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COMPTROLLER FILE NUMBER 264448

TRANSMITTAL

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BY MAYOR FOR THE PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE SPECIAL TASK FORCE TO REVIEW MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED DESIGN STUDY FOR THE R. H. THOMSON PARKWAY, ETC.

8-28-69 - Gw 2⁰⁰ P.M.

8-28-69 - Rec. study as rec. by Mayor proceed as expeditiously as possible. Notify Mayor - Engr - Plus Action

FILED AUGUST 18, 1969

C. G. ERLANDSON
COMPTROLLER AND CITY CLERK

BY J. F. Fenton DEPUTY

ACTION OF THE COUNCIL

REFERRED	TO
AUGUST 18, 1969	COMMITTEE OF WHOLE
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AUG 28 1969	Proceed with study
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:

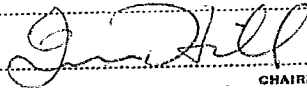
Your..... COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE..... Committee

to which was referred the within..... transmittal

would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that.....

the proposed design study for the R. H. Thomson Parkway (as proposed by the Mayor).....
proceed as expeditiously as possible.

CHAIRMAN



CHAIRMAN

September 10, 1969

Honorable Floyd C. Miller
Mayor of Seattle

Dear Mayor Miller:

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The City Council adopted the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and you are so notified.

Very truly yours,

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

W. C. Heib, Jr.
Clerk of the Committee

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Mr. Roy W. Morse
City Engineer
City of Seattle

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PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL MRS HARLAN B EDWARDS, DLY 75
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THE TASK FORCE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR TO MAKE DECISIONS CONCERNING
A TRANSPORTATION PLAN CANNOT ACT UPON ANY ADVICE GIVEN BY PROFESSIONAL
S UNLESS THESE PROFESSIONALS ARE FREE TO CONSIDER ALL ALTERNATIVES,
INCLUDING WHETHER THE R.H. THOMSON SHOULD BE BUILT OR NOT.
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BE BREACHING THAT CONTRACT. IF THEY MAKE ANY PROPOSALS, STUDIES,
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OWN INTERESTS. THE TASK FORCE SHOULD REALIZE THAT THERE IS



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NO TOLERABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR PRIVATE CONSULTANTS WHO HAVE NO
SPECIAL INTEREST IN ANY OF THE WIDE RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES WHICH
THEY MIGHT ADVISE
CITIZENS AGAINST FREEWAYS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF SEATTLE

MEMORANDUM

To ALL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

From TED BEST, PRESIDENT PRO TEM., CITY COUNCIL

Date August 19, 19 69

Subject COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS -- 2 p.m., Thursday, August 28, 1969
and 10 a.m., Friday, August 29, 1969

The Committee of the Whole of the City Council will meet next week to consider the following:

2 p.m., Thursday, August 28, 1969
Council Chambers

The preliminary report of the Special Task Force to review matters relating to the proposed design study for the R. H. Thomson Parkway.

10 a.m., Friday, August 29, 1969
Council Chambers

Proposed Charter Amendments

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SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR · CITY OF SEATTLE

FLOYD C. MILLER MAYOR

August 15, 1969

The City Council
City of Seattle

Honorable Members:

As you know, in May of this year I established a special task force to review matters relating to the proposed design study for the R. H. Thomson Parkway and to recommend a specific scope of work for reviewing alternate ways by which transportation needs in the eastern portion of the city might be met. This committee was composed of the following persons:

Chairman, John Taylor, Mayor's Office
Mrs. Harlan H. Edwards, President, City Council
Mrs. Arthur Lamphere, Chairman, Planning Committee
Don Wright, Chairman, Streets and Sewers Committee
Tim Hill, Chairman, Judiciary and Personnel
Committee
John D. Spaeth, Planning Director, City of Seattle
Roy W. Morse, City Engineer, City of Seattle
Walter Hundley, Director, Model City Program

Robert J. Lavoie replaced Mr. Taylor as Chairman of the Committee when Mr. Taylor took a position with the Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C.

The special task force has now reported to me, and I have enclosed a copy of its preliminary report for your review and consideration. I point out that this is a preliminary report of the committee and subject to further refinement as to time and details of specific areas of study. In essence, it proposes a scope of work which would determine (1) whether there is a need for further transportation improvements in the eastern portion of the city; and (2) if there is need for further transportation improvements, what the various alternate conceptual solutions might be. These solutions would give consideration to community goals and the environment, together with local and metropolitan needs, as well as the rapid transit plans now under consideration.

The City Council

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August 15, 1969

In proposing the transportation planning study for eastern Seattle, the committee recommended the following:

1. That the study be undertaken by a multi-discipline team under the auspices of the City's new Department of Community Development;
2. That the City Planning Commission be given a major role in continually reviewing the study and advising the consultants and the City;
3. That the task force committee be continued to review study progress and to meet with the Planning Commission;
4. That a public presentation of this proposal be conducted jointly to the City Council and the Planning Commission at a special meeting to be called the week of August 25th so that the scope of work can be thoroughly explained and so that work on this project can get underway at the earliest time.
5. That a multi-discipline team consisting of Okamoto/Liskamm and DeLeuw, Cather & Company be retained by the City to undertake this planning study. These firms, with their previous background in rapid transit planning in this area, have considerable experience and knowledge to bring to this planning effort. They are both highly respected professional organizations with fine reputations in their fields.

Sincerely,



Floyd C. Miller
Mayor

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Enclosure

cc: See attached list.

cc: City Planning Commission
Task Force Members
Seattle Chamber of Commerce
Municipal League of Seattle and King County
Montlake Community Club
Ravenna Community Association
Roanoke Park - Portage Bay Community Council
Capitol Hill Community Council
University Park Community Club
Mount Baker Ridge Action Group
Mount Baker Community Club
Leschi Community Council
Madrona Community Council
Harrison Community Council
Central Seattle Community Council
Citizens Against the R. H. Thomson
Mr. Donald A. Gibbs
Mrs. Lehan K. Tunks
Dr. David Rudo
Mr. Bennett Feigenbaum

PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING STUDY FOR
EASTERN SEATTLE

America's urban communities have become increasingly aware of the need for maintaining and enhancing the urban environment while responding effectively to transportation needs. In Seattle, such a sensitive approach is called for to solve the immediate and future transportation problems of the city. Of immediate concern are problems of the eastern portion. The summarized outline below proposes a study which will seek such a balanced planning response through a multi-discipline team approach to both environmental and transportation needs for this area.

Considered are community goals and the environment, together with metropolitan transportation needs, local transportation needs, and rapid transit plans now under consideration. Transportation problems and alternative solutions for the study areas defined below will be related to the corresponding problems and solutions in the surrounding area.

PURPOSE OF STUDY

1. Define the problem and analyze alternative transportation solutions for the eastern portion of the city in light of the environmental and other overall community objectives in the context of the City and the Puget Sound Region.
2. Produce principle criteria and information on the effect of alternative transportation solutions which will be usable for development and guidance of the city's transportation policy and planning process, including procedures for citizen participation.

AREA OF STUDY

Generally defined as bounded by the Central Freeway (Interstate Highway I-5), N.E. 97th Street, Lake Washington, and the vicinity of Columbian Way (SR 509 Corridor).

SCOPE OF WORK

1. Project Organization. Develop citizen participation program, organize the project and establish liaison with affected agencies. The organization, strategies, work and progress report schedules and list of participants would be designed to insure that affected communities would participate in the planning and decision making process.
2. Survey community goals and objectives. This is a continuation of the work started by Okamoto/Liskamm, which is soliciting information on community concerns regarding transportation and related issues including:

- a. Environmental.
 - b. Social services and system.
 - c. Urban design.
 - d. Land use, development potential.
 - e. Local traffic and transportation requirements.
 - f. Economic activity and potential development.
3. Review and analyze pertinent existing plans and projects affecting the study area.
 4. Develop criteria and standards and analyze the effect of variation in these factors. This is a translation of the community goals and concepts into criteria for (1) guiding the city's transportation policy; (2) use in developing the required improvements; and (3) use in evaluating and comparing the alternatives.
 - a. Regional and local planning and development factors.
 - b. Environmental impact: visual, sound and air pollution.
 - c. Social factors: displacement of residence and businesses and impact on integrity of neighborhood.
 - d. Transportation service levels, operation, speed, safety, accessibility, reliability and aesthetic aspects;
 - e. Economic consideration, covering benefits, tax base, local economy.

These criteria will be summarized at this point, but the list is expected to undergo continuous review and modification as a result of testing the alternative concepts.

5. Analyze transportation systems for their effect on the study area using the current projections of population and employment, and the land use plan.
 - a. The existing and committed highway system and the Metro Transit Plan.
 - b. The proposed 1990 highway system and the Metro Transit Plan, without a highway improvement in the eastern portion of the city.

This phase would include not only a transportation planning analysis but a social, environmental, and economic impact analysis of the projected needs. The traffic analysis would cover peak hour needs, local traffic, recreation traffic, emergency vehicles, long range planning needs and the impact on the regional highway network. These would be analyzed particularly with regard to their conformity to or conflict with existing community activity and functions and projected goals and programs. The impact on the remainder of the community will be similarly analyzed for the effect of no highway facility in the eastern portion of the city.

6. "Summarize above Analysis, Including Community Goals and Objectives, Criteria and Standards, and Transportation Needs."
7. Study alternative ways of meeting the transportation requirements, to complement the Metro Transit Plan. This will include development of alternative concepts and types of improvement to achieve community objectives as interpreted by the criteria formulated in Item 4 above.
8. Analyze the alternative concepts to determine how they respond to the criteria and community goals. This evaluation will include consideration of the environmental impact; social and economic benefits and costs; displacement of residents and businesses; land use; multi-use potential; aesthetics; transportation needs, service and cost; and impact on the regional transportation network.

This phase would include studies of multi-use right of way for housing, industry, parks and other community facilities. Critical areas would be analyzed for methods of reducing the visual, sound and pollution characteristics of the facility. Landscape and Architectural opportunities would be examined and developed to provide a harmonious relationship between the facility and the surrounding area. Engineering feasibility studies will be conducted to the extent necessary.

9. Prepare a report describing the studies and evaluation of alternative transportation solutions with graphic illustrations, charts and tables to provide an accurate portrayal of existing conditions and the proposed improvements.