

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE )  
FY 2000 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM )

RESOLUTION NO. 99-2756

Introduced by  
Councilor Jon Kvistad,  
JPACT Chair

WHEREAS, The Unified Work Program describes all federally-funded transportation planning activities for the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area to be conducted in FY 2000; and

WHEREAS, The FY 2000 Unified Work Program indicates federal funding sources for transportation planning activities carried out by Metro, Regional Transportation Council, Oregon Department of Transportation, Tri-Met and the local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Approval of the FY 2000 Unified Work Program is required to receive federal transportation planning funds; and

WHEREAS, The FY 2000 Unified Work Program is consistent with the proposed Metro budget submitted to the Tax Supervisory and Conservation Commission; now, therefore,


BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Metro Council hereby declares:

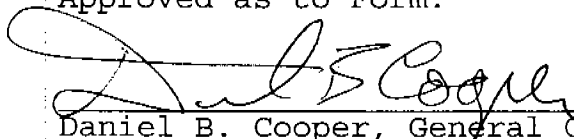
1. That the FY 2000 Unified Work Program is approved.
2. That the FY 2000 Unified Work Program is consistent with the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive planning process and is given positive Intergovernmental Project Review action.
3. That Metro's Executive Officer is authorized to apply for, accept and execute grants and agreements specified in the Unified Work Program.
4. That the Memorandum of Understanding between Metro and

the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (RTC) is renewed for FY 2000.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 1st day of April 1999.

  
Rod Monroe, Presiding Officer

Approved as to Form:

  
Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

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# **FY 99-00 Unified Work Program**

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## Transportation Planning in the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan Area

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Oregon Department of Transportation  
City of Portland  
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## TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

### CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 99-2756, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE FY 2000 UNIFIED WORK

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Date: March 25, 1999

Presented by: Councilor Bragdon

**Committee Recommendation:** At its March 16 meeting, the Committee considered Resolution No 98-2756 and voted 2-0 with one abstention to send the resolution to the Council with a do pass recommendation. Voting in favor: Councilor Bragdon and Chair Kvistad. Councilor Atherton abstained

**Committee Issues/Discussion:** Andy Cotugno, Transportation Planning Director, presented the staff report. Cotugno explained that the Council is asked to approve the unified work plan for his department each spring. Federal law requires that the plan be annually submitted for federal approval by July 1. Historically, Metro has submitted its plan around April 1 to provide adequate time for federal review.

Cotugno indicated that the timeline for Council approval is somewhat awkward because the plan must be submitted prior to final Council action on the department's proposed budget. Therefore, he noted that the plan always includes those programs and projects that are included in the proposed budget, but the plan is submitted for federal review with the understanding that it could be amended based on final Council action.

Councilor Atherton asked if it was appropriate for the committee members to raise policy issues and amend the work plan to redirect staff resources toward these issues. Cotugno responded that the work plan was not really a policy document, but rather an explanation of the specific work activities that would take place during the next fiscal year. He proceeded to explain the purpose of the Unified Work Plan, the Regional Transportation Plan, and the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan. He noted that the Regional Transportation Plan is the policy document. He explained that Metro is currently in the process of making major revisions in the plan. The committee will have an opportunity to review a copy of the final draft document that will be used to solicit public comment and review and adopt a final plan in the fall. He advised Councilor Atherton that this review process would provide an opportunity for him to suggest specific policy directions for inclusion in the plan.

Councilor Atherton expressed concern that now was the time to identify possible new directions. He also noted that he had not seen the proposed work plan and therefore advised the chair that he would abstain from voting on the resolution.

## STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 99-2756 FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE FY 2000 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM AND RESOLUTION NO. 99-2761 CERTIFYING THAT THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

Date: January 28, 1999

Presented by: Andrew C. Cotugno

### PROPOSED ACTION:

This resolution would: 1) approve the Unified Work Program (UWP) continuing the transportation planning work program for FY 2000; 2) authorize the submittal of grant applications to the appropriate funding agencies; and extend the Memorandum of Understanding with RTC and certify that the Portland metropolitan area is in compliance with federal transportation planning requirements.

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The FY 2000 Unified Work Program (UWP) describes the transportation planning activities to be carried out in the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999. Included in the document are federally-funded studies to be conducted by Metro, Regional Transportation Council (RTC), the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), the City of Portland and local jurisdictions. Major commitments continue for adopting the Regional Transportation Plan, completing the South Willamette River Crossing Study, initiating a Highway 217 Corridor Study and continuing the I-5 Trade Corridor Study and increasing the communication of transportation system performance, needs and proposed plans. In addition, it includes a greater emphasis on freight planning and further advancements in travel modeling in cooperation with Los Alamos National Laboratories.

Federal transportation agencies (Federal Transit Administration (FTA)/Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) require a self-certification that our planning process is in compliance with certain federal requirements as a prerequisite to receiving federal funds. The self-certification documents that we have met those requirements and is considered yearly at the time of Unified Work Program (UWP) approval.

The UWP matches the projects and studies reflected in the proposed Metro budget submitted by the Metro Executive Officer to the Metro Council and is subject to revision in the final Metro budget.

Approval will mean that grants can be submitted and contracts executed so work can commence on July 1, 1999 in accordance with established Metro priorities.