed House IGA Committee with several amendments and referred to House Ways & Means. Membership was increased to include a representative from Metro.

SB 509 - Regulation of Exotic Animals. Passed Senate 29-1 on May 1 with amendments which were approved by Zoo staff.

HB 2266 - 2¢ Gas Tax Increase. Passed House 46-13 on May 6.

SB 808 - Regional Corrections Bill. Passed Senate Government Operations Committee with amendments on May 2 and referred to Joint Ways and Means.

Lottery. A number of bills have been introduced. While there is no clear indication of what allocation formula will be finally proposed, it is unlikely that a portion of the revenue will go to local governments by formula. Nevertheless, we are still pressing for public works and infrastructure to be included in the allocation.

Two Senate bills relating to the Tri-Met Board were reviewed by the Senate Government Operations Committee on May 4 but no action is scheduled. Councilors Bonner, Kirkpatrick and Kelley attended this meeting.

A work session on bills dealing with Metro's structure was held May 7 by the IGA Committee. HB 2558, Metro creating commissions, passed 6-1 and will be acted on by the House this week or early next week; HB 2038, EO the 13th member of the Council, has been tabled; HB 2427, EO appointed by Council, may be essentially gutted and rewritten to include provisions which will sever the EO's salary from that of the Circuit Court judges.

Several recycling bills have been introduced but only a few will be acted upon.

HB 2037 - Energy Tax Credits. Passed the House Revenue Committee May 7 with amendments. This bill includes credits for energy recovery and recycling equipment.

HB 2394 - Repeal of the backyard burning ban, will have one hearing in the House Energy Committee but Chairman McCracken is not sympathetic to this bill. We will continue to monitor it closely.

Another bill of interest to Metro is SB 872, a surcharge on pesticide manufacturers, which was voted out of committee unanimously on May 7. The proceeds would be used for a statewide education campaign on appropriate uses and disposal of pesticides, and a pilot collection project of all hazardous waste materials which is required to be administered by Metro. While

we did not ask for this assignment, the Committee has acted responsibly in using Metro to manage this project and providing funds to carry it out. We are analyzing what is involved and will provide up-to-date reports.

A great deal of interest is being focused on plastics recycling and bills have been introduced to ban sales of milk sold in plastic containers, use of plastic bags at retail stores, and the sale of disposal diapers, and to establish a plastic recycling program funded by taxation of plastics. This interest may result in research on the impact of plastics in the waste stream in preparation for future action. One bill, SB 871, provides tax credits for recycling plastics materials, is being supported and should be acted on favorably by the committee. This approach is consistent with Metro's policy of using incentives rather than mandatory regulation.

There appears to be interest in a study of the bottle bill, particularly with regard to the impact it will have on the new recycling opportunity laws, which may result in proposed changes at the 1987 Legislature.

Regional Convention,
Trade, and Spectator
Facilities

A work program has been adopted and meetings of the three study committees and technical committees are underway. There are over 50 people involved in this project and it is anticipated that a fact finding report will be presented to the full committee in July. \$95,000 has been committed by local jurisdictions to pay for the studies; Metro has been asked to appropriate \$10,000.

Intergovernmental
Resource Committee

Councilor Kirkpatrick, Steve Siegel and I met with 30 elected officials and city managers in Clackamas County to review the IRC program and future issues. They were pleased with the program thus far.

Hawthorne Bridge
Closure

The City of Portland asked Metro for assistance in dealing with traffic congestion resulting from the closure of the Hawthorne Bridge. We provided the City's Office of Transportation computer modeling data to test alternative traffic plans. You have received a copy of a letter from the City to Andy Cotugno thanking us for this help.

Regional Landfill
Site

The hearing on our appeal to LUBA on the exclusion of Wildwood in the Mult. County Ordinance has been rescheduled for May 16 at 1:30 p.m.

CTRC

We have been unsuccessful in convincing Washington County haulers to divert waste voluntarily and are working on a proposal to take action on rates or flow control.

WTRC

The Advisory Committee have concluded their review of the transfer station site criteria. It is anticipated staff will complete their evaluation of sites based on this criteria in two weeks. A public hearing will be conducted before proposed sites are presented to the Council.

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop improvement project is being delayed until September. This will localize visitor disruption to the West Bear Grotto construction area and allow us to generate gift shop revenue through the summer season.

Freeway Entrance
Update

The Department of Transportation has assured us that a westbound freeway entrance at the zoo interchange will be included in the environmental impact study for the current cycle of Highway Div. improvements in the metro area. In addition, the City of Portland has been asked to review this problem in their planning of traffic improvements at the Sylvan interchange.

Metro v. Robles

As a result of motions filed against our original complaint, we are filing a second amended complaint clarifying our previous complaint.

Texas Visit

I was asked again this year to speak on regional government and Metro at the University of Texas in Austin. The Metro Austin 2000 group, which is sponsoring legislation for a tri-county government, was presented a report by Ray & Assoc. on national regional organizations and their structures. I have a copy if you are interested in reviewing it. I also traveled to San Antonio and Dallas where I visited with Warren Iliff who gave me a tour of the zoo which will be completely reconstructed. Warren is enjoying the tremendous challenge ahead of him.

New Employees

April 1985

Public Affairs

Vickie Rocker, Director

F&A

Patricia Lent, Accounting Clerk 2
Donna Robinson, Accounting Clerk 1

Solid Waste

Richard McDonaghy, Analyst 2

Zoo

Bret Sellers, Animal Keeper

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Executive Officer Report

RICK GUSTAFSON, Executive Officer
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT 527 SW Hall St., Portland, OR 97201-5287 503 221-1646

June 13 1985

1985 Legislature

HB 2275 - Excise Tax: Passed the House with significant changes in the number of signatures required for petitions affecting Metro. The bill passed the Senate Committee unchanged from the House version. This bill goes to the floor Friday, June 14.

HB 2037 - Dues: HB 2036 - Zoo Uncoupling: Both bills were passed by the House and the Senate. The Governor did not sign the dues bill (2037), but it became law on June 12.

HB 2276 - Cigarette Tax: HB 2276 (18¢ cigarette tax) is dead, however, HB 2183 (Governor's cigarette tax bill) was amended by the Senate Revenue Committee to give cities/counties 1-1/2 cents. Those cities and counties within the District would pay a total of \$200,000 of these revenues to Metro. This measure will now go to a House/Senate Conference Committee for further discussion and possible additional amendments.

SB 662 - Landfill Siting: The bill passed the Senate. It was substantially revised and passed out of the House Environment & Energy Committee on June 12. Emergency siting concept has been retained though other particulars are changed. Particular provisions of proposed bill revisions to be discussed with Council at June 13 meeting.

HB 2308 - State Commission on Intergovernmental Relations: HB 2308 is still in the House Ways and Means Committee, no action anticipated.

HB 2558 - Giving Metro Authority to Create Commissions: Passed the House and the Senate with no major opposition.

HB 2266 - 2¢ Gas Tax Increase: This bill has passed both the House and Senate, and signed by the Governor June 11.

SB 509 - Regulation of Exotic Animals: All amendments have been approved and the bill has passed both the House and Senate. The bill is back in the Senate for concurrence and expected to be approved by the Governor the week of 6/17.

1985 Legislature
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SB 808 - which requires the State Corrections Division to pay cost of jailing convicted A & B felons, has not been scheduled for a hearing in the Ways and Means Committee.

HB 2053 - Extension of Tax Credits for Energy Recovery Facilities and Recycling: Bill is in the House Revenue Committee. It appears that support for energy tax credits will continue for recycling, but the sentiment is less strong for continuing for energy recovery facilities.

SB 871 - Tax Credits for Recycling Plastics: Passed Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee--is currently in Senate Revenue Committee.

SB 872 - which imposes a surcharge on pesticide manufacturers passed the House and is currently in the Joint Ways and Means Committee.

Budget

The FY 1984-85 Supplemental Budget was heard by TSCC on May 22. TSCC certified the budget with some objections and recommendations. These items will be discussed June 13 prior to adoption.

The FY 1985-86 Budget will be heard before the TSCC June 14 with Council adoption on June 27. We expect several revisions to the approved budget, primarily relating to the new building, but also in refining fund balance estimates.

Building Update

Sublease - The sublease with attorney Chris Thomas, which represents 1,500 sq. ft. of space, is in final stages of negotiation. Two very potential clients are looking into subleasing - 1,600 sq. ft. on the 3rd floor for an attorney's office, and 8,000 sq. ft. on the 1st floor for a computer software office. We are still in touch with Columbia Research Center, but it appears we will not be able to meet their requirements.

Space Plan & Improvements: The space plan is done and cost estimates received. The costs are projected to come in at \$250,000 compared to the previously planned expenditures of \$165,000. The Council Building Committee which met June 6 concurred with the higher projected figures. The necessary budget amendments will be presented on June 27 to the Council.

Move Date: Anticipated move date is now early fall. We took possession May 3 and have already signed several maintenance agreements.

Bicycle Funding

The Bicycle Funding Committee assisted Metro staff in developing priority recommendations to submit to ODOT regarding allocation of the next three years of bikepath funding. Funds are available for the construction of independent bikepaths along or parallel to state highways. A total of 12 projects were prioritized.

National Highway Needs Assessment

The Federal Hwy. Admin. has approached Metro to be one of 10 nationwide case studies to assist in improving their methodology for establishing national highway needs for Congress. In particular, their interest is to improve the data on highway needs in growing urban fringe areas.

Air Quality

Metro and DEQ have updated estimates for Ozone pollution levels for 1987 and find that our region will be in attainment sooner than previously expected. As such, DEQ will be recalling the Air Quality Committee to assist in deciding whether or not to use the expected growth cushion to permit new industrial development as well as the question of whether or not to pursue additional pollution control to expand the growth cushion.

WTRC

Update: Staff and the Advisory Group have identified six areas to be considered for potential sites for the transfer station. Informational meetings have been scheduled in each of the areas prior to a county-wide public meeting on July 16. The six areas are located at: Allen Blvd. & Western Ave.; Denny Rd. & Hwy. 217; Millikan Rd. & TV Hwy.; Jenkins Rd. & 158th; and TV Hwy. & 229th Ave.

"Art of Composting"

104 participants attended three workshops on "The Art of Composting." The workshops focused on the yard debris problem in relation to overall solid waste management and how composting could contribute to the solution. A by-product of the workshops is the "Art of Composting" handbook currently being offered by the Solid Waste Dept. Over 700 requests have been received.

Ladybug Theater Update

After the expression of concern for safety of theatre patrons at the last Council meetings, Gene Leo contacted the City of Portland Building Bureau to request an inspection and assessment of our plans for the use of the building. This inspection was held on June 5 and we are currently awaiting the City's recommendation.

Freeway Entrance and Parking Update

Director John Blackwell of the Western Forestry Center, Dean Ivy Acting Director of OSMI, and

Gene Leo have jointly hired Guthrie/Slusarenko/Leeb on a contractual basis to assist them in defining an effective management plan to this summer's potential traffic problems. By controlling parking lot access from Canyon Road and Fairview Boulevard on peak days, we will be able to redirect visitors to the three satellite lots in the Sylvan area when our lots are full. Visitors will then be shuttled back by bus.

Giant Pandas

We have been in contact over the past few months with Seattle's Woodland Park Zoo Director David Towne to discuss the potential for exhibiting Giant Pandas in a travelling exhibit during the summer of 1987. Mayor Bud Clark and I have forwarded letters of support to Seattle Mayor Charles Royer and the City Council for this cooperative effort. We expect to receive a small delegation of Chinese zoo/government officials in latter July for a continuation of negotiations. The talks necessary to make the exhibit a reality will be continued over the next year.

Metro v. Robles

Defendants (bond company) have filed a motion to strike the portion of Metro's second amended complaint which claims \$231,430 for "faulty and unworkman like work." Defendants believe this claim is unsupported by the change orders. Metro, represented by Andy Jordan, is preparing a response.

Visits/Conferences

The Zoo Director, General Curator, and Project Architect for the Africa Bush Exhibit visited nine East Coast facilities in six days and collected a great deal of valuable information on African exhibits. This information is being shared with the Zoo staff and volunteers to provide ideas on general Zoo improvements.

Solid Waste Director Dan Durig and Operations Manager Norm Wietting attended the National Solid Waste Management Assoc. Conference in Washington, D.C. They visited the waste to energy facilities at Baltimore and Westchester County (N.Y.) and had the opportunity to see a computer weighing system for a gatehouse. Very worthwhile trip for making contacts for solicitation of bids on the St. Johns' operations contract.

New Employees

IRC

Solid Waste

May 1985

Dan Seeman, Analyst 3

Debbie Gorham, Analyst 2

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Executive Officer Report

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July 11, 1985

Budget

The adopted budget for FY 1985-86 will be filed with the TSCC and the State Department of Revenue on July 15. The budget document will be printed and available on Friday, July 12.

Building Update

Sublease - The sublease with attorney Chris Thomas was approved June 27 with a target move in date of August 1. We are in final negotiations with another attorney's office for 1,000 sq. ft., and we have made a proposal to an engineering firm for 3,000 sq. ft.

Building Improvements - Construction documents will be finished soon and a request for bid will go out the latter part of July.

Conference

The Sixth Annual Metro Conference was held on June 21. This year's topic was the effect of telecommunications on economic development and public policy. Over 110 people attended including elected officials, top level staff from local governments, business, trade associations, and educational institutions. We received numerous positive comments on the program. The conference was telecasted on Storer Cable. It will be aired again July 16, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., and July 17 at noon.

CTS

The Committee on Regional Convention, Trade, and Spectator Facilities (CTS) and its study committees will be meeting throughout July and August to continue their deliberations and make final recommendations. The full Committee has scheduled a meeting for August 26, at which time final recommendations to the jurisdictions of the region will be developed.

Efforts were successful in obtaining a budget note to SB 664 allocating \$50,000 of lottery funds to the CTS for a feasibility study.

WTRC

Staff and the Advisory Group have completed all area informational meetings with neighbors and businesses located around the 10 potential sites. A county-wide public meeting will be held July 16 at the PGE Auditorium on Old Scholls Ferry Road to review and discuss all 10 sites. The Advisory Group will then make a site recommendation to the Metro Council.

Resource Recovery

Metro will sponsor a Resource Recovery Symposium to be held in the Council Chamber August 2-3. The Symposium will feature speakers who will address the full range of potentially viable technologies for processing solid waste in order to reduce volume. Examples of such technologies include incineration, composting, RDF production, ethanol production, etc. A nine-member panel will hear the presentations and recommend the most feasible technologies for the Portland area to the Metro Council.

Central City Plan

Solid Waste Dept. hosted a Central City Plan "mini-workshop" June 24. Input to the Plan process on natural resource management issues was solicited from members of various environmental organizations in the city. In addition to air, water, solar and land resources, solid waste and recycling were discussed. Participants of this workshop are asking the Central City Steering Committee to designate a "Natural Resources Research Committee" to undertake a systematic examination of the preservation and management of natural resources with the Central City.

UGB

Major amendments - Four to six petitions, affecting over 1,000 acres, are expected to be received this year. A proposal on a process for hearing these petitions will be presented to the Council on July 25.

Locational adjustments - Case No. 84-2 (PGE) was heard Thursday, July 11. Seven petitions will be heard in FY 85-86. Information regarding these petitions will be left in the Councilor's boxes.

Golden Monkey and
Giant Panda Exhibits

We have been having discussions with David Towne, Director of Seattle's Woodland Park Zoo, about the possibility of a giant panda traveling exhibit. We plan to conduct negotiations with the zoo in Chongqing, China. On July 24 - 25 David Towne and a Chinese delegation consisting of the Director of the Bureau of Gardens, the Zoo Director, and General Curator will be in Portland to see our Zoo facilities and programs and to discuss the potential of a Golden Monkey exhibit in 1986 and a Giant Panda exhibit in 1987.

Your Zoo and All That
Jazz, and Zoograss

The summer zoo concerts are just as successful as ever with growing capacity crowds. Attendance at the jazz concerts are well over 4,000 each Wednesday night. The Zoograss concerts are really taking off with crowds at over 2,000 each Thursday night. This year's schedule includes three national Bluegrass groups. These concerts are attracting an audience which normally does not visit the Zoo, and their responses are most favorable towards our Zoo facilities and exhibits.

Zoo Development Officer

Ellen Frerichs has been appointed Development Officer. Ellen has a strong communications and development background having worked for Catlin Gabel and a number of private, non-profit groups in our community over the past eight years. She brings creative and energetic talents to the Zoo management team.

New Employees

June 1985

Zoo

Ellen Frerichs, Development Officer
David Siddon, Sidewalk Zoologist
Dick Karnuth, transferred to Safety
Admin/Coordinator at Zoo
Dave Fischer, promoted to Gardener 2
Avory Gray, Graphics Technician

Data Services

Nina Kramer, hired as permanent Planning Technician



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BUDGET

The adopted budget for FY 1985-86 was filed with the TSCC, the State Department of Revenue, and County Assessor's office on July 15.

BUILDING UPDATE

Subleases - Our first tenants Chris Thomas and Daryl Klein, attorneys, have moved into the new building. They are in temporary quarters while tenant improvements are being completed. Two other subleases are in negotiations; attorneys' offices for 1,000 sq. ft., and a CPA firm for 3,800 sq. ft.

Building Improvements - A pre-bid conference on construction of Metro's improvements was held July 31. Bids are due August 14 with Council action scheduled August 22.

Our office furnishings and panel systems are going out to bid this week with bids due on August 19.

REGIONAL REVENUE MEASURES

Metro's IRC completed a survey of local governments and special districts, asking which were likely to submit revenue measures to the voters in 1986. Four revenue measures are being considered by agencies in Multnomah County, 10 in Washington County, and 9 in Clackamas County. The sales tax election results will impact final decisions on submission of these measures.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

FY 1985 Criminal Justice Block Grant funds are available. \$428,000 is available to statewide local agencies on a 50/50 matching basis. Applications for these funds must be submitted to Metro by August 12. The applications will be reviewed by the Regional Adult Corrections Task Force on August 20.

OREGON TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

I appeared before the Oregon Transportation Commission's public hearing July 24. The OTC is developing criteria for a \$200 million construction program. This program will assist in funding economic development related highway projects in the metropolitan region.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON
CONVENTION, TRADE, AND
SPECTATOR FACILITIES

The Study Committees of the CTS have drafted major conclusions of their fact-finding efforts for presentation to the CTS full committee on August 6. This will be a public meeting to which the press and other interested parties have been invited. The CTS will formulate their final recommendations on September 10.

DATA SERVICES

An update of the 1990 and 2005 forecast, "A Regional Population and Employment Forecast to 1990 and 2005," is being printed and will be available this month. Cost for the publication is \$25.

The Population & Housing by Census Tract of the Portland Metropolitan Area is now available. This publication updates the 1980 census to April 1985. Cost is \$15.

DATA PROCESSING

We have taken delivery of the new MASSCOMP computer. This new equipment will expand our use of the EMME 2 computer.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Dan Durig, and Debbie Gorham, project manager for our Resource Recovery Symposium, attended the "Resource Recovery Leadership Institute" workshop in July. Dan serves as a member of the Board of the National Resource Recovery Association. Discussions at the workshop emphasized the importance of upcoming federal legislation concerning resource recovery facilities. The conference was sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and stressed the need for local officials to have a full understanding of development of the waste-to-energy process.

On August 2 and 3, Metro sponsored a Resource Recovery Symposium, featuring 14 presentations on alternatives to burying waste. The nine-member panel, including Metro Councilors Hardy Myers and Gary Hansen, will now prepare recommendations for the Council on which of these alternatives warrant further study. The symposium was an exceptional educational event which will prove useful in deliberations over the suitability of different systems for the Portland area.

WASHINGTON TRANSFER &
RECYCLING CENTER

Approximately 200 people attended the WTRC Advisory Group public meeting on July 16. Ten proposed sites were reviewed outlining the advantages and concerns raised during the recent series of neighborhood/public meetings.

Approximately 30 people offered additional comments on specific sites including Washington and Clackamas County officials.

The Advisory Group will meet again August 14 to formulate a recommendation for the Metro Council. A public hearing and Council action on the Advisory Group's recommendation is scheduled September 12.

ST. JOHNS LANDFILL

Norm Wietting, operations manager, will participate in a meeting with EPA in Washington, D.C. EPA will provide a briefing on major issues associated with the revised RCRA (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act) legislation that affect the existing sanitary landfill criteria.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Dan Durig, Norm Wietting, and Dennis O'Neil, special waste project manager, toured the hazardous waste disposal, storage and treatment site at Arlington, Oregon. They were given extensive information on procedures and types of acceptable waste.

WORKSHOPS

A State Legislative Briefing sponsored by Metro for local jurisdictions was held July 30. Thirty persons representing 14 local jurisdictions attended. Discussion items included: State tax reform/sales tax; State gas tax; Oregon lottery; corrections facilities; and programs for medically needy.

A Historical Preservation Workshop and Tour was held July 31. Thirty-five persons representing 13 local jurisdictions participated. Discussion items included updates on legislation, grants, loans, tax credits, and local programs. An afternoon tour of recently restored buildings in downtown and Northwest Portland and Office Row in Vancouver was conducted.

GOLDEN MONKEY AND GIANT PANDA EXHIBIT

The Chinese delegation from Chongqing, China, visited Portland on July 24, 25 and 26. Negotiations are continuing with the Chinese to obtain approval from the Central Government of China to exchange zoo animals and conduct traveling exhibits of the golden monkey and giant pandas. An extensive report will be forwarded to the Council.

METRO NEWS

The Metro News featuring IRC, Solid Waste, Zoo and Council news and photos was mailed at the end of July to 8,000 people. Several hundred more will be distributed to the region's libraries, city halls and other public locations.

We asked the post office for "address corrections" on this Metro News mailing so that we can delete incorrect addresses from the mailing list. For the past several months a staff committee has been studying Metro's mailing list system. The group surveyed employees to identify how the mailing list is currently being used and is reviewing improvements, including changes in the existing computer system.

The Metro News and the design of the Metro note card won Merit Awards in a communications contest sponsored by IABC (International Association of Business Communicators), Portland Chapter.

NEW EMPLOYEES

JULY 1985

Solid Waste

Elizabeth Ballard, Office Assistant (P-T)
Brian Keefe, Office Assistant

F&A

Carlos Rojas, Account Clerk 2

IRC

David Unsworth, Staff Assistant

Zoo

Bruce Parker, Gardner 1
(temporary to permanent)

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SEPTEMBER 12, 1985

BUILDING UPDATE

Subleases - With the Council's approval of a second sublease (Eves/Smith, Attorneys) our total leased area is 2,600 sq. ft. Tenant improvements are in progress.

Building Improvements - The building exterior has been completed at the owner's expense. Metro's office space is now under construction.

Office furnishings and panel systems - All items have been bid, contracts signed and work progressing.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Applications for FY 1985 Criminal Justice Block Grant Funds were reviewed by the Regional Adult Corrections Task Force on August 20. Twenty-one applications, totaling \$1.9 million in requests, were evaluated and ranked. Those rankings were then forwarded to the State Department of Justice along with the Task Force's recommendation that fund allocation be based on the incidence of violent crime, rather than population. The staff did an excellent job in a very short time frame.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON CONVENTION, TRADE, AND SPECTATOR FACILITIES (CTS)

The Findings and Conclusions of the Study Committees of CTS were presented to the CTS full committee, study committee members and the press on August 6. The next full committee meeting was September 10 at which time CTS will formulate their final recommendations.

URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY

Major Amendments - Contract has been signed with Adrienne Brockman to act as Hearings Officer for all petitions. Ms. Brockman issued the final rules for consolidation of cases September 12.

UGB (continued)

Locational Adjustments - The Hearings Officer's Report on Contested Case No. 84-2 (PGE et al) was released August 19. The applicants requested and received additional time to complete their response. The matter will be presented to Council for action October 24.

Contested Case No. 85-4 (Foster) has been scheduled for hearing September 16. Four other petitions were completed by the September deadline: No. 84-3 (Burright, et al); No. 85-1 (Wilsonville); No. 85-2 (Tualatin Hills Church); and No. 85-5 (Griffin). These will be scheduled for hearings in October and November.

TRANSPORTATION STUDIES

The Southwest Corridor Policy Committee met and approved formation of a citizens' advisory committee and reviewed Metro's assessment of the transportation problems in the corridor. We are soliciting appointments to a similar policy committee for the I-205 LRT study now underway.

DATA SERVICES

A Regional Population and Employment Forecast to 1990 and 2005 report was published. Promotional material was sent to 530 businesses describing published reports, new products and the Market Profile Service. A contract research project was completed for Leland & Hobson, Economic Research Consultants. In addition, during the month of August, technical assistance was provided to the Port of Portland, Portland Development Commission, Tri-Met, city of West Linn and city of Tualatin.

Final runs to incorporate changes to 1983/2005 Travel Forecasts were made in August.

WASTE REDUCTION

On September 4, Program Coordinator Patrick Miner conducted the first in a series of meetings with local government officials and private haulers regarding a regional response to the Oregon Opportunity to Recycle Act, SB 405, and the provisions of SB 662, A Solid Waste Reduction Program. The meeting generated input on the types of programs Metro will offer to aid in the implementation of the new laws.

WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

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PROMOTIONS AND NEW HIRES

August 1985

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ST. JOHNS LANDFILL

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The draft chapter of Source Reduction and Recycling is available and has been sent to interested groups and citizens for review. The time frame for public involvement activities has been presented to the Council Task Force on Waste Reduction.

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OCTOBER 10, 1985

BUILDING UPDATE

Subleases - Eves/Smith, attorneys, moved in on September 14. Thomas/Klein moved into their offices on October 7. Negotiations are in the final stages with Babicky & Zielinski, CPA firm, for 4,475 sq. ft. on the fourth floor.

Building Improvements - Demolition is almost completed with duct cleaning next; followed by rough electrical and mechanical work.

Signs - Exterior sign contract (RFP) has gone out for bids. Interior sign plan is designed.

The Move - The office move will take place December 12 and 13. An office-wide cleanup day will proceed the move on November 15.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Notification from the State Department of Justice of metro-area projects to be included in Oregon's request for funding under the Federal Justice Assistance Act was received last month. Of the \$724,000 available state-wide, \$615,400 went directly to local agencies. Twenty-six projects totaling \$327,149 (or 53 percent of the funds going to local governments) has been recommended for this region. The funding request is now awaiting approval by the U.S. Department of Justice. A decision is expected mid-October.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON CONVENTION, TRADE, AND SPECTATOR FACILITIES (CTS)

The CTS full Committee meeting on September 10 resulted in a consensus that the Committee pursue a master plan consisting of convention, stadium, arena and agri-business facilities to meet 20-year public assembly facility requirements for the tri-county region. The next full Committee meeting will be October 17. Committee members will make a presentation on November 18 to the State Economic Development Commission, seeking approval of their request for funding to produce detailed technical studies.

URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY

Acknowledgment Remand: On September 12, LCDC approved a Continuance Order for the Metro UGB, requesting that Metro submit new findings by December 1. The new findings will be presented to the Council for adoption on November 14.

OREGON ROAD FINANCE STUDY

The Oregon Transportation Commission, Association of Oregon Counties, and League of Oregon Cities have kicked off their Oregon Road Finance Study. This Study will include: determination of existing and future needs for the modernization, preservation and maintenance of Oregon public highway, road and street system; analysis of existing revenue sources and additional funding alternatives; and preparation of a financial package that will provide for long-term funding of improvements and maintenance to Oregon's state and local road system. It is the intent of the Study that the financial package will serve as a vehicle that the 1987 Legislature can utilize to fund state and local road programs through the year 2005. Our staff will be participating in defining metro area road needs, both existing and future, and evaluating revenue alternatives to address those needs.

DATA SERVICES

Technical assistance was provided to the following local jurisdictions: Clackamas County Transportation and Development, City of Portland Planning Department and Department of Transportation Planning, city of Hillsboro, city of Gresham, and city of Troutdale.

ST. JOHNS LANDFILL

At 12:01 a.m. on October 1 Browning-Ferris Industries of Oregon assumed operation of the St. Johns Landfill as the contract with Genstar Waste Transfer Inc. expired. Mobilization of equipment/personnel was completed on schedule, operations continued without interruption.

On October 2 a contract with Chappell Transportation Inc. began for the cleaning of contaminated yard debris at St. Johns. The contract involves a brush loader to move stockpiled material to a cleaning area where laborers remove the contaminants and recyclables. As of October 4 approximately 16 units of material have been cleaned, and four units removed from the site for processing.

Contract Negotiations with BioGas for the lease rights to the methane at St. Johns continues with final agreement due for completion in October.

CTRC

Solicitation for Bids on improvements to the pit floor of the transfer station has been issued. Bid opening is November 1.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Council Task Force on Waste Reduction is meeting weekly. Don Barney was hired to work with staff and the Task Force on developing Waste Reduction Plan options to take to local governments and key public officials.

EDUCATION/INTERPRETIVE
BUILDING DESIGN

Three architectural firms will be interviewed on October 10 for the design of the Zoo Education/Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE DOWN IN
SEPTEMBER

Attendance for September of 1985 was down by 11,307 from September of last year. This is due to the overcast and rainy weather we experienced in the first half of the month, particularly on the weekends.

BEAR GROTTO AND AFRICA
BUSH PROJECTS

We are pleased with the continuing progress being made on construction of the Bear Grottos and the design of Africa Bush.

CHINA CONNECTION

Zoo Director Gene Leo, and General Curator Steve McCusker, returned from China with very favorable results in their negotiations with the Ministry of Urban and Rural Construction, and the Chinese Zoological Association. Friendship and cooperation between the four Chinese zoos and Metro's Washington Park Zoo was fostered through these negotiations.

ELEPHANT MUSEUM

Fred Meyer Trust has awarded a \$100,000 grant to partially fund construction of the Elephant Museum. These funds coupled with the funds donated by the Holden Family Foundation and the Friends of the Washington Park Zoo provide the total necessary funds to complete the building.

ALASKA TUNDRA LITIGATION

On September 27 Judge Herrell set November 13 as the date for hearings on motions against the complaint by the bond company and against the architect, and February 18 as the trial date for a three-week trial on the merits. There may be a separate hearing on the bond coverage in January.

Lucky Corner Service Station, a subcontractor of Krypton (Tundra project) has filed suit for its share of any monies recovered by Krypton from the bond companies and Metro. Last January the court dismissed Krypton's claim

against Metro; therefore, Metro will be filing for dismissal of the claim also.

WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

A workshop on making presentations and dealing with hostile audiences was sponsored by Metro's Public Affairs Dept. on September 23. Al Cereghino, a communications consultant, led 30 Metro employees representing all departments through a stimulating and creative all day workshop.

COUNCIL TAX ADVISORY GROUP

Seven TAG meetings have been held to date by Councilors Kafoury, Kirkpatrick, Oleson, Waker and Gardner. The next two TAG meetings are set for October 14 and 17, by Councilors Kirkpatrick and Bonner, respectively. A brief report on the results of these seven meetings will be made at the October 10 Council meeting.

Two successful Friends of the Zoo Task Force meetings were held September 17 and October 3.

Councilor/Legislator TAG - Phillip Fell will help conduct a series of informal meetings between Councilors and Legislators in their districts. Meetings will be held in October.

CONFERENCES

Solid Waste staff members and representatives from recycling/collecting industries; city, state and county representatives; and environmental groups attended the annual meeting of the Association of Oregon Recyclers in Bend, September 27-29. Markets for recyclables, curbside recycling, and the future of plastic recycling were topics emphasized.

Dan Durig, Board member of the National Resource Recovery Association, testified before the Senate Finance Committee in Washington, D.C., September 24 on the impact of the proposed elimination of tax exemptions on resource recovery.

EMPLOYEES ACTIVITIES

NEW HIRES September 1985

F & A
Zoo
Solid Waste

Public Affairs

Randy Boose	- appointed Personnel Officer
William Leaptrott	- appointed Gardener 1
William Rieley	- appointed Gatehouse Attendant
Jackie Miller	- appointed temporary Receptionist

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REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON CONVENTION, TRADE, AND SPECTATOR FACILITIES (CTS)

"An Agenda for Community Action," the interim report and preliminary recommendations of CTS was adopted at its October 17 meeting. The report melds the findings of the CTS study committees into a unified course of action to: secure funding for agreed upon priority projects, advance and preserve options for implementation of future projects and determine processes for reaching agreement on outstanding issues. The "Agenda" calls for immediate construction of a convention center. CTS Chairman Bob Ridgley briefed the Governor on the CTS proposal and will be meeting with both major party gubernatorial candidates. IRC Administrator Steve Siegel met with City of Portland and tri-county commissioners to brief them as well. It is likely that the CTS will recommend a financing package for the ballot by March 1987.

REGIONAL ADULT CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE

In preparation for FY 86 Justice Assistance Act Block Grants, and in response to comments received from jurisdictions, the Council will be asked at its November 14 meeting to consider inclusion of four new representatives from the cities in Washington, Clackamas and Multnomah counties as task force members (to provide more local level representation).

URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT REMAND

New findings to support Metro's UGB will be presented to Council for adoption November 14.

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

Technical assistance provided in October included trip table aggregations in the West Linn Study for Clackamas County; link attribute and external traffic data for the West Marine Study for the City of Portland; continuing assistance to Port of Portland on update of the PDX Master Plan; and training on EMME 2 software to ODOT staff.

DATA SERVICES

Work on a project to move the 1980 census data access capabilities (Market Profile Service) from the Multnomah County mainframe computer to the Pixel 100/AP in IRC has been completed.

The result is more efficient handling of technical assistance requests and a substantial reduction in Multnomah County computer charges.

TRI-MET BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE

Tri-Met's Blue Ribbon Committee's (chaired by Councilor Myers) recommendations were presented at a public hearing on November 6.

REGIONAL LRT STUDY

The draft conclusions and recommendations for the Bi-State Corridor Study has been completed and will be presented to the Bi-State Policy Committee this month.

Work on the I-205 Corridor LRT Study from Portland International Airport to the Clackamas Town Center has been initiated.

INTERN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Through Metro's Intern Assistance Program, Washington County's Office of Community Development was awarded \$650 match for its "Project Self-Sufficiency." The Community Action Agency of Clackamas County received \$750 match to research and write its year-end report.

WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

"Meeting with the Public," a Metro workshop on organizing and conducting public meetings was held October 31. Thirty-two participants representing 13 local jurisdictions listened to presentations on notification, mailing techniques, meeting format and how to incorporate citizen comment and opinion into policy.

HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

In response to the growing public perception that household hazardous material and a small amount of unregulated hazardous waste may cause problems in our municipal waste stream, the Solid Waste staff is developing a set of options to respond to these concerns. The Options Document will be presented to the Council for decision within the next few months.

DEQ has requested that Metro set up a collecting point where fluorescent light ballasts, which have very small amounts of PCB, can be disposed. A private company has agreed to transport and dispose of the waste at a licensed facility at no charge.

METHANE GAS

Negotiations on the methane gas contract are virtually completed. One step remaining, prior to our Council presentation on November 26 is final approval from the City of Portland on the draft amendments to the St. Johns operating contract and to the methane gas contract.

WASTE REDUCTION

Patrick Miner has been participating on the City of Portland Recycling Alternatives Technical Advisory Committee and assisting Multnomah and Washington counties, and the cities of Portland and Tigard implementing the requirements of SB 405; a Final Report on the residential recycling programs undertaken by West Linn, Oregon City and Beaverton as a result of Metro grants is being prepared.

ZOO OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES PLANNING PROCESS

The Zoo is in the third week of a six-week Zoo operational priorities planning process. In this process, all projects and operational tasks by division are timed for the next two fiscal years. The major goals of this process are: 1) identify steps to be taken to improve Zoo services within the strategic plan, 2) identify areas which impede the further development of the Zoo, 3) improve the setting of management objectives, and 4) establish improved communication and problem-solving mechanisms at the Zoo.

INTERNATIONAL JAPAN AIR TRAVEL AGENT'S SALES MEETING

The Tourism Division of the Oregon Economic Development Department has asked the Zoo to participate in the International Japan Air Travel Agents' sales meeting in Tokyo. Oregon is placing great emphasis on this major travel trade meeting in its international marketing activities. With the last segment of the series "From Oregon with Love" filmed at the Zoo's Cascades Exhibit and the popularity of this series throughout Japan, we have been asked to join the delegation and conduct an international animal exchange with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government. The state of Oregon is providing a grant of \$1,250, half the cost, to conduct the exchange and the cost to attend the meeting. Jane Hartline will be representing our Zoo at the conference November 24-28.

BEAR GROTTTO

On October 28, Channel 8 did a news piece on the gunite exhibit construction on the West Bear Grotto. Construction is progressing well, and Councilors, as well as staff, may want to drop by for a firsthand look.

COUNCIL TAX ADVISORY GROUP

Most of the informal TAG meetings between Councilors and Legislators were held in October and early November. One meeting has been rescheduled for mid-November.

In addition, the Executive Officer met with several private sector lobbyists to seek their advice on our current financial situation vis-a-vis the Legislature.

BUILDING UPDATE

Subleases: With Council approval of the sublease with Babicky & Zielinski for 4,475 sq. ft., construction and cost estimates are now being assembled. Eves/Smith are adding 396 sq. ft. to their office space. Negotiations are underway with the Pacific Fishery Management Council for 2,416 sq. ft. of the fourth floor.

Building Improvements: The walls are almost completed with taping and paint prime starting on the third floor. The glass storefronts are being installed in the reception area and mechanical work continues.

The Move: Bid selection for a mover should be completed by November 12. SMASH & TRASH DAY is planned for November 15, and the actual new office move will take place December 12 and 13.

EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES

F&A

Don Cox promoted to Manager of Accounting.

Zoo

Jill Mellon returning Research Coordinator after two-year leave of absence.

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WASHINGTON TRANSFER AND RECYCLING CENTER (WTRC)

The WTRC Advisory Group has reviewed the technical material on additional sites. The advisory group has requested that two sites in Tigard be included for comment by the public on December 3 at the Phil Lewis School in Tigard. The Metro Council will hold the Public Hearing on the Tigard sites December 19.

WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAM

A series of meetings on Metro's Waste Reduction Program were scheduled throughout the month of November. Informational sessions with a question/answer format were held for various interest groups: alternative technology interest, waste hauling interest, local governments representative interests, and environmental and neighborhood organizations. The public was invited to a three day open house with informational displays and exhibits, as well as a Metro Council Workshop on November 25. A full page ad, inviting the public, ran in the Oregonian, Gresham Outlook, Enterprize Courier, Valley Times, and Scanner. Over 150 responses were received from this ad.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON CONVENTION, TRADE, AND SPECTATOR FACILITIES (CTS)

The CTS funding application presented to the Economic Development Commission was unanimously approved on November 19. The next step is consideration by the Legislative Emergency Board on December 5 and 6.

The CTS Full Committee will meet December 19 to discuss election date. Ordinance is being presented to Multnomah County to impose 3% hotel/motel tax on the entire county dedicated for convention center. This will be heard December 12.

REGIONAL ADULT CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE

As a result of Council adoption of Resolution 85-605 expanding membership of the Regional Adult Corrections Task Force, 24 letters were sent November 27 requesting nominations from the cities of Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington counties and the City of Portland. Ballots will then be mailed December 20 and are due back to Metro January 3, 1986.

URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY

The Council-approved amendments to Ordinance No. 79-77 to reference additional findings in support of the Urban Growth Boundary were submitted to LCDC this month. Several letters in support of the findings have been received from the public and Metro jurisdictions.

Contested Case 85-4 (Foster) passed to second reading and Contested Case 84-2 (PGE) was continued. Foster will be considered at the December 19 Council Meeting, and PGE will be considered at the January 9 Council Meeting.

DATA SERVICES

Requests for products and services from the business community reached an all time high in November resulting in sales over \$2,200. Also significantly higher were member jurisdictions requests: population estimates by community and forecast data from Multnomah County, shopping center market analysis and travel time from the City of Gresham, projected changes in retail employment and forecast population from City of Gresham, projected changes in retail employment and forecast population from the City of Portland and data on commuting times from downtown Portland from the Portland Development Commission.

SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR

Metro's Southwest Corridor Policy Committee met to review base data identifying transportation problems expected by the year 2005 in the I-5, Barbur Boulevard 99W, and Highway 217 corridors. The Southwest Corridor is expected to grow at a faster rate for both population and employment. This growth will produce significant increases in both radial trips to and from downtown Portland and circumferential trips between the Tigard/ Tualatin/ Wilsonville area and Western Washington County. The Technical Advisory Committee and staff have completed definition of two alternative transportation systems to meet this need. One focused on construction of a Western Bypass and the other was no Bypass but with more improvements to the Sunset Hwy., Hwy. 217, 99W and I-5. Materials are now being prepared for presentation to the Policy Committee on December 19.

Bi-State LRT- Since release of the draft summary report to the TAC on October 30, Metro has had several meeting with Tri-Met and the City of Portland regarding Interstate Avenue alignment issues. In response to TAC comments, the report is currently being revised.

WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

Over 40 persons, representing 18 cities and 3 counties, attended Metro's LCDRC Periodic Review Workshop on November 25. The two-part session was well received. Speakers at the morning session described State agency programs and rules to which local governments must comply and nonmandatory programs to which local governments are being encouraged to comply. Metro staff conducted the next session by updating planners on topics relating to comprehensive planning of Urban Growth Boundary activities (e.g. housing, transportation, public facilities, the UGB, energy, and open spaces.)

TOKYO

Bringing greetings of friendship to the Council from the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Jane Hartline has returned from Tokyo after a very successful presentation ceremony of our Oregon Beavers. The ceremony was well covered in Tokyo and garnered coverage on NBC news.

AFRICA BUSH

The design development stage of the Africa Bush design is rapidly being completed, and will move into working drawings in preparation for bid early next year.

BEAR GROTTTO

Despite our bad weather over the last week and a half, Bear Grotto construction continues on schedule.

POSSIBLE MARINE FACILITY

Commissioner Mike Lindberg announced plans for studying marine facility on the waterfront. He has asked Metro to be directly involved in the effort with the Portland Development Commission.

ANIMAL DEATHS

Last week was a difficult time for the Zoo in losing 3 popular exhibit animals from unrelated causes. In "Puzzle" the giraffe the necropsy results showed eosinophilic/monocytic enteritis with villous atrophy. (If any Councilor can pronounce Puzzle's cause of death, they can apply for a Zookeeper.) "Buster" the red panda died from a degenerative kidney and liver illness, and last Sunday we lost a female zebra from a blood clot which lodged in the lung. Although very disappointed about the loss of these animals, it is recognized that life and death are part of a zoo.

BUILDING UPDATE

Subleases- Pacific Fishery Management Council lease signed. Improvements are under way and they will move on January 17.

Babicky & Zielinski will move into new building January 17.

Building Improvements- Painting and carpet patching expected to be completed by December 6. New carpet to be laid December 9-12, followed by carpet cleaning of the other areas

The Move- The office move will take place January 24, 25, and 26. Two reasons percipated the move to be delayed. One is to prevent the loss of staff time during the critical period for the Solid Waste Reduction Program. Secondly, the panels have not been shipped and realistically can not be expected before the 2nd of January ,if lucky.

EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES

New Hires, Promotions and Transfers

Zoo

Corinne Baker- appointed Program Assistant 2 in Development office

Paul Schroder- appointed Regular Visitor Services Worker

James Rorman- appointed Children's Zoo Relief Keeper

Lee Marshall- promoted to Maintenance Worker 2

Karla Champe- appointed Nutrition Technician

Pamela Cordray- appointed Secretary to Director

David Kato- transferred to Graphic Designer for Zoo